



Project Idea List

A list of some of the projects and related ideas are provided below. Some of them provide ways to directly help people in need, several will help communities or groups avoid expenses, and others simply bring cheer. Some projects will require almost no planning or materials, some will take research and or funding. Units are encouraged to work together on large projects. Be Extreme.

Be creative in finding projects.

The following is a list of possible ideas to help get you thinking:

How to add a little fun to your service activities: have a game time afterward either outdoors or board games; have a campfire with s'mores, have a meal together with either sack lunches or a pot-luck, watch a fun movie (maybe "Follow Me Boys" especially fun for young Scouts who may not have seen it.), do whatever your unit likes to do for simple fun.

1. Arrange a community clothing exchange or collect used clothing for organizations that give them to people in need.
2. Arrange a community book exchange.
3. Before Christmas, set up a mitten tree where people can hang mittens that will then be given to people in need.
4. Acquire and decorate Christmas trees to give to people in need. You may want to make the ornaments yourselves. Simply make ornaments to donate to a shelter.
5. Organize a winter coat drive.
6. Adopt a retirement home or long term care facility: Visit a home. A single visit can be one service project. Adopting a home for the year and making multiple visits can count as multiple projects. A unit can make seasonal decorations, decorate a Christmas tree, bring treats (investigate before hand), make spring baskets, entertain through songs or skits, talk with people (know ahead of time the questions you will ask), etc.
7. Make get well cards for people in hospitals or convalescent homes.
8. Knit, crochet, sew, quilt baby blankets.
9. Collect school supplies and make school supply kits to be given to young people who will need them.
10. Collect art or activity supplies to be given to kids who need them.
11. Work at a local food shelf or place that provides meals. This can also be an adopt an organization project by working with the same organization on a regular basis for the year.

12. Make personal care kits for people in homeless shelters. Include tooth past, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, lotion, etc.
13. Conduct a bicycle rodeo, do bike safety inspections, teach bicycle safety. Ask your local law enforcement agency if they have an expert they can send to help.
14. Collect new or gently used children's books for a hospital library or for other in need.
15. Conduct a free carwash.
16. Volunteer at a Special Olympics or similar event.
17. Volunteer to help set up, clean up, or serve at a community event like a parade or festival.
18. Clean a park, vacant lot, roadside, creek side, trail, etc.
19. Stencil by storm drains reminding people not to dump waste because they drain to streams (Contact Faith for more information.)
20. Plant trees where your community needs them.
21. Adopt a garden in your community or at a retirement home. Care for it all summer.
22. Help clean up after a natural disaster or storm.
23. Help the Red Cross with a blood drive.
24. Paint park benches or fences.
25. Collect things needed by a local zoo or animal shelter.
26. Volunteer at a local community center
27. Check with your charter organization, Salvation Army, etc. for projects they know of that could use your help.
28. Create a poison awareness campaign.
29. Hold an event that encourages kids to unplug electronic activities and find something new for fun.
30. Clean off or paint over some graffiti. Be sure to research this first.
31. Hold an Ice Cream Social for a needy group.
32. Contact a local place of worship, or group that provides various kinds of assistance and tell "We've got an afternoon available, what can we do for you?"