



New Hampshire 4-H

Serving to Learn, Learning to Serve

Community Service by 4-H Project Area

As the 4-H Pledge conveys, each member is expected to commit him or herself to being a good citizen for the betterment of others. All members should be involved in planning and conducting community service activities. Generally, each youth's interests will revolve around their major project, so it would make sense that their service also relate to that project. This publication contains suggested service projects related to a variety of 4-H Projects.

Suggested Community Service by Project Area:

Project Area	Service Project Suggestion
Aerospace	Sponsor a model show with demonstrations and flying contests using model rockets.
Arts & Crafts	Organize, promote, and help conduct a local Creative and Cultural Arts Festival. Involve local artists and crafts persons in demonstrating and sharing their skills. Provide artwork for public buildings.
Beef	Work with local supermarkets and beef associations to do an in-store beef education day. Do displays and distribute information about modern beef production.
Cat and/or Dog	Volunteer to help at local humane society shelters to feed and groom animals and clean cages or hold an adopt-a-pet week in cooperation with a local pet center or humane society.
Child Care	Provide free on-site child care services for community events such as PTA meetings, elections, concerts, Extension meetings, and so forth.
Clothing/Sewing	Provide alterations and mending service for people with arthritis or special clothing needs. Sew hats or blankets for children or elderly.
Computers	Raise funds to provide computers for local schools and community centers. Teach seniors how to use email and the internet.

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Dairy	Help community members learn the importance of dairy products and how they reach consumers' tables by conducting dairy farm open houses and doing PowerPoint shows for community groups about how milk is produced and processed.
Electricity	Do a "light up our history campaign" to plan, raise funds for, install, and maintain exterior lighting for local landmarks and historical sites.
Entomology	Provide equipment and conduct insect collection and study workshops for day camps, schools, and child care centers.
Fishing	Conduct a parent/child fishing expedition at a local lake or stream. Demonstrate various fishing methods and equipment. Top the morning off with a fish-fry for lunch.
Foods & Nutrition	Prepare food to contribute to a community soup kitchen or senior center. Volunteer to assist with serving meals at such facilities. Prepare a meal to thank fire, police, and other town safety service workers.
Forestry	Work with local officials and land owners to plant trees in parks, vacant lots, and fields in your community. Publicize the importance of trees and forests in the environment.
Gardening	Flower - Plan and maintain community flower beds in parks, at road intersections, beside bridges, etc. Take cut flowers to patients in veterans' hospitals and long-term care facilities. Vegetable – Grow a garden for the needy. Contribute produce from the garden to a community food bank, social service organization, or directly to individuals and families in need.
Goats	Bring goats to a local day care, school or nursing home and teach others about them. Do a milking demonstration at a community event or lead a farm tour.
Horse	Provide an opportunity for the public to learn basic horsemanship and ride a horse at a community festival or in another setting.

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Housing & Interior Design	Redecorate the television or recreation room at a community nursing home or hospital.
Leadership	Conduct an information campaign about a local issue of concern to your group's members, or volunteer to help with a local candidate's political campaign.
Photography	Photograph or videotape various community activities. Develop a community bulletin board to display photos in public buildings. Share videos with shut-ins during a visit.
Plant & Soil Sciences	Construct and distribute composting bins and publicize information about the benefits of composting.
Poultry	Contribute dyed eggs and prizes for a community egg hunt in the spring. Donate extra poultry to a community BBQ.
Public Speaking	Invite all the adults who have made a difference in your life (parents, teachers, clergy, elected officials, civic leaders, neighbors, grandparents and other relatives, youth group advisors, etc.) to a dinner and Appreciation Program: Give short speeches to thank them.
Rabbits	Conduct a petting zoo with rabbits and other small gentle animals at a mall show, school or fair.
Sheep	Raise a lamb to sell, and contribute the proceeds to a charity that helps feed hungry people.
Small Engines	Do lawn mower tune-ups for all your neighbors or the elderly.
Shooting Sports	Conduct a community-wide archery event. Teach archery fundamentals and have a fun target-shooting contest.
Theatre Arts	Perform a short play at a nursing home, hospital, or child care center.
Vet Science	Volunteer time at an animal hospital to help in the care and recuperation of ill and injured animals.
Woodworking	Select items from your project to build and contribute to community centers or shelters.
Self-Determined	Answer the question, "What could we do related to our project that would benefit others?"... Then do it!