

Service Challenge

PURPOSE: To encourage students to make Christian service an integral part of their lifestyle. It promotes creative thinking in coming up with new ways to serve the church and the community.

GUIDELINES:

1. Participants may choose from the following list of suggested service projects. (These projects are not meant to be hard and fast – the Church Coordinator can adjust projects to meet the needs of his or her group.) A major undertaking such as a mission trip, VBS, etc. can count as multiple projects.
2. Each project needs to be listed separately (i.e. door knocked for VBS, taught a class for VBS, etc.). A major event, such as a mission trip should cover at least three consecutive days.
3. Participants are encouraged to create service projects that meet the needs of an individual, build up the church, or improve the community. (This is optional.)
4. If participants create their own service projects, the ideas should be described on the certification form.
5. The Church Coordinator will sign the SCCF after the participant has completed the service projects. Parents or other adults who have knowledge of the service done can confirm these projects.
6. Projects cannot be used for both Service and Evangelism Challenge; use them for one or the other.

Suggested Project Descriptions, Grades 3 – 6

1. Write three sympathy cards to appropriate individuals or families.
2. Write three notes of encouragement to shut-ins, sick, etc.
3. Bring three different friends to visit local congregations.
4. Spend one morning picking up trash somewhere in community.
5. Send three seasonal cards to children in a children's home.
6. Visit the elderly in the nursing home on three separate occasions.
7. Write and mail letters to three missionaries encouraging them in their work.
8. Paint or color pictures for three children in local hospital.
9. Help a shut-in from your local church with chores at their home. (Rake leaves, mow yard, shovel snow, etc.)
10. Do other service projects. Create your own with the approval of the Church Coordinator.

Suggested Project Descriptions, Grades 7 - 12

1. Baby-sit free of charge for a total of ten hours.
2. Locate a needy family and personally put together a "Care Package" (food, toys, etc.) and deliver to the family personally.
3. Help three shut-ins from your local church with chores at their home. (Rake leaves, mow yard, shovel snow, pull weeds, wash dishes, etc.)
4. Spend a day picking up trash somewhere in community.
5. Participate for at least three hours in an "adopt-a-highway" program.
6. Participate in a youth group "work camp."
7. Write ten sympathy cards to appropriate individuals or families.
8. Write ten notes of encouragement to shut-ins, sick, etc.
9. Bring five different friends to visit local congregation.
10. Contact a children's home and arrange to be a pen pal with one of the children. (Send at least six letters in a three month period).
11. Deliver communion to shut-ins.
12. Write and mail letters to six missionaries encouraging them in their work.
13. Volunteer ten hours to help church staff (secretaries or ministers).
14. Visit five shut-ins in local nursing homes.
15. Prepare and deliver food to three families who need help. (Hospital, illness, death, etc.)
16. Do other service projects. (Create your own; must be approved by Church Coordinator).

AWARDS:

There will be three levels of recognition in Grades 3 - 6:

Gold -- 10 service projects, Silver -- 8 service projects, Bronze -- 6 service projects

There will be three levels of recognition in Grades 7 - 12:

Gold -- 12 service projects, Silver -- 9 service projects, Bronze -- 6 service projects

COACHES and CHURCH COORDINATORS:

- Make certain that the students are correctly registered as LTC participants (whether or not they come to the convention) and complete all requirements by the Pre-Convention Two Event deadline.
- Assist youth in planning and completing service projects prior to deadline date. Help them choose from list included, or design a project working with adult guidance.
- Help each student track their work and list each project completed using Service Challenge Certification Form SCCF. Verify their work. This form is for use at the local congregation.
- Summarize the results on a verified Challenge Submission Form (CSF) and mail it to the Event Coordinator on or before the Pre-Convention Two Event deadline.

SCCF - Service Challenge Certification Form

Congregation number	
Congregation	
City/State/Zip	
This is to certify that _____ has successfully completed the requirements of Service Challenge. This participant has met the requirements of the _____ award by completing the following service projects on this date _____.	
Grade	
Signature of participant	
Signature of adult certifying completion	
Church Coordinator	Phone
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