



4-H Community Service Project



Name _____

Club _____

4-H Age _____ County _____

Project Start Date _____ Project End Date _____

Leader Signature _____ Date _____

“TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER”

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Service Log	Michigan State University Extension
Survey	Michigan State University Extension

The Purpose and Benefit of a Community Service project

"I pledge: ... my hands to larger service... "

4-H members are encouraged to develop and practice skills to become helpful or useful in their club, community, country and world. 4-H community service projects allow youth and adults to work together and to help others at the same time.



"Learn by doing."

Getting Started

Determine what is needed in your community/county.

- ✓ Ask club members and families.
- ✓ Ask other community groups.
- ✓ Talk with community officials.
- ✓ Read the newspaper.

Determine what types of activities you have interest in and the abilities to do.

- ✓ Consider the size of the project.
- ✓ Consider the amount of time involved. Do you want a long term or short term project?
- ✓ Determine if you will need funds to carry out your project.

List the activities you would like to complete:

Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible.
- Anthony Robbins

Setting your goals

What is the goal of your service project?

Please list 3 goals you would like to achieve while participating in your community service project:



Carrying out your project

You have selected your project, and set your personal goals. Now it is time to start your project.

First thing you need to do is develop a plan. How will you carry out your project? What will the time commitment be? Who will help you, and their duties? Items you will need to carry out the project? Money needed? How will you get the money or supplies if needed?

Document your efforts

On the next few pages you will have a service log to document the date, description, and time you have spent on your project. There are enough service logs for 4 projects. If more are needed you can make a copy and attach to the project book.

Remember to take photos or have someone take the photos for you. Attach the pictures to the service logs for added documentation.



Project 1 Service Log

Title: _____

# 1 Date	*** It's time to start your log for your first project! Follow the sample below and log everything that you do toward your service activity as you do it. Be sure to check off what category the service falls under and record your total hours. What happened.....	Assessing Needs	Planning Project	Finding Funding/ media support	Doing project	Reflecting	Hours Logged
11-8-08	Contacted local nursing home to see if they were in need of help.	x					1/4

How do you feel about the completion of project 1?

Total hours spent on project 1: _____

Adult helpers signature: _____



Project 2 Service Log

Title: _____

# 2	*** Reflecting!!! You know thinking about your service project when it's over. It is important to reflect with the people you did the service with. It makes the experience more meaningful.						
Date	What happened.....	Assessing Needs	Planning Project	Finding Funding/ media support	Doing project	Reflecting	Hours Logged
11-18-08	Discussed the outcome of my project with the club.					x	1/4

How do you feel about the completion of project 2?

Total hours spent on project 2: _____

Adult helpers signature: _____

Project 3 Service Log

Title: _____

# 3	*** Great Ideas, but not much money.... Many of your projects will require you to seek funding to purchase supplies to carry out the project. Did you apply for a grant or hold a fundraiser?						
Date	What happened	Assessing Needs	Planning Project	Finding Funding/ media support	Doing project	Reflecting	Hours Logged
11-10-08	Held a bake sale to raise money for blankets for nursing home.			x			2

How do you feel about the completion of project 3?

Total hours spent on project 3: _____

Adult helpers signature: _____

Project 4 Service Log

Title: _____

# 4 Date	*** Your service had an impact! You made the world a better place. I challenge you to keep serving. Go out there and "pledge your hands to larger service". What happened.....	Assessing Needs	Planning Project	Finding Funding/ media support	Doing project	Reflecting	Hours Logged
<i>11-17-08</i>	<i>Handed blankets out to elderly patients at nursing home</i>				<i>x</i>		<i>1</i>

How do you feel about the completion of project 4?

Total hours spent on project 4: _____

Adult helpers signature: _____

Project Pictures:

Place at least 2 pictures of your community service project.
Add additional pages if needed.

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Way to go!

Please circle the answer that represents how you feel about the following statements.

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
1. My service experience has increased my interpersonal skills (such as trust, listening skills, decision making).	1	2	3	4	5
2. My service experience has given me an appreciation for what I have	1	2	3	4	5
3. My service experience has caused me to view people and communities from different perspectives.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I learned new skills while completing my service projects.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I understand the five different steps to community service.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Through my service project I have developed leadership skills.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I understand the process of how to bring about change in my community.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I feel I had a meaningful role in the creation and implementation of community service projects.	1	2	3	4	5

Check off the new skill(s) you learned as a result of your service:

Communication Decision making Leadership Organization
 Problem solving

Check off the types of service you were involved in:

Disaster relief Literacy & Education Community Improvement
 Elderly assistance Environment Public safety
 Health Youth serving youth Hunger & Homelessness help



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