

Service Unit 6

Year Round Service Opportunities

As a Service Unit 6 Scout, we are all required to do 2 service projects a year.

1. Flemington Area Food Pantry Food Collection in January
Bring troop food collection to January Leader's meeting
2. Service for the Hunterdon Developmental Center (anytime)
Fall (Wreath & Caroling) Opportunity
Spring Opportunity (TBA)
3. Suggested but not required: Something to say thanks to the organization who donates meeting space to your troop.

To earn the Inchworm of Service, you must do the two above projects and a total number of hours (includes required service) as listed below.

Daisies	5 hours as a troop
Brownies	10 hours as a troop
Juniors	15 hours as individual scouts
Cadettes	20 hours as individual scouts
Seniors	25 hours as individual scouts

Fill out the inchworm of service form as you go. Even if you don't complete the Inchworm of Service award, submit your record of service so we have an accurate tally of how much service we provided as a service unit.

You can find the form on the Rolling Hills Website, under *Inchworm of Service* (alphabetically). The PDF form is a smaller document, but the MS word file allows you to type in and save your troop information on your computer for you to print out at the end of the year.

<http://www.girlscouts-rh.org/forms.htm>

****You CANNOT be collecting money as a service**

****Service performed for another organization as part of that organization's requirements does not count.**

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Service Ideas

Hunterdon Developmental Center (HDC)

“Hunterdon Developmental Center is a community of special people. People challenged by developmental disabilities and people committed to helping them reach their full potential.” “Since 1969, Hunterdon Developmental Center has been dedicated to a single cause: to treat its residents with human dignity and respect, and to give them the most independent, highest quality of life possible” Participate in a service-unit organized activity, or contact Kathy Walker (730-1320) to make arrangements for your own project and it's delivery. Please check the appropriateness of your project with her for the safety of the clients and for the sake of your time and effort.

Meals on Wheels

Decorate bags that you obtain at SU meeting and return to next SU meeting. Bags must be decorated on ONE SIDE only, the larger surface and cannot have glitter, feathers or anything that can fall into the food. Markers, crayons, stampers & stickers are best. Contact for Meals on Wheels in Flemington, Doris 782-4156. Weekdays from 9-1. Main office: Monica Strenk 735-8332

Craft Kits for Underprivileged Preschoolers

Create 30 simple crafts in baggies. Simple cut and glue crafts are best. Through Reformed Church. Contact Nan Daly for more information

Readington Libraries

In Three Bridges: Decorate the bulletin board for the month, do some spring planting, help with story time! Contact Theresa Stovekin, librarian 782-2908 and discuss other opportunities.

In Whitehouse there are no decorating needs, but contact them to work out a project that works for both of you. Spring planting is a possibility. 534-4421

Color A Smile

Create pretty pictures or color in printed designs to decorate children's hospital rooms. Nonprofit organization in Morristown. Check website for details.

www.colorasmile.org

Readington Museums

Help with gardening or clean-up. Discuss other opportunities with them.
Contact Readington Museums: 236-2627

Clean Up a Park

Spend a beautiful day outdoors, in one of our local parks, picking up trash. Make sure the girls have the appropriate equipment (gloves) and know what not to pick up! Summer Road Park always has an ample supply of water bottles and candy wrappers!

If you want something on a larger scale, Hunterdon County Parks System is happy to work with scouts on large projects.

Hunterdon County Park System Main Office
1020 Highway 31, Lebanon, NJ 08833
Phone: 908-782-1158

Visit a Nursing Home

The residents of Nursing Homes enjoy visits from young people. Please be sure your girls are well for this trip, we don't want to be bringing in any illness to the fragile elderly. May be limited by flu season. Hunterdon Care Center bingo players enjoy help from Girl Scouts.

If you can't go to a nursing home, contact them on how you might help them decorate tables for the season or make useful items for their different-abled residents.

Contacts:

Hunterdon Care Center: 788-9292
Independence Manor: 788-4893
Rolling Hills of Hunterdon: 236-2011

American Red Cross:

Opportunities abound. Run a Blood drive for a Bronze Project
Contact info:

349 Route 31 South, Suite 501
Flemington, NJ 08822
908-782-4121

Provide Supervision for younger children at GS Troop Meetings

Help out a struggling leader by watching her younger children at her meetings.
Check Safety Wise

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Babysitting

Provide a diversion for the younger children in the nursery while the cubs are awarded all their badges. Clean up afterward. For older girls, at least a pair. 1 hour a month, on a Friday from 7-8 pm. Usually the 3rd Friday of the month. Need Babysitting Course. Great for girls with younger brothers who are Cub Scouts.
Contact: Jackie Majorossy

Leaders Meeting Babysitting

Provide babysitting for evening leaders meeting. Check Safety Wise for guidelines.

Help a Younger Troop

Are your Brownies or Juniors great singers? Have a special skill they do well? Share these skills with a new Daisy troop or younger Brownie Troop.

Girl Scouts Behind Bars

Make lunches for GS meetings at Edna Mahon facility with moms and daughters. Volunteer to run a meeting, prepare craft kits for a meeting
Contact: Rolling Hills Girl Scout Council (Mention GS Behind Bars) 725-1226
Website info: <http://www.girlscouts-rh.org/gsbb/gsbbintro.htm>

Improve Your School

Talk to your principal to see if there is anything you can do to help out at school. Also try and do something nice for the teacher whose classroom you use for meetings. Maybe (s)he needs help around the classroom.

Animal Lovers

Contact your local animal shelter to see what they need. Collect old towels and blankets or whatever they request, then go visit the shelter

St. Huberts:
Hunterdon County SPCA: (908)- 996-2525

Provide Service for Women's Shelter:

Anderson House in Whitehouse Station has said that they're always happy to receive cookies or treats from the girls as well as little notes. Earn a cooking badge while you earn service hours!

Work for Mother Nature

The South Branch Watershed has an annual stream clean up, as well as opportunities to stencil storm sewers. They also offer a variety of educational programs.

contact Nicole Ammann at the SBWA at (908)-782-0422

There is a state mandate to have all storm sewers stenciled with message. Christine can come and give a ½ hour presentation to your troop about the importance of keeping our storm water clean, and then contacts are being made in the county and township to locate storm drains that need to be stenciled. I am currently finding out how we can do this for Readington Township.

Paperwork

Help sort and make troop packets for August distribution. Occasionally there are opportunities through the Readington Municipal building for simple paperwork service projects.

Reach Out and Read

Help children living in poverty learn how to read by collecting age appropriate books and donating them to program locations. Check out website

www.reachoutandread.org

Read to Children at Darts Mill Daycare

Read your favorite book to the children. The center is particular about what you bring the kids...no sugar, nuts. Discuss a project with their director.

Darts Mill Day Care Center. 1083 County Road 523 Flemington, NJ 08822-7031

Phone: (908) 782-0200

At Your Place of Worship

Older Girls can contact their religious leaders to find any opportunities for service at their places of worship. Service can not be counting for their religious educational requirements too.

Office on Aging

Hunterdon (908-788-1363/1362)
Community Services Building
6 Gauntt Place
Flemington, NJ 08822

Mr. Fixit Program

Don't need to be handy with tools! Help an older person by cleaning up their yard.

Briteside Adult Day Care Center

Come and share your special talents with the senior citizens in this daycare facility. Perform your holiday/spring concert numbers. Share a craft. Games. Remember these are adults! Collect large print crossword puzzles, large adult themed puzzles (No pokemon).

Project Linus

Its mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers". Make quilts or blankets and donate. Closest chapters are

Somerset County
Contact: Cathy
(908) 243-8649
cmcmullen@somerset-healthcare.com

Morris County/Rockaway
Contact Lois
(973) 983-9273
or Contact: Phyllis
(973) 442-0710
chief@gti.net

Or Pennsylvania: Montgomery/Bucks
Counties
Contact: Barbara
(215) 233-1953
mbepstein@juno.com
or Contact: Loretta
(610) 489-6044
lzvarick@earthlink.net

Check with your local Fire Department or Rescue Squad

See what you can do to help them. Baked goods for craft fairs. Cannot collect money.

The ARC of Hunterdon

The ARC is an organization providing service and support for persons with disabilities and their families in Hunterdon County. Pamela is very willing to collaborate with you and come up with a project appropriate for you and the clients they serve. Some historical projects have included a troop adopting a group of ladies and having periodic birthday parties (an ongoing relationship) to one time events with the clients, to making scrapbooks for the clients. Call and work with Pamela! Several locations throughout Hunterdon.

Contact: Pamela DePompo 730-7827 x250

FALL/WINTER PROJECTS

Sight Night (Halloween) Eyeglasses Collection

Collect old eyeglasses while you trick or treat. The eyeglasses will be recycled and hand-delivered to people in developing countries such as El Salvador, Mexico, Peru and Ecuador by Lens Crafters and Lions club volunteers. Go to www.sightnight.org to find out more information, download a collection packet or order one to be delivered to your door.

Hats for the Homeless

Collect new or handmade hats, gloves, scarves and socks to be handed out to the homeless in NYC. Use as a troop project and learn how to knit or crochet too! Check out the website: www.hats4thehomeless.org.

Adopt a family in Need

Especially during the holidays, the food pantry can give you the name of a family and what they need. Your school nurse may have local families that you can help.

Toys for Tots

Collect new toys for needy children. Usually a collection at Weichert in Flemington, James Toyota in Flemington. www.toysfortots.org.

Family Fun Day at Camp DeWitt

Older girls can run a station for Family Fun Day, usually at the beginning of October each year, held at camp DeWitt. Contact Rolling Hills Girl Scout Council for information.

Baby Bundles

Deliver to local food Pantry or location that serves needy moms in March. Run through council. Report your donations on council website, <https://ssl4.westserver.net/girlscouts-rh.org/secure/babyb-fm.htm#bbform>

Give-A-Coat-Share-The Warmth

Tirpok Cleaners usually collect, clean and distribute coats to Red Cross and DYFS. Usually October- January.

www.onewarmcoat.org

Another agency to organize a coat drive. Has great idea manual online.

Today's Acorns

Collect acorns for Forest Service. They grow them and then replant a year later.

<http://www.girlscouts-rh.org/docs/todays-acorns.pdf>

SPRING/SUMMER PROJECTS

Plant a Row for the Hungry

Do your girls like to garden? Plant a row in your garden and donate the harvest to your local food pantry. Program website:

<http://www.gardenwriters.org/Par/index.html>

March in a Parade

Memorial Day: Flemington American Legion(41 Route 31, Flemington 782-9052

July 4: Lebanon

Holiday: Flemington Raritan Business Association <http://www.frbanj.com/>

St. Patricks Day: Somerville

Don't forget to make a banner for your troop!

Honor our Veterans

Contact a church with a cemetery to place flags on the graves of our veterans for special days...Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day.

Readington Township Day

Run a booth or help out at Readington Township Day. Contact Greta Kennedy, Readington Recreation Department, Phone: (908)534-9752

Help With Earth Day Celebrations at County Parks or other places

Earth day: April 22. Run an activity station. Contact Hunterdon County Park System

Stream Clean Up With South Branch Watershed Association

Often coincides with Earth Day Celebrations county-wide

Food Drive

Everyone forgets the food pantry in the summer. Hold a summer food drive. Good way to get the girls together over the summer.

Hunterdon Museum of Art Education Volunteers

The Education Department has a corps of adult and teenage volunteers who offer vital assistance with ArtZone and the Sprint Young Artist Showcase. Many volunteers are needed for our summer art camp. Our only request is that volunteers be able to work full weeks for at least four-hour blocks each day. (That is 20 hours!) If you think you might be interested in becoming an education volunteer, please email faith@hunterdonartmuseum.org and we'll be sure to send you more information..