

Group Volunteer Ideas

There's power in numbers, so harness the collective power of your group and get something done! The Volunteer Center can help your group find a great project that meets your needs, no matter when, where or how many people you have. Don't know what you want to do? Here are some ideas to inspire you!

Kinds of Groups

- School/Groups
- Civic/Service clubs
- Religious groups
- Youth groups
- Business groups
- Fraternities/Sororities
- Scout troops
- Family groups
- Fraternal organizations
- Professional organizations

Group Project Ideas

Fix it up!

- Repair/renovate homes of the elderly, handicapped or underprivileged
- Scrub, paint and/or landscape a school, faith-based organization or community building
- Fix broken windows
- Repair and paint an outdoor porch
- Adopt a bedroom in a shelter; paint and decorate
- Build shelves in a food pantry; stock them with food!

Gardening / Outdoor

- Reclaim an abandoned or rundown playground
- Plant & maintain flower beds at a school or shelter
- Paint over graffiti
- Clear trails at a nature center or park
- Create a community garden from an abandoned lot and donate the produce to feed the homeless
- Remove litter from the highways and byways
- Clean up a park or neighborhood
- Rake leaves for the elderly or homebound
- Paint playground equipment and picnic tables at a school or park
- Build a playground
- Adopt-a-Beach
- Adopt-a-Highway

Miscellaneous

- Organize voter registration centers
- Fight air pollution; get bike racks installed in commuter trains

- Help restore an historic building
- Plan a party for a senior center, homeless shelter or daycare center
- Adopt a school
- Sponsor/produce a Senior Citizen Prom
- Decorate a nursing home for a holiday
- Make and deliver baked goods to the homebound
- Serve a meal at a homeless shelter
- Send cards to homebound seniors or residents of a long-term care facility
- Put together a team and participate in a walk, run or bike event
- Sort and pack food at a food pantry
- Collate, fold, stuff and sort a bulk mailing for a non-profit agency
- Make tray favors for Meals on Wheels clients
- Sponsor a blood drive
- Put on a puppet show
- Play a softball game with a group home

Collections

Collections are another great way to harness the "collective" power of your group. Opportunities abound in every season: food drive in the summer, gift drive for the holidays, back-to-school in August. Collections are easy to coordinate year-round, and are especially good when people may have erratic schedules (holidays, summer) and can't easily participate in a hands-on project.