

The Sagemont School  
Upper School Campus  
Middle School Community Service

## Identifying A Meaningful Project

To be meaningful, a community service project must address a real need or problem found within the school or community. Students are given the opportunity to select a community service project that reflects the needs of the community and the student's personal interests and skills. In addition, quality community service projects require an on-going commitment on the part of the student. Hastily planned, short-term projects do little to foster the purpose of community service - to provide service to the community and personal growth opportunities for students.

Students may choose one major project to complete from year to year or may combine multiple projects. If students select to combine multiple projects they should combine them in one Project Proposal and One Project Summary Report. The following criteria should be considered when a student selects a community service project:

- The project addresses a real community need or problem.
- The project provides the student with the opportunity to provide meaningful and vital community service.
- The project allows a student to gain a greater understanding of the community need or problem on which they are working.
- The project reflects the student's interests, talents, and abilities.
- The project provides the student with the opportunity to grow personally.
- The project provides the opportunity for continuity of service and/or participation over a significant portion of the student's school experience.

**Note: Each submission of a community service form will count as a homework grade.**

Students are required to complete the following community service hours to be promoted to the next grade level:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - 15 Hours

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - 15 Hours

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - 15 Hours

Please visit the Clubs link on the Upper School website for specific community service hour requirements for individual clubs.

- **ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROPOSALS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER BY October 24, 2011**
- **ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER BY APRIL 23, 2012**

(On the next page you will find a list of possible places to volunteer)

The organizations and agencies listed below typically welcome volunteers. This list should help students generate ideas for a community service project.

- American National Red Cross
- Animal Shelters
- Boy and Girls Scout Clubs
- Chambers of Commerce
- Charities
- City Governments
- Civic Organizations
- Conservation Groups
- Convalescent Homes
- County Agencies
- Cultural Centers
- Day Care Centers
- Food Pantries
- Habitat for Humanity
- Homeless Shelters
- Hospices
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- Museums
- Parks
- Political Organizations
- Recreation Centers
- Religious Organizations
- Residential Facilities for people with disabilities
- The Sagemont School
- United Way Agencies
- Zoo

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