

Barbara Goleman Senior High School

Community Service Packet

Identifying Meaningful Community Service Projects

To be meaningful, a community service project must:

- Address a real community need or problem.
- Prove the student had the opportunity to provide a meaningful and vital community service.
- Allow the student to gain a greater understanding of the community need on which they are working.
- Reflect the student's interests, talents and abilities.
- Provide the student with the opportunity to grow personally and academically.
- Provide the opportunity for continuity of service and/or participation during the student's experience.

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

United Way Agencies/charities	school/public libraries
city/county governments	parks and recreations centers
civic organizations	political organization
convalescent homes/hospitals	religious organizations
cultural centers/museums	

All community service activities must be pre-approved by Ms. Romero (room 4102) to insure their choice meets the appropriate guidelines listed above. Please note that volunteering within a for-profit business does not meet the acceptable community service guidelines and will not be accepted. The following list includes examples of **unacceptable** places to do community service projects.

professional offices	industrial firms	for-profit businesses
retail stores	restaurants	motel/hotels
realtors	barber/beauty shops	gas stations
doctor's offices		

NO COMMUNITY SERVICE MAY BE PERFORMED DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

To complete the community service graduation requirement for Barbara Goleman Senior High School, students beginning with the graduation class of 2008, must complete 10 hours of community service hours. The project may be completed at any time during a student's high school years.

NOTE: Students working towards:

- ♦ the **Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction** must complete a minimum of 75 hours
- ♦ **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program:**
 - Florida Medallion Scholars (minimum of 75 hours)
 - Florida Academic Scholars (minimum of 100 hours)
 - Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award (minimum of 30 hours)

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE REGARDING AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS & UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE SEE MS. ZAHER, CAP ADVISOR, OR YOUR COUNSELOR. REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEE COUNSELORS FOR GUIDANCE.

Student's Name _____ ID# _____ Grade _____

Community Service must be pre-approved **BEFORE** service is to be performed.

Name of organization: _____

What will you do? _____

Who is the supervisor? _____ Phone #: _____

Approved By: _____	Date: _____
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Date	Community Service Activity	Hours Completed	Signature

Total # of Hours _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____ No payment may be accepted by student for service rendered

This form must be accompanied by a letter on official letterhead stationery from the organization where the community was implemented. The letter must describe the service rendered and how many hours were completed.

Required Essay: Describe what you learned about the community as you completed your service

- A. Describe the main activities of your community service.
- B. Describe the impact you believe your community had on the people or community who received your service.
- C. Describe what you learned about the community as you completed your community service project.
- D. Describe what you learned about yourself and the importance of giving something back to others
- E. **Submit the completed form, official letter, and required essay to Ms. Romero in room # 4102**