Service Learning 2020-2021

Volunteering Virtually & Socially-Distanced

Things are strange, no doubt! In some ways Service Learning (volunteering) already felt weird. Now we're asking you to serve virtually. Guess what! We know how creative you are, and we try to keep up with your creativity by giving you some unique ideas for serving during this *ahem* pandopportunity! Yeah, that's it. We are ever-embracing the opportunity and remaining positive! Below you'll find ideas for virtual, outdoor, or socially-distanced service learning!

First, let's review Service Learning at ECHS! Here is a Service Learning Inventory for you to take to determine how and where you would most like to serve our community.

One super-fun way to serve is to serve ECHS as a Student Ambassador! This year, we'll be recruiting 8th graders online, and it is sure to pose some new opportunities for us. Yay! Here is our Student Ambassador Guide, written by our very own Aidan Cournoyer. The possibilities are endless! Aidan saw a need for a guide, created one, and. . . .*logged his time making it for service*, of course! What will students think of next to serve our school? Email Ms. Holmes at helen_holmes@roundrockisd.org to add your name to the Student Ambassador list.

Here are a couple of products from last year's service learning that will give you an idea of what we do on recruiting trips (besides stopping for boba tea!)
Webcast Public Information Session
ECHS Podcast Episode at CVMS

Finally, what you've all been waiting for. . .DIGITAL SERVICE LOG! (MAKE A COPY FIRST!) Now don't worry, I'll still keep the musty old ones in my binder in the office; however, if anyone would like to VOLUNTEER to convert your old logs to the digital version, I can surely add in 30 minutes to your service time!

Here is the link to The Volunteer Center in Round Rock. Note the things you can do for others outside or at home.

Love Serve Feed

https://www.loveservefeed.com/

The Volunteer Center in Round Rock

You can create hygiene kits at your home to donate. Kits are then distributed by the volunteer center to schools, crisis centers, hospitals, and shelters. Please call the volunteer center before dropping off kits at (512)733-7625. More instructions are located here **http://www.volrock.org/need/detail/?need_id=271713**

The Volunteer Center in Round Rock

Make laminated bookmarks for use at local libraries and schools and scarves for kids. Please call the volunteer center before dropping off kits at (512)733-7625. Specific instructions on how to make bookmarks and scarves can be located here http://www.volrock.org/need/detail/?need_id=124637

The Volunteer Center in Round Rock

Make no-sew fleece blankets and add a stuffed animal for children living in crisis shelters, hospitals, or to be distributed to other area nonprofit organizations. Contact the Volunteer Center at 512-733-7625 on instructions on how to complete the project. http://www.volrock.org/need/detail/?need_id=24666

Ruth Program

Assist handing out flyers on car windshields or call companies from your home at your convenience to find sponsors for events. Contact Angela Gettis at 512-817-8029 for more information.

Gotta Have Soul

Decorate a card at home or decorate one virtually and donate it to Gotta Have Soul. Each card is placed with a pair of shoes that is donated to a child in need. More instructions are available on their website at https://www.gottahavesole.org/cards

Hospitality Homes

Make a joke book for children who are sick and mail it to Hospitality Homes. Specific joke book instructions and mailing address are available at https://www.projectgivingkids.org/activities/joke-book/

Samaritan's Purse

Purchase small gifts, hygiene items, and school supplies. Pack your purchases in a shoebox and drop it off to be delivered to a child in need all over the world. For a small donation you can track your shoebox to see what country it went to. Click the link for more information and to get started
https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box

Now let's get to serving!