

Encouraging the Heart of Community

North Central Region Volunteer e-Forum

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Chat Pod Responses

Animal Science

- Pets to a nursing home, Vet's home
- Make items for the Humane Society
- Collaborate with local animal shelter to have a community wide micro chipping for animal's day.
- Taking rabbits to a school to teach kids about them
- Help local vet sponsor a vaccination clinic
- Take Holiday pet photos
- Workshop on how community members can care for their dogs and cats
- Help at the local shelter (i.e., cleaning pens, etc.)
- Volunteer at animal shelter
- Setting up a petting zoo at a local celebration/school where youth talk to others about care and responsibility of their animals. Also incorporate other education like Animal By-Products, Skeletal System, etc.
- Make cat scratchers
- Make items for the local animal shelters (i.e., pet beds, chew toys, etc.)
- Rabies Clinic
- Work with small town police to create an all-weather animal shelter for stray dogs until they get to a larger town
- Field trips to farms
- Make horse treats and send to Horse Humane Society
- Pet food/pet toy drive for local animal shelter
- On the Farm activity,
- Use photography skills to photo available animals for adoption for local shelters, and post on social media
- Offer show clinics
- Dog agility and obedience demos at local libraries
- Collect donations for people having a difficult time feeding their pets
- Visit hospice patients with animals
- Humane Society dog toys created from old t-shirt
- Allows non 4-H youth to learn about animals from 4-H members
- Make pet beds for the Humane society
- Pet starter kits for animal shelters
- Making toys and dog treats for local animal shelters
- Help with run-off and water quality
- Learning about how animals are used for various forms of therapy and how kids may engage with that
- Local animal shelter donate food
- Pet therapy
- Horse clinics for the community

- Take Llamas to care center for public relations
 - Therapeutic riding center clean up
 - Walk dogs at a local shelter
 - Bathing dogs at animal shelter
 - Run/walk for humane society
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- Clean up arena after riding horses
 - Dog demo at library
 - BOTF
 - Vet science
 - Reading to shelter animals
 - Hog for a mainstream community
 - Urban chicken coup making for urban residents
 - Make bat houses
 - Donating butchered chickens to needy
 - Livestock showing workshop

Fine and Fiber Arts

- Make blankets/lap robes for long term care facility
- Making ornaments with seniors
- Make wheelchair and walker bags for residents at LTC center
- Adams County, WI 2: Make hats and scarves for the community
- Valentines for the nursing home
- Make fabric quilted bookmarks for library patrons
- Musicians to county home
- Do art with senior citizens
- Make pillowcase dresses for underprivileged.
- Sew Teddy Bears for Troopers
- Make cancer caps
- Peds pillows
- Fidget quilts
- Make fleece blankets or hats for children
- Pillow cases for pediatrics
- Kid art contest
- Filling the needs for youth at Christmas time
- Helmet caps for servicemen
- Crochet blankets
- Host a "juice and paint" evening encouraging art, color, etc.
- Make chemo kits
- Turban for cancer patients
- Artist open house
- Helping at Music & Arts festival
- Fine arts performance at a nursing home

- Make ornaments for nursing home and sang Christmas songs and visited with residents.
 - Shoe box ministry
 - Finger knit scarves
 - Touring fiber studio
 - Quilting squares
 - Quilts of Valor donations – Quilts for wounded warriors
 - Take local photos and share them at the care center
 - Donate 4-H photo projects to nursing homes, county homes, etc...
 - Using theatre arts radio program to produce public service messages
 - Personal care products drive
 - Create holiday cards for children in the cancer center
 - Caroling at nursing home
 - Emergency room comfort kits for youth
 - Glamor Grandma photos
 - Make cards for the homebound
 - Perform your play or musical locally at the care center
 - Card-making with seniors
 - Cedar County: Create fidget quilts for people with in a nursing home
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- Do coloring pages and craft for nursing home
 - Materials drive for homeless shelter
 - Crochet blankets or mats for homeless shelters and have groups help kids understand the problem in their area
 - Using sewing skills/mastery to make clothing for families like at Ronald McDonald house
 - Bags for school supplies
 - Make fleece blankets for the troops
 - Making clothing for less fortunate
 - Jean squares to make quilt for soldiers
 - Take art to a nursing home, set up an art show for the homebound
 - Drawing with seniors
 - Perform a play at nursing home
 - Jewelry supplies to children hospitals to make projects with kids
 - Christmas caroling at nursing home
 - Hats and gloves for homeless
 - Baby hats for NICU

STEM

- Take the robotics team to the senior center and demonstrate.
- Teaching community members how to use computers
- Start children's museum
- Modeling the NYSD experiment in a care facility
- National Youth Science Day demonstration led with a local shelter
- Hold a class with the Aging Dept. on internet safety
- Work with high school rocketry club

- Project Grill - having one club spearhead then publish in our newsletter so other clubs can learn about and run their own
- Work with Red Cross to host a blood drive
- Help senior citizens set up email accounts.
- Tutoring
- Offer to help community members in clearing their PC's

- Science and math games for nursing homes
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- Build raised gardens for nursing homes
- Robotics demonstration at family project day
- Community gardens, raised beds for accessibility
- Lego building at the library
- Help make rabbit cages at the fairgrounds safer
- Science days for youth - older kids teaching younger kids
- iPads in the in the care center
- Having someone teach internet safety to youth
- Teaching a class on using basic software for community members
- Field trip to Field Museum
- Set up science experiments during local Halloween event - witch's brew, etc.
- River clean up
- Create a community garden
- Teaching a community course on the basic use of handheld devices
- Have youth learn math skills by making change at 4-h events
- Help elderly learn computer skills
- Building windmills
- Tutoring robotics
- Take flowers and houseplants from the fair to the local nursing home
- Adopt a Highway
- Afterschool science club
- Projects with 3D printer at library
- Educational activities at nature center
- Teach safe firearm storage
- Benches for Butts
- Community recycling project
- Club participation in school science night to demonstrate their robot
- Tagged owls at research center
- Recycle cans
- Fun bases for IV stands at the Children's Hospital

Food and Nutrition

- Food pantry donations
- Food Drive
- Birthday Bags with healthy snacks for a birthday party
- Holiday food meals to those in need

- Backpack for youth to take home food for the weekend (buddy backpacks)
 - Work at food pantry
 - Canned food drive
 - Plan a picnic for an assisted living or care center
 - Make care packages for soldiers. Learn what is healthy for them and what will last. Learn how to package it and mail it.
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- June Dairy month projects
 - Fix, serve, and clean up at Church meal site...open to all community members
 - Serve a meal to families at Ronald McDonald House.
 - Feed homeless people: figure out the details
 - Serving and preparing food for a community TABLE night
 - Prepare meals for homeless shelter.
 - Working in the community garden
 - Meals on wheels type of program where meals get delivered to homebound people.
 - Bake and Take month
 - Women's Shelter food assistance
 - Serve snacks to area handicapped adults at an area dance
 - Work at feed my starving people
 - Work with health services to host a food safety clinic for clubs and community
 - Decorate cupcakes and give to housing units in the area
 - Hunters pancake breakfast
 - Decorate cookies at Christmas and deliver to family advocates
 - Donate garden items to the food pantry
 - Baskets for shut-ins
 - Pair youth with elderly to mentor youth in cooking
 - Volunteer to harvest extra fruit from folks who don't need it and donate it to food pantry
 - Plant an extra row
 - Brown bag lunch program
 - Valentine cookies for nursing homes
 - Packing boxes of nutritious single servings for Meals on Wheels
 - Work with an after school group and help the youth make healthy snacks
 - Bake sale with proceeds going to a food pantry
 - Community Youth Cooking Class
 - Build a game that helps to teach others
 - Peanut butter and jelly drive
 - Assist people with shopping
 - Food preservation workshops
 - Providing Meal kits for food pantry complete with recipes
 - Birthday boxes for the food pantry that include candles and frosting, etc.
 - Breakfast 101 - teach underserved youth how to make breakfast that is nutritious and easy
 - Date night babysitting
 - Teach homeless youth when they get in a stable home how to cook do laundry

Share ideas for utilizing social media through service learning

- Create & share the event on Facebook
- Have vendors use their social media to market the event
- Tweet
- Create a unique hashtag for the event
- Youth really know how to use the social media great and a super way to incorporate them
- Tweet photos of the event while it's happening and after for possible funders and stakeholders to see
- Use the local news channel and local community calendar/channel
- Facebook to get donations
- Using photos for newspaper articles to post to fb or Instagram
- Call to action on Facebook
- Use gofundme.com
- The radio and newspaper is a great way to reach an older population
- Use the buy sell trade sites to encourage donations of items that did not sell
- Created a 4-H Citizenship Facebook page where 4-H Clubs in the state can share the service opportunities in which they participate
- Create a blog
- UW Extension website reaches a wider range of people
- Put pictures on a snapchat story
- Knowing what our audience uses before jumping into social media if they as a family aren't using it using the method that best works for the community you are in
- Not a lot of our clubs use Twitter, Instagram, etc. Some of us don't know how to do that. Super simple how to manuals would be helpful for educators to adapt and provide training locally
- Post events on local television
- Posting info on marquees around town
- Advertising to libraries
- Community local newsletter
- Share results of service learning experiences through Indiana 4-H Citizenship Facebook page; include photos on Indiana 4-H Instagram and Twitter pages
- Restaurant Table Tents
- School district
- School weekly communications to family
- Engage local TV personalities as well
- Post in 4-H newsletter
- email
- Hand out flyers at community parades
- YouTube county channel
- Bag stuffers at the grocery store
- Posters of local events done in neighboring communities
- Chamber groups include it with their promotion
- Build relationship with local community board and share via their Facebook page -- Good Things Happening in our Community
- Church bulletins

