

How can I be sure I am doing community service?

In all cases if you elect to do community service for the court, juvenile court diversion or the school you should check with the appropriate authority to ensure that the work you do qualifies as community service. The ideal community service project is one that is both interesting to you and benefits a population that you care about. This goal is not always achievable and sometimes you have to just suck it up and do whatever service is available.



How can the Office of Youth Services assist me in completing my service?

The Office of Youth Services is a resource available to assist young people ages 18 & under to achieve their community service goals and/or obligations. In addition to having relationships with many service sites in the community, the Office of Youth Services regularly organizes group community service projects to provide service opportunities for young people.

The Office of Youth Services can and will provide service opportunities but the rest is up to you. If you have been given a deadline by which to complete your community service it is **your responsibility** to initiate contact and maintain the lines of communication open. OYS is happy to provide verification to the court, school, or other entity upon completion of your service.

NH Statute pertaining to Court ordered community service

169-B:19 (h) If the court finds that a minor is delinquent, *the court may order the minor to perform up to 50 hours of uncompensated public service* subject to the approval of the elected or appointed official authorized to give approval of the city or town in which the offenses occurred. The court's order for uncompensated public service shall include the name of the official who will provide supervision to the minor. However, no person who performs such public service under this paragraph shall receive any benefits that such employer gives to its other employees, including, but not limited to, workers' compensation and unemployment benefits and *no such employer shall be liable for any damages sustained by a person while performing such public service or any damages caused by that person unless the employer is guilty of gross negligence.*

To post a Community Service Opportunity, go to www.hillsborocat.org.



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Community Service

Community Service is an opportunity for young people to connect with and give back to their community. There are a number of reasons for volunteering your time. It could be a desire to be a good citizen or retribution for a mistake which resulted in a service requirement for your community. Regardless of the reason, community service can be a rewarding opportunity.

Volunteer Contact Information

Name _____

DOB _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Emergency contact person

Emergency contact phone

Reason for volunteering

_____ High School

_____ Court

_____ Diversion

_____ Other

Number of service hours needed _____

Deadline for completion _____

_____ **I have read over the information contained in this community service brochure and understand my responsibilities as a volunteer for the Office of Youth Services and/or one of its affiliate service sites**

Volunteer Signature

Date

**Mail to: OYS, P.O. Box 550, Hillsborough,
NH 03244**

What is Community Service?

Community Service is generally defined as working for a non-profit entity without receiving compensation. A non-profit entity could be a town, school, church, or community organization that does not financially profit from your service. It could also be helping the handicapped, elderly, children or other disadvantaged population. If you are already associated with a group like the Boy Scouts, church, sports team or other activity it may be possible for you to do your service there.



What does The Office of Youth Services expect from me if I choose to do community service under their supervision?

- ~Dress appropriately for the type of community service you will be doing.
- ~Come with a positive attitude.
- ~Make sure you keep your own record of your service hours in case there is a discrepancy.
- ~No visitors or cell phone use during your service time without prior permission.
- ~Follow-through with whatever commitments you make to the Office of Youth Services or one of its affiliate service sites.
- ~Be on time and call in advance if you are not able to attend or if you are running late.
- ~You must maintain appropriate behavior while performing community service. Being disruptive, using profanity, having poor work ethic or not following reasonable rules of supervisors may result in no credit for your service and termination.
- ~Complete all tasks that are assigned and follow all instructions from your service supervisor.
- ~Fulfilling community service under the supervision of the Office of Youth Services is a privilege and may be revoked at any time due to lack of cooperation or failure to abide by the expectations laid out in this brochure.

What are some positive outcomes of performing community service?

- The feeling that comes from helping others
- Meeting & working with other people
- Gaining knowledge, experience, and skills that may lead to employment
- Making a difference in your community
- Receiving a personal recommendation from an individual or organization for college or a job
- Improving your chances of getting into college or getting a scholarship
- Gaining confidence, self esteem and the gratification that comes from a job well done
- Being a good role model for other young people



What are examples of some community service sites?

- Hillsboro Pride
- Balloon Festival
- Shoveling Fire Hydrants
- Schnitzelfest
- Local Churches
- Adopt-A-Highway & Trash pick-up
- Fuller Public Library
- Hillsboro-Deering Afterschool Programs
- Project Genesis-Teen Center
- Hillsborough Food Pantry
- Hillsborough Historical Society
- The Hillsboro Police Department
- OYS Friday Group Service Projects
- The Hillsboro Wood Bank
- Conservation Commission
- Hillsboro Teen Court
- The American Legion

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