

Service Challenge

Purpose

To encourage students to make Christian service an integral part of their lives.

Grade Levels

There are three grade levels for this event: K-6, 7-8, 9-12.

Process

- Complete all requirements by SELTC Convention.
- Students should maintain a list of service projects (date and brief description) throughout the year.
- That list should be given to the congregation coordinator for review.
- The congregation coordinator should complete a Challenge Form (in the Forms Section).
- Challenge Forms should be brought to SELTC Central by 5:00 p.m. the Friday of the convention.

Rules

- Participants may choose from the following list of service projects or may create new ones.
- The congregation coordinator will be asked to evaluate the merit of any project that is listed by an individual (especially projects that are not youth group or church-oriented).
- Major projects such as mission trips, VBS, work camps, etc. can count as a maximum of two projects, but must cover at least three days.
- When creating their own projects, participants are encouraged to meet the needs of individuals, assist their immediate family, build up their church, or improve their community.

Awards

There will be three levels of recognition in K – 6th grades

Gold -- 8 projects Silver -- 6 projects Bronze -- 4 projects

There will be three levels of recognition in 7th-8th grades

Gold -- 10 projects Silver -- 8 projects Bronze -- 6 projects

There will also be three levels of recognition in 9th – 12th grades

Gold -- 12 projects Silver -- 10 projects Bronze -- 8 projects

Examples of Service Projects

Examples of Service Projects for Grades K-6

- Spend one hour picking up trash somewhere in the community.
- Write five notes of encouragement to shut-ins, sick, etc.
- Help a shut-in from your congregation with chores at his/her home.
- Work on a recycling project for at least one month and donate the money to a non-profit organization.
- Write three letters to missionaries encouraging them in their work.
- Read a book of the New Testament on tape to be given to an elderly person who may have difficulty reading.
- Locate a cemetery in your community that would appreciate help with the never-ending fight against litter and weeds.
- Contact a children's home and arrange to be a pen pal for a child. (Send at least six letters during a three-month period.)
- Volunteer to arrive early and help set up for a church event that is not related to children or youth ministries.

Examples of Service Projects for Grades 7-12

- Baby-sit free of charge for a total of ten hours. (This should be done for children outside of your immediate family.)
- Locate a needy family and personally put together and deliver a "care package" of food, toys, etc.
- Help three shut-ins from your congregation with chores at their home.
- Organize a "teacher appreciation car wash." Bible class teachers can come for a free car wash "just because..."
- Visit a local nursing home and read devotional literature or the Bible to the residents.
- Write ten sympathy notes to appropriate individuals or families.
- Write five notes of appreciation to Bible class teachers who have made or are currently making a difference in your life.
- Call an elderly friend and volunteer to either pick up groceries for that person or take him/her shopping with you.
- Help prepare and deliver dinner for an elder's or minister's family.
- Volunteer to work an hour a week for one month in the church library or workroom. Seek the approval and assistance of the librarian or workroom attendant, if there is one.
- Assist in a children's Bible class for one complete quarter or trimester.
- Make a bedroll for a homeless person.
- Make receiving blankets and diaper shirts for a hospital mission.