

Service Project Ideas: Do a good turn daily!

Service is an important part of the Girl Scout philosophy, and all troops and groups are encouraged to seek out opportunities for service. Projects may involve helping other people, animals or our environment. It can be a fantastic opportunity for girls to make new acquaintances and to experience the wonderful world of giving.

Please review the *Council Resource Guide* for more information about service projects. Remember that Girl Scouts may not fund-raise for another organization. Please review the **Council Resource Guide** for more information about service projects.

Little Trees: Is your troop interested in decorating a small tree to be enjoyed by seniors in an extended care facility. Decorated trees should be dropped off at Citibank in Belmont or San Carlos. If your troop would like to help deliver the trees and sing a few carols to the patients, please contact Joyce Quan at joycequan@comcast.net.

One Warm Coat: www.onewarmcoat.org/guidebook.php. We have teamed up with One Warm Coat and KTVU again for the annual coat drive in Emeryville, San Jose, San Francisco, and Walnut Creek!! Troops that volunteer will be shown on TV (KTVU) collecting coats at four different sites in the Bay Area the day after Thanksgiving! All troops are invited to stop by the sites to drop off coats for the wonderful service project. This is your opportunity to be part of this exciting day and to help make a difference in your community! You can volunteer to help receive the coats or stop by and donate coats at any of the special-drop off locations!

Who: All Girls Grades K-12 and Adults

When: Friday, November 27, 2009

Time: 9:00am - 6:30pm

Where: Emeryville, San Jose, Walnut Creek, and San Francisco

To Kids from Kids: www.galarc.com/gs/tkfk. Helping homeless families and children in the San Francisco Peninsula.

Shelter Network: www.shelternetwork.org Helping homeless families and children in the San Francisco Peninsula.

Second Harvest Food Bank: www.2ndharvest.net Donate or volunteer to sort in San Carlos.

Samaritan House: www.samaritanhouse.com. Clothing, food and toy drives are in progress throughout the Bay Area.

My New Red Shoes: www.mynewredshoes.org. Click on the council web site link below for ideas on how you can help!

Family Connections: www.familyconnections.org Family Connections is a tuition free parent participation preschool for low-income families in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Project Open Hand: www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/pages/events/service_projects.html#open_hand

Ecumenical Hunger Program: www.ehpcares.org. Their **Holiday Teen Drive** is ongoing this season! Located in East Palo Alto, The mission of EHP is to provide food, clothing, household essentials, client support, and referral services to those in need. EHP is a sustainable resource within the community working to break the cycle of poverty.

Does your troop have an outreach or community service project that you would like to share with us? Please email michelecarlsen@aol.com.

For more information and service project ideas and guidelines, check out the council website at http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/pages/events/service_projects.html.