

Community Service Planning

Community Service can be an asset to students in multiple situations. As a member of FBLA one of our goals is to give back to our communities. Philanthropy is a multi-billion dollar a year business and is a major part of companies of any size.

Corresponding Events

Community Service Project

Objectives

The purpose of this activity is to teach students to develop a plan for a community service project. The goal is for students to consider the size of the project, costs, volunteer hours and all other aspects of designing a project.

Materials

- Utensils to create a backboard/ poster
- Access to a computer
- A scope of size for the project

Activity Time

Activity time should be adjusted to the size of project to be planned.

How to Plan the Project

Students should be divided into groups of 4-6 members and asked to come up with a community service project that they feel is creative and realistic. The goal of this project is for students to get realistic experience of planning a project. Teaching students to design an event is good experience that can be used in the business environment.

An outline projecting what the students need in their plan should be offered. Key points to cover are as follows:

- What is the project?
- Who will benefit from the project?
- What types of things are needed?
- What is the total cost?
- Who will donate/pay for the pieces needed?
- How many staff will be needed?
- How long will it take to plan?
- Where will the event be held?
- Are any permits or certifications needed?
- Is there benefit for you?

After the students have created the outline and plan for the community service project, have them make a proposal and present it to the class. By having students present they will get to practice PUBLIC SPEAKING and BUSINESS PROPOSAL skills. Have all the students fill out surveys about each of the proposals to get better feedback. They can also offer ways to build the list of key points to cover when planning the project.

Ideas

- To get better more creative ideas, offer prizes to the team with the best presentation and the most creative project.
- The ideas from the students can also be used as possible FBLA community service projects. By getting a plan already created and thought about by students you can weigh the positives and negatives of each situation.