

# SERVICE CHALLENGE

## PURPOSE:

To encourage participants to make Christian service an integral part of their lifestyle. It promotes creative thinking in coming up with new ways to serve the church and the community.

## PROCESS:

Each participant will:

- Complete service projects prior to deadline date. Choose from list included, or design a project working with the church coordinator.
- Type or neatly write a report of one page or less explaining how the projects performed have benefited others and the participant. NOTE: This is NOT to be a list of projects, but a report on the way God used you to bless others.
- List each project completed and verify with signature of Church Coordinator using the form on page 55.

The Church Coordinator will:

- Mail the verified certification form on page 55 and the typed report to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline.

The Church coordinator or coach will:

- By the Pre-Convention deadline, the coach or church coordinator will submit Service Challenge entries on the Pre-Convention certification form to the event coordinator. Please mark what medal the participant should receive.
- Mail a self-addressed postcard to the Event Coordinator if confirmation of receipt of the event entries is desired. Please submit one postcard **per event** per congregation.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Confirm receipt of event entries to the church coordinator if a self-addressed postcard is included with the congregation entries.
- Report results to the Awards Committee.

## RULES:

1. Participants may choose from the following list of service projects. (These projects are not meant to be hard and fast - Church Coordinator can adjust projects to meet the needs of their group.) A major undertaking such as a mission trip, VBS, etc. can count as two projects. Each project needs to be listed separately (i.e. door knocked for VBS, taught a class for VBS, served refreshments for VBS). A major event, such as a mission trip or VBS should cover at least three consecutive days.

Project Descriptions, Grades 3 - 6

1. Write three sympathy cards to appropriate individuals or families.
2. Write three notes of encouragement to shut-ins, sick, etc.
3. Bring three different friends to visit local congregations.
4. Spend one morning picking up trash somewhere in community.
5. Send three seasonal cards to children in children's home.
6. Visit the elderly in the nursing home on three separate occasions.
7. Write and mail letters to three missionaries encouraging them in their work.
8. Paint or color pictures for three children in local hospital.

9. Help a shut-in from your local church with chores at their home. (Rake leaves, mow yard, shovel snow, pull weeds, wash dishes, etc.)
10. Do other service projects. (Create your own; must be approved by Church Coordinator). There may be several of these.

Project Descriptions, Grades 7 - 12

1. Baby-sit free of charge for a total of ten hours.
  2. Locate a needy family and personally put together a "Care Package" (food, toys, etc.) and deliver to the family personally.
  3. Help three shut-ins from your local church with chores at their home. (Rake leaves, mow yard, shovel snow, pull weeds, wash dishes, etc.)
  4. Spend a day picking up trash somewhere in community.
  5. Participate for at least three hours in an "adopt-a-highway" program.
  6. Participate in a youth group "work camp."
  7. Write ten sympathy cards to appropriate individuals or families.
  8. Write ten notes of encouragement to shut-ins, sick, etc.
  9. Bring five different friends to visit local congregation.
  10. Contact a children's home and arrange to be a pen pal with one of the children. (Send at least six letters in a three month period).
  11. Deliver communion to shut-ins.
  12. Write and mail letters to six missionaries encouraging them in their work.
  13. Volunteer ten hours to help church staff (secretaries or ministers).
  14. Visit five shut-ins in local nursing homes.
  15. Wash all windows in the houses of three shut-ins.
  16. Prepare and deliver food to three families who need help. (Hospital, illness, death, etc.)
  17. Do other service projects. (Create your own; must be approved by Church Coordinator). There may be several of these.
2. Participants are encouraged to create service projects that meet the needs of an individual, build up the church, or improve the community. (This is optional.)
  3. If a participant creates his own service project, the idea should be included in the written report and they should use the project number or check "other service projects" in the list above.
  4. The report for this event is NOT to be a list of service projects completed, but instead a report on how the projects have benefited others. To simply restate the projects completed will result in an automatic drop of one award level.
  5. The Church Coordinator will sign the Certification Form after the participant has completed the service projects. Parents or other adults who have knowledge of the service done can confirm these projects.

**AWARDS:**

There will be three levels of recognition in the Grades 3 - 6 division:  
 Gold -- 10 service projects,      Silver -- 8 service projects,      Bronze -- 6 service projects

There will be three levels of recognition in the Grades 7 - 12 division:  
 Gold -- 12 service projects,      Silver -- 9 service projects,      Bronze -- 6 service projects