

UCS Community Service
“Let your light shine”



Questions & Answers:

1. How many hours of community service must I perform this year?
 - A. Students in grades 9-12 MUST complete 25 hours of community service each year. This is a Board policy requirement for graduation.

2. What are some community service projects that I can do?
 - A. Some of the favorites are:
 - Mission trips where work is performed to help others.
 - Volunteer through your church with one of the many programs they may have.
 - There are many wonderful agencies in our area that you may volunteer with such as: The Mustard Seed, Animal Rescue Foundation, We Will Go Ministries, Stewpot, Mississippi Food Network, Center for Violence Prevention, Wingard Home Ministry and many others.
 - Helping the elderly and the handicapped in areas where they are in need.
 - Often the school has need of help on athletic fields, cleaning, tutoring, aiding a teacher, cafeteria assistance, concession stand and many others. *Punishment duty does not count towards community service.
 - Opportunities of Service will be announced through the Morning Announcements or stop by the office for information.

3. What does not constitute community service?
 - A. While babysitting and household chores are helpful to your family, they are not considered community service.

4. How do I record community service hours?
 - B. Complete the UCS Community Service form and have the sponsor sign it. Return the completed form to the secondary office. Forms are available through Mrs. Dean.

5. When must my forms be submitted?
 - A. We recommend that you have forms completed and turned in IMMEDIATELY after performing community service. Students should have all 25 hours completed by May 1.

6. Does community service performed during the summer count?
 - A. Yes, make sure the form is completed and returned to the secondary office.

7. Does tutoring or mentoring count for community service?
 - A. Yes, even helping coach a recreational team or working with youngsters or adults as long as you are not compensated for the work performed.

8. I don't remember how many hours of community service I've performed; how can I find out?
 - A. We will post outside the secondary office student totals at the end of each 9 weeks. If the total does not match what you think you have we will gladly pull your file to check the total.

9. Why are we performing community service?
 - A. One of the Jesus' key messages was that we should seek to serve others. You may be hesitant at first but after you perform community service, you will see how rewarding it can be for you and those you have helped. The feeling we get from helping others, the contacts we make in the community, the difference we make by service and the Christian witness we share are just some of the personal rewards we gain by performing community service. In addition, college applications and resumes are enhanced by showing ways you have contributed to your fellow man

Reach out – Make a difference

Contact Karen Dean or Coach Hannon if you have questions.