

Make a Difference in Your Community – Community Service Ideas

There are lots of fun ways to get your troop involved in making the world a better place, and community service is a perfect way for girls to dig their hands into the issues that concern them the most in their own neighborhoods. GSNETX has [patch programs](#) for troops throughout the year that are service projects, and you can find organizations looking for help online in your community. Make sure to choose age-appropriate activities.

Make sure to: Ask the girls what they think about volunteering in the community and be ready to take notes!

A few ideas to get you started:

- Decorate bags, placemats or cards
- Birthday in a box
- Make items for animal shelters
- Bake treats for teacher appreciation or back to school lunches
- Put together snack bags for social workers or first responders
- Package meals
- Collect food, books, school supplies or clothing to donate
- Start a recycling program
- Volunteer at a food bank or homeless shelter
- Assemble hygiene kits
- Sing songs/play games at a senior center
- clean-up a park
- plant flowers at your school or local meeting place
- plant a tree in a local park
- clean-up a yard for an elderly family
- volunteer at a community garden or animal shelter

Another great resource: [5 Easy At-Home Community Service Ideas for Girl Scouts](#)