

Most Popular Sample Projects

These are proven projects that can be customized for just about any type of group.

If one of these projects will work for you, note the project name, make any notes on changes you would like to make, and then return to the online Project Form and provide the details. If you need more project ideas, see more options in Specialized Projects.

A. General Outdoor Spiff-up (schools, parks, non-profits)

Join friends and neighbors and help us spiff up our site. We may clean tables, benches and play structures; sweep, dust, wash windows, doors, and walkways; pick up trash; repaint decor, tables, or benches; and freshen up the landscape. There's plenty of work for everyone!

Physical requirements: Ability to bend, stoop, pull weeds, sweep and use cleaning and gardening tools.
Volunteers should bring: Gardening tools (clippers, pruners, rakes, shovel); trash clean-up tools (trash grabber, bucket, rags); work gloves.

B. Gardening/Landscaping Spruce-up

Help us spruce up the landscaping. Volunteers will do some pruning, remove weeds, plant, spread bark and pick up litter.

Physical requirements: Ability to bend, stoop, kneel, pull weeds, sweep and use gardening tools.
Volunteers should bring: Work gloves. Gardening tools (clippers, pruners, rakes, shovel).

C. Paint Refresh (fences, walls, furnishings, shelves, murals, backstops, blacktop)

Help us refresh the paint on the <fence, wall, furnishings, shelves, murals, etc.>.

Physical requirements: Must be able to stand and squat for long periods of time.
Volunteers should bring: Work gloves; safety glasses

D. Creek or Trail Clean-up

Volunteers will pick up trash along the creek near <location> or along the <trail name>.

Physical requirements: Work involves bending and slowly walking 1-2 miles. Must be able to walk on occasionally steep creek banks with some patches of loose soil.
Volunteers should bring: Trash grabber and trash bucket, work gloves

E. Indoor Organizing/Clean-up (storage, closet, thrift store, warehouse)

Volunteers will help clean out, sort, and re-organize the <describe more> at <location, group name>.

Physical requirements: Able to lift and move boxes; tolerance for dust
Volunteers should bring: Work gloves

F. Library Book Cleaning (public library, school library)

Children's books are always popular...so the covers sometimes need a good cleaning. Along with cleaning books, we will dust the shelves and clean tables and chairs.

Physical requirements: Able to tolerate dust

Volunteers should bring: Reading glasses (if needed)

G. Crafts & Kits

If you love to "craft," this is a perfect project! Volunteers will help us create unique <greeting cards, gift tags, thank-you gifts, tray favors, decorations>. You will cut, glue, stamp and package materials so we can <purpose of the project>.

Physical requirements: Must be able to use scissors and paper cutter safely.

Volunteers should bring: Reading glasses, if needed; personal scissors

H. Food Collection for Needy (school, community group, faith group, sports teams)

Community groups — public and private schools, sports teams, non-profits, service clubs, faith organizations — can organize a food collection drive at their location in Walnut Creek for CSD Saturday.

Details: Food barrels and promotional literature will be provided in advance. Participating groups must deliver food donations and empty food barrels to central collection local by 1 p.m. on Community Service Day.

Specialized Projects

We have a collection of more unique projects that have worked well. For more information, email [Melissa Strongman \(mbstrongman@gmail.com\)](mailto:mbstrongman@gmail.com). Be sure to specify the project(s) you are interested in.

1. Outdoor/downtown fixtures (lights, signage, recycling bins)
2. Event set-up/decorating/staffing/clean-up
3. Playground clean-ups
4. Sports fields, courts
5. Informational materials (posters, handouts) (organizing, distribution)
6. Construction/assembly (tables, benches, fences, sheds, play equipment, garden beds)

New Project

You are welcome to devise your own project. The online Project Form gives you a way to do this. In addition, please email [Melissa Strongman \(mbstrongman@gmail.com\)](mailto:Melissa Strongman (mbstrongman@gmail.com)) to discuss your ideas.