COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDELINES

- 100 hours of community service are required for the Florida Academic Scholars
- 75 hours of community service are required for the Florida Medallion Scholars
- 30 hours of community service are required for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars

- Community Service is defined as follows:
  - contribution of individual service that enhances the community beyond the school day
  - non-paid
  - actual hours of service (Project hours are only inclusive of actual work. It does not include travel time, lunch time, etc.)
  - does not promote a particular religion or reflect religious philosophy in any way
  - community service is intended to address problems and issues of society

- Note to pre-IB students: The community action and service project for I.B. may only be completed during the junior and senior year.

- Examples
  - Roadside and water clean-up projects, visiting/helping at nursing homes and hospitals, doing volunteer yard work for a needy family or the elderly, helping with Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, etc., assisting with community-identified service projects/activities, tutoring after school, aiding natural disaster victims, volunteering at church or other religious organization in a non-teaching capacity (e.g. child-care, meeting setup, sports, coaching, assisting an adult…).
  - *Any work done on an individual basis (not through a school registered group) must be pre-approved by the guidance counselor in charge of community service.*

- Non-examples
  - Tutoring during school hours, attending government meetings, fundraisers (unless all of the money is directly donated to charity and it is not done during school time), anything done for family members, friends or a family business (students cannot count work in their parents’ workstation as community service hours,) anything for which you are paid, court-ordered community service, working with a political campaign, club meetings, competitions, religious devotion or any church related activity which can be interpreted as religious teaching or training. Also, *you may not* use hours from any activity (e.g., university research, classes abroad, etc.) which awarded you high school credit.

- Documentation
  - Community Service forms are available in guidance. Be sure to keep record of hours served and obtain agency supervisor’s signature as verification. Each instance of service should be at least one hour in length. (No credit awarded for percentages of time less than one hour.) These forms should be submitted to the Guidance Office to be documented on your permanent record.

TIMELINES

- Community service hours must be turned in by the end of the school year in which they were completed.
- All community service forms should be turned in at least 45 school days prior to graduation. (End of 3rd quarter)

POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following is a list of organizations, telephone numbers and contacts who may provide opportunities for community service. Please feel free to volunteer at other organizations provided that the above guidelines are met. Please listen to the morning announcements for additional community service opportunities.

**Adult Literacy**
726-2430
Angela Mayo

**Withlacoochee Tech. Institute – Inverness**

**American Red Cross**
564-8455
Mary Tata

**Arbor Trail Health of Inverness**
637-1130
Casey Torres

**611 Turner Camp Road-Inverness**

**Barrington Place**
746-2273
Lieu Tift

**2341 Norvell Bryant Highway – Lecanto**

**Bicentennial Park Pool**
795-1478
Robin Braswell

**8710 W. Godfrey Lane – Crystal River**

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters**
344-0400
Magaly Ramirez

**Blind Americans**
637-1739
Robert Krokker

**Boy Scouts**
352-322-0379
Duane Reiker

**CASA (Citrus Abuse Shelter)**
344-8111
Diana Macintosh

**Childhood Development Services**
795-2667
Heather Young

**Citrus Community Blood Bank**
527-3061
Vera Vecchio

**1241 S. Lecanto Highway – Lecanto**

**Citrus Co. Animal Control**
726-7660
Nell Lacharite

**4030 S. Airport Rd. – Inverness (*must be at least 16 yrs. of age)**

**Citrus Co. Chamber of Commerce**
208 W. Main St. – Inverness
726-2801
Susan Clemente

**28 W. Highway 19 – Cry. River**
795-3149
Kate Barnes

**Citrus Co. Cooperative Extension Office**
527-5700
Gloria Tyler

(Grade 11 and 12 only)
Citrus Co. Division of Housing  527-5400  Gloria Tyler
Citrus Co. Fair Association  726-2993  Hal Porter
Citrus Co. Family Resource Center  344-1001  Ginger West
1534 Inverness Regional Shopping Center-Inverness
Citrus Co. Health Dept.-Lecanto  527-0247  Gerri Velazquez
3700 Sovereign Path-Lecanto
Citrus Co. Historical Society  341-6429  Laurie Diestler
1 Courthouse Square Room 111-Inverness
Citrus Hospice, Inc.  527-2020  Judy Milton
3350 W. Audubon Path-Lecanto
Citrus Memorial Hospital  344-6588, ext. 6298  Maria Nunze
502 W Highland Blvd.-Inverness
Citrus Performing Arts Center  344-4422  Barbara Balser
2301 Carter Street-Inverness
Citrus United Basket (CUB)  344-2242  Deborah Rosedel
210 N. Apopka Ave.-Inverness
Community Service Court Program  637-9811  Elicia Kuhl
110 N Apopka-Inverness
Crystal River State Archaeological Site  563-1136  Nick Robbins or park mgr.
3400 N Museum Point-Crystal River
Cypress Cove Care Center  795-8832  Melissa Meyers
700 SE 8th Avenue-Crystal River
Deaf Services Center of Citrus County  795-5000  Maurine Tambasco
105 SE Highway 19-Crystal River
Fire Department (all stations)  726-1606  Sue Vines
Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranch Store  795-8886 Janice Cacchiola
Girl Scouts  726-4404  Kathy Ditchfield
6431 E Glover St.-Inverness
Habitat for Humanity  341-1800  Terry Ruttman
Hero Assistance Dogs  560-3785  Diane White
Hemosassa Springs Ch. of Commerce  795-3149  Kitty Barnes
3495 S. Suncoast Blvd.-Homosassa
Hemosassa Springs Wildlife Park  628-5343  George Lee
4150 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa
Hernando – Pasco Hospice  527-4600  Nilda Sessler
2417 N. Lecanto Hwy –Lecanto
Key Training Center  527-8228  Iris Whitaker
1315 N. Van Nortwich Road-Lecanto
Library – Central Ridge (Beverly Hills)  746-4170  Mary Ellen
524 W. Roosevelt Blvd.
Library – Coastal Region (Crystal River)  795-3716  Delight Gignac
8619 W. Crystal Street-Crystal River
Library – Lakes Region (Inverness)  726-2357  Lynn Ehley
1511 Druid Road-Inverness
Meals on Wheels  726-0350  Gaul Sturtedant
Salvation Army  621-5532  Lt. Vanessa Miller
3975 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd.-Homosassa
Senior Citizens Center (Lecanto)  Rosemarie Cutchins
1410 S. Lecanto Hwy.-Lecanto
Seven Rivers Community Hospital  795-8375  Kelly Perkins
6201 N. Suncoast Blvd.-Crystal River
Southwest Aquatic Plant Region  726-8622  Butch Keiper
6355 S. Florida Ave.-Inverness
Special Olympics  302-9307  Nick Robbins
302-9075  Butch Keiper
St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve  563-0450  Nick Robbins
15990 N. Tallahassee Rd.-Crystal River
Sugarmill Manor  382-2531  Elaine Heller
8985 S. Suncoast Blvd.-Homosassa
Surrey Place Convalescent Center  746-9500  Shirley Ioch Dickinson
2730 W. Marc Knighton Ct.-Lecanto
United Way of Citrus County  527-8894  Barbara Wheeler
Y.M.C.A., 2805 Hwy. 44W, Inverness  637-0132  Amber Slusser
Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins State Historical Site  563-1136  Nick Robbins or park mgr.
3400 N. Museum Pt-Homosassa

For additional opportunities, please see GUIDANCE OFFICE STAFF.

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