

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](#)