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## NATUREBRIDGE IN YOSEMITE 2025

### COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT AND IDEAS

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#### REQUIREMENT:

- Eight hours of community service, Community Service Verification Form, and a short essay stating how and why you chose your particular community service project. Include details about what you did and what you gained from the experience.
- Community service must be **related to the environment** either directly (like picking up trash) or indirectly (like making informational posters raising awareness at your school).
- Community service can be done for a specific organization (like Turtle Bay or the City of Redding), *OR* you can do something on your own for the benefit of your school, neighborhood, or the community as a whole. Whatever you do, list the name, phone number, and e-mail address of at least one person who can verify your hours.
- Community service completed prior to being selected to participate in the Yosemite Program must be approved ahead of time.

#### IDEAS

- ✓ **Turtle Bay Exploration Park:** sign up by sending an e-mail to [lendicott@turtlebay.org](mailto:lendicott@turtlebay.org). Dates fill up fast, so the earlier you request work dates, the more likely you are to get them. Volunteer days for Yosemite students are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on (all Saturdays) January 18th, January 25th, February 1st, and February 15th, 2025. To meet the 8-hour community service requirement, you'll need to sign up for two days. Wear gardening clothes and boots or sneakers, and appropriate outerwear for the weather (rain gear if necessary). Bring a snack.
- ✓ **Ascend Wilderness Experience:** contact Keyri Cruz Garcia, Program Director, at [edu.ascend@gmail.com](mailto:edu.ascend@gmail.com) or 530-739-1177 for volunteer opportunities in Weaverville
- ✓ **City of Redding:** contact the Community Services Department at 530-225-4095 for possible opportunities, such as the Community Creek Cleanup or Adopt-A-Spot,
- ✓ **Shasta Living Streets:** contact Anne Thomas at 530- 547-3198 to find out how you can help Downtown Redding
- ✓ **Whiskeytown Environmental School:** contact Shasta County Office of Education at 530-225-0200
- ✓ **Bureau of Land Management:** call 530-224-2100 to see if they have any community service projects
- ✓ **California State Parks:** Castle Crags, Burney Falls, Old Shasta
- ✓ **Mt. Shasta Ranger District:** 530-926-4511
- ✓ **Mt. Shasta Trail Association:** call 530-926-4511
- ✓ **Redding Trail Alliance:** call 530-515-0908
- ✓ **California Department of Fish and Game:** fish hatcheries, habitat restoration
- ✓ **US Forest Service:** adopt-a-stream programs, education programs, lookout programs
- ✓ **The Ecology Center, Mt. Shasta:** annual restoration of Panther Meadows. 530-926-5655
- ✓ **Conservation Districts:** Shasta, Siskiyou, Central Modoc, Trinity County

- ✓ **Lake, school, and neighborhood roadway cleanup**
- ✓ **Organize and carry out a recycling program for school sporting events**
- ✓ **Design and implement a recycling program for your family**
- ✓ **Do a radio show about environmental topics/projects**
- ✓ **Give a presentation to elementary school students about the environment**
- ✓ **Bulletin board displays at school on environmental topics**
- ✓ **Design and carry out a plan to acquire and plant native trees on school grounds**
- ✓ **Design and carry out an anti-junk mail campaign**
- ✓ **Design and carry out a composting project**
- ✓ **Check social media or your local newspaper for volunteer opportunities**

**Be creative! There are many ways to connect with and support the environment!**