

Service Challenge 2009

Purpose: To encourage students to make Christian service an integral part of their lives.

Process:

- Complete all requirements by 2009 NTLTC Convention.
- Confirm that students have completed all projects.
- Submit all Service entries at the convention on the **Challenge Submission Form** to registration by 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2009.

Rules:

1. Participants may choose from the following list of service projects or may create new ones. A major project such as a mission trip, VBS, work camp, etc. can count as a maximum of two projects but must cover at least three separate days.
2. Pre-approval by the Church Coordinator is required for any projects added to the list below.
3. When creating their own projects, participants are encouraged to meet the needs of individuals, assist their immediate family, build up their church, or improve their community.

Suggested Project Descriptions for Grades 3 - 6

- A. Spend one hour picking up trash somewhere in the community.
- B. Write five notes of encouragement to shut-ins, sick, etc.
- C. Help a shut-in from your congregation with chores at his/her home.
- D. Work on a recycling project for at least one month and donate the money to a non-profit organization.
- E. Write three letters to missionaries encouraging them in their work.
- F. Read a book of the New Testament on tape to be given to a person who has difficulty reading.
- G. At a cemetery in your community help with the never-ending fight against litter and weeds.
- H. Contact a children's home and arrange to be a pen pal for one of the children. (Send at least six letters during a three-month period.)
- I. Arrive early and set up for a church event that isn't related to the children's or youth ministries.

Suggested Project Descriptions for Grades 7 - 12

- A. Baby-sit free of charge for a total of ten hours.
- B. Locate a needy family and put together and deliver a "care package" of food, toys, etc. for them.
- C. Help three shut-ins from your congregation with chores at their home.
- D. Visit a local nursing home and read devotional literature or the Bible to the residents.
- E. Write ten sympathy notes to appropriate individuals or families.
- F. Write five notes of appreciation to Bible class teachers who have made a difference in your life.
- G. Volunteer ten hours to help church staff (i.e., maintenance, secretaries, or ministers).
- H. Volunteer to either pick up groceries for an elderly person or to take him/her shopping with you.
- I. Volunteer to work an hour a week for one month in the church library or workroom.
- J. Assist in a children's Bible class for one complete quarter or trimester.
- K. Make a quilt to be given to a child in a Children's Home.
- L. Make a bedroll for a homeless person.
- M. Make receiving blankets and diaper shirts for a hospital mission.

Awards:

There will be three levels of recognition in the Grades 3 - 6 division:

Gold -- 10 projects Silver -- 8 projects Bronze -- 6 projects

There will also be three levels of recognition in the Grades 7 - 12 division:

Gold -- 12 projects Silver -- 10 projects Bronze -- 8 projects

Rules for all Challenge Events

1. All challenge events must be turned into registration upon arrival at the convention.
2. One Challenge Submission Form per congregation will be completed.