

Successful Service Opportunities and Projects from All Areas of BC

This is a list of many of the successful service projects and opportunities already in place throughout BC. This is a reference for you to see what already works, what you may also be able to do and where there may be gaps or a need to be filled in your community. These categories are guidelines – of course you may do any of these things out in the community or at a camp or meeting if the occasion arises. **Remember** that an activity may result in credit in more than one program or badge – for example, in the Guide program, making a banner for Habitat for Humanity contributes to the Habitat Challenge as well as the Supporting your Community service project badge and part of the Art Production or Creative Craft badge.

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Outdoor Activities							
Shoreline clean-up	Seasonal occasional	- Municipality - Streams Society - Province BC	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Adopt – a park	Seasonal ongoing	Parks and Rec	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module Skills for Around Home Module	
Tree planting	Seasonal occasional	- Local municipality, - Parks and rec - Streams Society - Province BC	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Brume bash	Seasonal occasional	- Parks and rec - Province BC	Going Outside Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	

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Hummingbird banding	One time	Local birding association	Going Outside Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Municipal flower bed maintenance	Seasonal Ongoing	- Municipality - Garden club	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Skills for Around the Home Module	
Camp clean up	Seasonal occasional	GGC Area camp committee	Going Camping and Going Outside Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Skills for Around the Home Module	
Parks clean up for Earth Day	Seasonal occasional		Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Pitch In – garbage clean up campaign	Ongoing	- Province BC - Local municipality	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Fish painting on drains	Seasonal occasional	- Parks and rec - Streams Society - Local Municipality	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	

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Clean-up of invasive species	Seasonal ongoing	- Vancouver Aquarium - Garry Oak preservation Society - Province of BC	Going Outside Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	Aquatic or land based species
Parks cleanup	Seasonal ongoing	- Municipality - Province BC	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Adopt – a Stream	Ongoing	Parks and rec	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Adopt – a – spot Graffiti bashing	Ongoing	Local Municipality	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Adopt – a highway	Seasonal ongoing	- Province BC - Local Municipalities	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	
Adopt-a-park	Ongoing	Local Municipality	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Our Environment Module	

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Planting and maintaining garden at the meeting hall	Seasonal ongoing	Meeting hall management	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Skills for Around the Home Module	
Seniors' Home visit and garden maintenance	Seasonal ongoing	- Local Service groups - Care Home management	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Green connection environmental service project	Get Musical Module Skills from Around the Home Module	
Canadian Cancer Society Relay volunteer	One time	Cancer Society			Green connection environmental service project	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too
Activities for Meetings, Camps or Sleepovers							
Grow flowers to give to seniors	Seasonal	Seniors residences	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Special thoughts badge – keep a record of visiting people Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community or Green connection environmental service project	Skills for Around the Home Module	
Make valentines for Veterans	Seasonal	ANVAC	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Tie dye slings for hospital	Ongoing	Hospital auxiliary	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	

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Donation of hair for wigs for cancer survivors	One time	Cancer Society	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lend a hand Module	“Because we care, we donate hair”
Make quilts	Ongoing	- local hospitals - shelters - victims’ services		Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Emergency care bags for womens’ shelters	Ongoing	- Shelters - RCMP - victims’ services	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too
Make hygiene bags for local shelters	Ongoing	- transition house - victims’ services - immigrant shelters	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Collect and donate food to Ronald McDonald House	Ongoing	- McDonald's - hospital	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Special thoughts badge – keep a record of visiting people Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Make turbans for cancer survivors	Ongoing	- Cancer society - Hospice			Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too

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Knit quilt squares	Ongoing	- seniors' care home - hospital auxiliary			Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too
Goodie bags for transition house	Ongoing	- local transition house - RCMP - victims' services	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Letter writing to military personnel stationed overseas	Ongoing	Armed Forces	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Christmas or Special Seasonal Activities							
Help Seniors decorate for Christmas	Seasonal	- Seniors' centre - seniors' residence	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Special thoughts badge – keep a record of visiting people Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Shop for Angel tree – gifts for Christmas	One time		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module Beyond Pathfinders Module	
Christmas hampers	Seasonal	- Food bank - Municipalities - Service groups	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Beyond Pathfinders Module	Trefoil too

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Send Christmas cards to seniors	Seasonal		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Help people with physical challenges prepare and send greeting cards	Seasonal any special occasion	Arthritis Society	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Special thoughts badge – keep a record of visiting people	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Decorate Christmas trees at local charity tree displays	Seasonal		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Donate decorations – mittens and scarves Trefoil too
International Activities							
Make hygiene bags for overseas causes	Ongoing			Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module	
Toiletry bags for shelters and transition houses	Ongoing		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module	Trefoil too
Gather and donate hygiene items and clothing for Tsunami relief	One time		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module	

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Assemble AIDS angels for Africa	Ongoing				Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module	
World Partnership Walk	One time	Aga Kahn Foundation	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module Lending a Hand Module	
Clothes for Philippine orphanage	Ongoing		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module	
International aid day – donate clothing, hygiene kits	One time		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module	
Make beads for sale for fundraising for Guatemala	Ongoing				Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module Money wise Module	
Make Teddy bears to donate to Teddies in South Africa	Ongoing		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Going Global, International Service project badge	Girl Guides International Module	Teddies are South African equivalent of Brownies Trefoil too
Activities to be Done out in the Community or at a Location other than the Meeting Place							

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Food Drive Hike For Hunger	One time	- Food banks - Salvation Army	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a hand Module	
Sing for patients at the hospital	Ongoing		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Special thoughts badge – keep a record of visiting people Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Get Musical Module	
Walk dogs for the local pound or animal shelter	Ongoing		Going Outside and In My Community Keepers– Additional Activities	Special thoughts badge – keep a record of visiting people	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Build and clean shelves at food bank	Ongoing				Supporting your community service project badge	Beyond Pathfinders Module	
Wild Arc animal shelter – clean cages	Ongoing		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Clothing Drive	Seasonal	- Salvation Army - Shelters for Homeless - Big Brothers	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	

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Serve at, bake for soup kitchen	Ongoing	- Shelters for homeless - local churches			Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module Beyond Pathfinders Module	Trefoil too
CIBC Run for the cure	One time Help organizers run event (e.g. hand out water bottles)	- Cancer Society - CIBC	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities		Supporting your community service project badge	Lend a Hand Module	
St John's Ambulance First Aid challenge victims	One time	St John's Ambulance			Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Volunteer at Chocolate fest	One time				Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too
Booth sit for Women's Show, Welcome Wagon	One time				Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too
Promote events of other service organizations and charities through in the Area calendar	Ongoing Help organizers run events				Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Set up and take down tents for relay races, food bank	One time	- local municipalities fairs and events - food banks - charities			Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Volunteer at water stations for relays	One time	Cancer Society		Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too

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Staff concession for Night Quest or other evening activities in community	One time				Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Volunteer with fire fighters for food drive	One time Help organizers run event	- Local volunteer fire fighters - local food banks	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Host Fathers and Mothers Day Tea	One time		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Serve at church dinners	Ongoing		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too
Staff tables at school bazaar	One time	School PAC			Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too
Participate in local parades for Guiding or other charitable group	Seasonal	- Local municipality - local service groups - local charities	Going Outside and In My Community Keepers– Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Help hand out flyers etc for other parade members – while wearing Guiding uniform
Assist at awards presentations at games and shows	One time	- local sports organizations - provincial sports organizations - national sports organizations	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	

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Support other groups' charitable fundraising activities through promotion and attendance	Ongoing	- Sports teams - Habitat For Humanity	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	Trefoil too
Provide childcare services for parents attending workshops on parenting	Ongoing	- Parks and rec - Local municipality - Local college			Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Staff at Seniors' bingo nights	Ongoing				Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
BC Bowls	One time Help organizers run event	United Way	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module	
Host (Christmas) dinner for Seniors	One time, seasonal				Supporting your community service project badge	Lending a Hand Module Beyond Pathfinders Module	
Attend veterans activities	Seasonal	- ANVAC - Armed Forces	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	
MD Hop	One time Help organizers run event	- MD Association - Local Fire Dept	In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	

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Make Thank yous for local veterans and hand out at Remembrance Day activities	One time		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	Cards, bookmarks, notes
Make banner, make lunches, gather volunteers, seat guests at opening ceremony for Habitat For humanity	One time				Supporting your community service project badge	Beyond Pathfinders Module Lend A Hand Module	
Staff volunteer line for events, refer volunteers for events	Ongoing Help organizers run event				Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	
Craft table or face painting for children at events	Seasonal	- Local municipality - Fair committee			Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	
Read at library	Ongoing	- Literacy Society - Library			Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	

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Visit new baby girl and give future Guide t-shirt	One time		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Special thoughts badge – keep a record of visiting people Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	Trefoil too
Direct parking for cars at events	Seasonal	- Local Municipality - Fair committee			Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	
Provide coffee service to gate keepers at events	One time				Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	
Coat check at conventions, fairs and events	Ongoing				Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module	
Provide and collect recycling receptacles at events	Ongoing		In My Community Keeper – Additional Activities	Key to My Community – Community Counts badge or Special interest badge	Supporting your community service project badge	Lend A Hand Module Our Environment Module	