

4-H Community Service 2011-2012—Ru Ekanayake

Before 1st Community Meeting: Send emails about the crayon recycling project and school supplies donations, which are to be brought to the September Community Meeting

September: Crayons and school supplies are brought to the community meeting. Announce the scarf project, which is due December-January, and holiday cards for the troops, which are due December. Bring toiletries for the troops to the October Community Meeting.

October: Toiletries for the troops are due at the October Community Meeting. Donating Halloween candy to hospitals (standard). Making cards for kids with life-altering diseases through the Make a Child Smile Organization (MACS). I can hold a meeting at my house so the members can come and make the cards for the featured kids. Later I can mail the cards out. Announce Thanksgiving food drive for next month.

November: Thanksgiving food drive (standard). We can also meet at Mrs. Keese's house to make small Thanksgiving-themed napkin holders, name cards, etc. These can be donated to senior citizen homes. Announce Operation Christmas Child Project for next month.

December: Banning Center Soup Kitchen Volunteering (standard). Also: packing shoe boxes full of treats for deprived children through Operation Christmas Child—brought to the Community Meeting. Scarves are due. In addition: singing carols for senior citizens (this may be for older 4-Hers only.) Rose parade float decorating.

January: PV directory delivering, We can have a meeting to make tied blankets with fleece for women's shelters. This is TBD, as I have to call a local shelter and ask them what they need. Scarves are due.

February: We can make doggie chew toys for local animal shelters. Also: maybe something Valentine's Day based: i.e., making valentines with seniors, etc.

March: Book drive for an underprivileged school or the pediatric center at hospitals. Donate plastic bottles, etc to be recycled. Announce business suits donation for next month.

April: RAT Beach clean-up, and business suit donations. Announce Band-aid donation for next month.

May: Donate fun, colorful Band-aids to be donated to children's hospitals.