

4-H Service Learning is...A volunteer service that you provide with no monetary compensation. It is hands-on involvement with community projects.

Examples of community service:

- Volunteering at your church as an usher, teaching Sunday School, directing the Children's church.
- Volunteering at a nursing home helping the residents.
- Volunteering at the local hospital as a Candy Striper.
- Volunteering at the Rescue Mission serving food, stocking the food pantry, cleaning tables, etc.
- Volunteering in your school, picking up garbage around the campus, helping with school functions like PTA events.
- Volunteering in the community cleaning up and beautifying parks, picking up garbage in ditches, cleaning graffiti off buildings.
- Organizing and implementing work crews for various projects around your community, painting a house, mowing a yard or shoveling a sidewalk for a neighbor needing help.
- Relay for Life volunteering.
- Ringing the Salvation Army bells during the holidays.
- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H community service activities but if you are a member of the specific group/organization, hours spent fundraising do not count. (car wash fundraiser, selling cookies, popcorn, fruit, etc.)

4-H Service Learning is not...Watching things being done in the community.

Examples of what community service is not:

- Watching a parade and waiving a flag.
- Picking up garbage around the school campus as a punishment/consequence.
- Performing service where you receive a grade, extra credit for a grade, or money for you to personally use.
- Going to a church service.
- Going with a friend and hanging out with them while they are reading to young children in a hospital.
- Fundraising for a club/organization you are a member of.
- Setting up for club meetings, Family Fun Night, 4-H officer meetings, etc.

Service is actual work on your part to make the community a better place to live. There are many times that you may go to community functions, but that does not mean that you are performing a service. It means you are involved in activities that are being offered in your community.

PLACES TO VOLUNTEER:

Family Services, 3927 1st Avenue S (259-2269)

MT Rescue Mission Bargain Center, 1233 24th Street W (652-7340)

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store 3005 1st Avenue S (252-1855)

Goodwill Thrift Store, 951 S 29th St W (656-4020) and 1636 Main Street (259-3034)

Community Hope in Laurel, 204 Cedar Avenue (628-7281)

Adult Resource Alliance, 1505 Avenue D (259-9666)

Habitat for Humanity, 685 King Park Drive (652-0960)

Bright and Beautiful, 1315 Lewis Avenue (248-6617)

Zoo Montana, 2100 S Shilo Road (652-8100)

Area Nursing/Assisted Living Communities, hospitals, parks, libraries, museums, etc.