

QUICK TIPS

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Several student organizations exist for the purpose of providing service to the KU and Lawrence communities. These groups deal with topics including:

- Cancer awareness
- Children
- Crisis intervention
- Environment
- Homelessness
- Hunger
- Legal Services
- Literacy
- Senior Citizens
- Victim Support

For more information about the groups dealing with these topics, contact the Student Involvement & Leadership Center, 400 Kansas Union, 785-864-4861.

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Center for Community Outreach provides a link to many service projects. They can assist your group in finding the right project to fit your needs and those of the community. For more information contact:

Center for Community Outreach
410 Kansas Union
Lawrence, KS 66045
(785) 864-4073

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are available on the following topics:

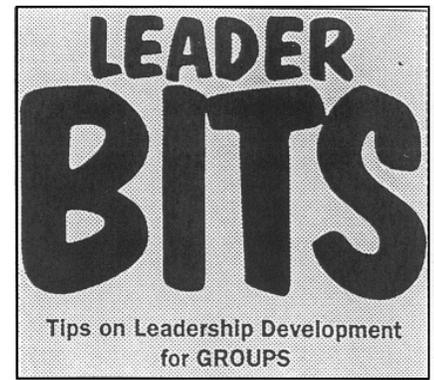
- Advising Groups
- Agendas
- Assertiveness
- Brainstorming
- Co-Sponsorship with Other Groups
- Communication
- Community Service
- Conflict Resolution
- Constitution/Bylaws
- Delegation
- Difficult Members
- Elections
- Ethics
- Evaluation Series
 - Group Performance*
 - Individual Performance*
 - Meeting Evaluation*
 - Program/Event Evaluation*
- Financial Series
 - Budgeting Organization Money*
 - Corporate Sponsorship*
 - Fundraising*
- Getting Involved
- Goal Setting
- Group Dynamics
- Icebreakers
- Marketing Your Leadership Skills
- Meetings
- Minutes from Meetings
- Motivation
- Newsletters
- Officer Transition
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Program Planning
- Public Speaking
- Publicizing Events
- Recognition
- Recruiting Volunteers
- Retreats
- Starting an Organization
- Stress Management
- Team Building
- Time Management
- University Events

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Your group has the potential to make a positive difference in this community. By giving a few hours a month, your group can provide a valuable service to the community. If your group is considering becoming active in the community through service work, here are some questions to ask:

Should we do a service project?

- Does your group have a consistent block of time that they would be willing to commit to a service project?
- Is your group interested in giving something back to the community?
- Has your group or members of your group ever done community service work before?
- Are your members committed to finishing projects that they start?

What would be the right kind of project for our group?

- What interests does the group have?
 - Possible benefactors include children, senior citizens, victims, the homeless, the developmentally-challenged, the environment, and the Red Cross to name a few.
- How many members will be able to help with the project?
- Does your group want to do an on-going project throughout the semester or a one-time weekend project?

on-going projects

serving at a soup kitchen each week
working with the Boys and Girls Club
adopting a stretch of highway to clean

one-time projects

painting a house
building a play area for children
a fundraising event for a philanthropy

- Does your group want to work with people or collect/raise donations ?

people

visiting a nursing home
teaching others to read
adopt a "grandparent"

fundraising*

canned food drive
bucket drives
t-shirt sales, car wash, etc.

How can we assure that the project will be successful?

- Why are we doing this project?
By examining the group's motivation, expectations and goals for the project, your group can determine the importance of the project. The members must take ownership for and support the project for it to succeed. They need to see that what they are doing is worthwhile and vital to someone else.
- What is the incentive for your members to participate in and follow through with the project?
Finding a way to reward or thank group members is very important. Helping others will be a reward in itself for many individuals, but there are some people who may need an extra "thank you."

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. Winston Churchill

* For more information, check out the Leader Bits on Fundraising.