

Service Projects of Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Community

The Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Community will be actively involved in 24 community service projects for the '19 – '20 scouting year. Participation is optional but please discuss with your girls and help them decide and then share specifics with their parents. Service to others is one of our top priorities. True meaning of leadership can be found through service to others. We are building our girls from the inside out.

1) **Kid's First:** Dr. William Andrews, a local Lynchburg orthopedic surgeon, travels to Central Mexico (San Miguel de Allande) 3 times a year and with his team of doctors, nurses and therapists treat children with severe leg and foot deformities. Most of these deformities are birth defects but some are the result of injuries. Through corrective surgery these children are given the ability to walk. Dr. Andrews is in need of small stuffed animals (gently used and the size of or a little larger than a Beanie Baby) that he can take on the plane. We appreciate the gesture, but stuffed animals any larger will be returned. He gives each child a stuffed animal before surgery and the animal is then waiting for them when they wake up. For those girls and troops interested please share this need and bring what you would like to donate. These can be brought to any service unit meeting or contact Rebecca for a pick up/drop off time (Becka6778@aol.com). Some troops might want to donate a dollar or two and together pick out this special animal (Dollar Tree Store is fine). They may include a colorful card. Please make sure we know which troops are participating. The LCCGSC team will box them up and get them ready to "fly" with Dr. Andrews.

2) **Coat Drive:** We will providing gently used coats and hoodies to the Salvation Army Center of Hope. They should be collected September through November and brought to any of the September – December Community meetings. You may also take them directly to the Salvation Army Center of Hope on Park Avenue or contact Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com) for pick up.

3) **"Thanksgiving Box:"** This service project benefits selected families affiliated with "Human Kind" (formerly Presbyterian Home and Family Alliance). Troops volunteer to decorate a box, something strong with a detachable lid such as one copy paper comes in and then fill with the items suggested ready for delivery for a family of 6. Items to include gift card (\$20 – 25 that will cover the cost of turkey), 40 oz. can yams, bag of russet potatoes or 2 boxes instant mashed potatoes, 50 oz. can of green beans, 2 cans of corn, 2 boxes of stuffing mix, 1 box mac and cheese, 2 cans whole cranberry sauce, 2 jars/cans of gravy, 1 pkg rolls, dessert (such as cake mix and icing, brownie mix, graham cracker pie shell and filling, cookies, etc.), foil turkey pan, holiday napkins, table cloth, card(s) from the girls. Deadline to turn in boxes is Friday, November 16. They should be dropped off at the Tarkington Building, 2600 Memorial Avenue, Suite 201, Lynchburg (green building besides Wendy's on Memorial). Enter via the back parking lot. Box and lid must be covered separately with paper. Contact is Mary Deacon mwdeacon@humankind.org 434-845-5944 X231. You should let her know at least by

mid October if you plan to participate in this project so they can begin matching up families in need.

4) **Salvation Army Christmas Stockings:** Last year the girls donated 150 stockings to the children affiliated with the Salvation Army Center of Hope. The stockings will be available for pick up at the Salvation Army by the third week in October. Troop leaders can stop by and get the number you need. They will give you the cardboard topper for each stocking and a sheet of suggestions. Stockings should be returned to the Salvation Army by the second week in December although they will give you a specific date. Make sure you secure (staple) the cardboard top well to close each stocking and label Girl or Boy and age. Salvation Army Center of Hope (2201 Park Avenue, Lynchburg). Questions: Becka6778@aol.com

5) **Super Service Day:** Saturday, December 14th at First Presbyterian Church on VES Road in the Fellowship Hall. The Daisies and Brownies 10:00 am – 11:45 am and the older girls from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Rebecca and Marion, event planners, are looking for Cadette/Senior/Ambassador Scouts to help with the activities in the morning. The participants will be involved in three service projects, make holiday crafts that they take home plus decorate and eat holiday cookies. The service projects include:

1) Handmade cards for local nursing homes

2) Collect items, decorate and fill birthday boxes for Meals on Wheels – we ask that the girls bring items for the birthday boxes – hotel shampoos and lotion work great, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, pens, soap, game books, etc. plus **piece cardboard shoe boxes** in good condition

3) Bring food for the Lynchburg Food Bank (wish list includes beef stew, peanut butter, chili and beans, juice boxes, rice, canned tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, jelly, dried beans, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal, tomato and chicken noodle soup).

6) **Christmas “Trees of Hope” Program** at the Alan B. Pearson Cancer Center: Our plan is to put a “Girl Scout” tree full of swaps on display at the Cancer Center. The tree will go on sale after December 13 with profits going toward the patient care support fund (helping to defray cost of wigs and transportation) at the center. We would love to have all of our girls being involved making at least 2 swaps a piece, tagging each with a word of hope and Troop #. SWAPs are “Special What Chamacallits Affectionately Pinned (or hung) Somewhere.” A way we promote friendship, made in memory of or to honor someone or a special event /activity. Each SWAP has a meaning. They are 1-1 ½” in size. Finished SWAPs contact Rebecca. She will need these between November 1 – November 7, sooner if ready. All trees may be viewed from November 25 thru Friday, December 13, closed on weekends.

7) **Christmas Angel**, affiliated with Human Kind (Presbyterian Home and Family Alliance) program where a troop can decide to adopt a child (they may choose age, gender), then shop from a prepared wish list for this child. Average cost is approximately \$100 spent, however, the girls can certainly be creative and seek donations such as a lovely handmade scarf and matching hat. This will take some

thought but allow them to be thrifty. Contact: 238-3745, ext. 241 or 238 if you are interested in adopting an angel..

8) **Poinsettia Plants for Meals on Wheels Recipients** – A wonderful gift for Meals on Wheels recipients, who otherwise might not be remembered during our holiday season. A poinsettia can be purchased for \$2.50 and these will be delivered. The scouts can help deliver their plant which is a great opportunity for them to be involved and for our “shut in” population to see children. Please call Meals on Wheels office 847-0796 for more details or to deliver. Or if you wish to just donate money for a plant from the troop, send a check made payable to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 1388, Lynchburg, Va. 24505. Please write poinsettia plants on the memo line. Cost \$2.50 for one plant, \$5.00 for two, etc.

Also, dry dog and cat food (5 – 10 lb. bags) are needed for the Animals Program. These donations may be dropped off at Addison Animal Hospital, Animal Emergency + Critical Care, Boonsboro Animal Hospital, Peakview Animal Hospital, Seven Hills Animal Hospital, and Rustburg Veterinary Clinic.

9) **Wreaths Across America**, program sponsored by the Blue Ridge James River Chapter National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. They are proud to honor our veterans and sponsor the “Wreaths Across America” Ceremony at the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg, Saturday, December 14, beginning at 12:00 noon (must be there by 11:50 am). This inspiring community event will include a motorcycle escort, color guard presentation, attendance of community leaders, scouts, citizens and uplifting music. More than 2,300 veterans from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam are buried at the Old City Cemetery. The goal is to honor as many as possible with a fresh wreath. Last year they placed over 1,000 wreaths. Goal is to honor more veterans. Cost to sponsor one wreath is \$15.00. See flyer about sponsoring a wreath and attending event. Flyer under “Service” on community web site. www.lburgccgirlscoouts.weebly.com. A very patriotic ceremony and open to all scouts/all communities.

10) **World Thinking Day** will be celebrated on Saturday, March 3, 2020, at First Presbyterian Church. The service project will be donating needed items for Human Kind (Presbyterian Home and Family Service) Back to School Program.

11) **The Sweetheart Dance** is tentatively scheduled for Friday evening, February 21 or 28, 2020, at the Moose Lodge. We are suggesting donations be brought that we will share with the Domestic Violence Prevention Center (Shelter for Battered Women) and the Miller Home. See #22 for suggestions.

12) **Cadette Camporee** weekend of September 28/29, 2019 at Camp Sacajawea. Each participant is asked to bring a box of granola bars for the “Food for Thought” program.

13) **Cookies for the Military**: This has been such a successful program during the past cookie seasons that Godsey Communications has agreed to do this project

again. They will mail any donated or left over boxes of cookies to military men and women from our area who are serving overseas. Cards may be included with your donation. Boxes of donated cookies given to Rebecca will be transported to Godsey Telo Systems where they are boxed up and shipped for us – contact Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com) for pick up/drop off spot.

14) **City Council:** Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The 2nd Tuesday starts at 7:30 pm and the 4th Tuesday at 5:00 pm. They would like to have a Girl Scout troop lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The girls will receive a pin and certificate for this service and may leave just before the council meeting begins. Please contact “Valerie” at City Hall, 455-3990 to reserve a date and time. She will provide you with directions, etc.

15) **Soldiers’ Angels:** Project is dedicated to supporting our brave men and women from our area who are overseas in the military. If you are interested in connecting with a service man or woman and provide them with cards, care packages, etc. contact www.soldiersangels.org You may adopt a medical unit as well.

16) The LCCGSSU will recognize **National Thank You Day** on April 2, 2020. We ask that each troop do something special to show their appreciation to the men and women in our community who put their lives on the line to protect and to save our lives. Send a picture or 2 to Jen Phelps our face book editor (jenzphelps@gmail.com) of what you did to say thank you and include a brief description along with your troop number. This could be special cards, creating sign/banners, making posters, special treats, etc. being as creative as you can on how to express gratitude to these first responders (police, firefighters, rescue squad, etc.). Complete “National Thank You Day” Form (on community web site under “Service”) including the names of girls participating and mail to Rebecca who will in turn provide you with an earned patch for each girl. Patches are being provided by Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Service Unit. This could be a great project to do in March in celebration of the 108th birthday of Girl Scouting. We would like to hear from you by May 1.

17) **“A Case for Kids,”** a program started by Jamie Creasy a local social worker. She has worked in social service for 11 years and currently works with a local foster care program. She estimates that 70% of the children she works with go from home to home with only the clothes on their backs and without luggage. Belongings often end up in a trash bag. Jamie has created a program called “A Case for Kids.” Items needed:

- a) back packs
- b) hygiene supplies such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc. and placed in a gallon size zip lock bag

Contact Jamie directly at jamiocreasy1975@yahoo.com or Rebecca and she will be glad to get them to Jamie.

18) The girls attending either Daisy Day, April 4, or the Brownie Camporee April 28/29 are asked to bring a package of adult socks (men's or women's) that will serve the clients at Daily and Warm Street.

19) **Horizon Parent Center** located at 2215 Langhorne Road is in need of gently used clothes for their kids' clothes closet. Horizon serves the working poor with presently 125 students in their program. You may drop off your donations any time during the day M-F or contact Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com) if you need assistance. They are actively reaching out to the community now helping families get ready for the '18-'19 school year.

20) **Miller Home Wish List** (serving girls ages 4 – 18): We will ask for specific donations from those attending the Sweetheart Dance: New bath towels/wash clothes, new white twin sheet sets, new pillows, calling cards, batteries (AA, AAA, and C), basic hair accessories, sunscreen, bug spray, hard plastic clear drinking cups, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, hand soap, hand sanitizer, umbrellas, toiletries such as deodorant, hair mousse and gel, bars of soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, thin sanitary napkins, and tampons. Your girls could put together their own basket of goodies for these girls. They could also use under the bed boxes. Miller Home of Lynchburg, 2134 Westerly Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24501.
www.millerhomeoflynchburg.org 434-845-0241.

21) **Meals on Wheels Birthday Boxes** – although we provide them with approximately 120 beautifully decorated boxes in December at Super Service Day, more are still needed throughout the year as this service and the need continue to grow. The recipients are usually the elderly, disabled or shut in and in most cases this box is the only birthday remembrance. Shoe box must be 2 piece (top lid and bottom) and both parts wrapped separately. Boxes should include such items as personal items (toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.), wash cloth, soap, shampoo, socks, note paper, pens, stamps, etc. Mark box for man or woman. They can be taken directly downtown to their 605 Clay Street office or contact mow24505@yahoo.com
www.mealsonwheelslynchburg.org 434-847-0796

22) **Warm Streets** is a non-profit community service program that works directly with the homeless or near homeless local population. They are in need of "Necessary Kits" for ladies in need of hygiene kits. In a gallon size zip lock bag...deodorant, soap, 4-5 pads, 2 pairs of panties (either size 5, 6, 7), granola bar, wash cloth, small bottle of lotion. Warm Streets is located across from the YWCA on Church Street, look for the red door and house called "The Lighthouse." There are more needs/more service projects. Contact Rick@WarmStreets.org or WarmStreets.org

23) **"Little Free Pantry"** As part of Troop 1097's Silver Award project the pantry needs to be restocked on a regular basis. There are two, one located at the Pediatric Division of the Johnson Health Center and a second at the Lynchburg Health Department. Baby items are greatly needed, particularly diapers. You can contact troop leader Latorya Alexander (latoryaalexander@gmail.com) 434-221-7142 or

Rebecca Becka6778@aol.com 434-841-4731 for drop off/pick up. Items can be given to Rebecca at any service unit meeting or event, etc.

24) **Junior Camporee** October 12/13, 2019., Girl Scouts need to bring a package of either men's or women's socks for those being served at Daily Bread or Warm Streets. The donations will honor Juliette Gordon Low on her birthday, celebrated at the Junior Camporee.

The Blue Ridge and James River Chapters, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Desmond T. Doss Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12179 are proud to sponsor the 12th **Wreaths Across America** Ceremony at the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg, Virginia. This inspiring community event will be held on **Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 12:00 noon**, and will feature a motorcycle escort, color guard, community leaders, and uplifting music.



More than 2,300 veterans from the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War are buried at the Old City Cemetery. Our goal is to honor as many as possible with fresh wreaths. The cost of sponsoring a single wreath is \$15. If two wreaths are purchased for \$30, the wreath company will donate a third wreath at no added cost.

In an expanded effort to assist our area veterans, we will also be accepting donations for the Lynchburg Area Veterans Council (LAVC). All donations collected in this separate category will go directly to the LAVC to assist living veterans in our area.

Please return the sponsorship form to the address below or use the enclosed envelope. *Contributions in any amount are sincerely appreciated.* For questions or information, please contact the co-chairperson, Penny Swisher at 434-237-3354. Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to **Remember, Honor, and Teach.**



Plan to attend this stirring event on December 14th and bring family and friends!

The Blue Ridge and James River Chapters of NSDAR and the Desmond T. Doss Memorial VFW Post 12179, Lynchburg, Virginia

2019 Wreath Sponsorship Form

Name to appear in the program (please print) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone/email _____

SPONSORSHIP	PRICE	QTY	\$ AMOUNT
1 Wreath (individual)	\$15.00		\$
3 wreaths (for the price of two)	\$30.00		\$
Donation (Veterans / LAVC)			\$
		Total	\$

If you wish to make your donation in memory of or in honor of an individual, please provide specific information below. List no more than two names.

In Memory of or In Honor of (circle one) _____
Name of individual (please print)

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Please make checks payable to: Blue Ridge Chapter, NSDAR. Mail check with this form to: Janet Bogacik, Treasurer, Blue Ridge Chapter, NSDAR, 3509 Gregory Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24503-3207.

All donations are tax deductible, and those received by Nov. 26, 2019 will be listed in the program.