

COMMUNITY SERVICE

With the Leader's advice the Cubs should choose two places that they want to visit/help in.

These could be:

- o a children's home
 - o an elderly home or an old person living in your town
 - o a clean-up activity
- » be an altar server (can be part of **Altar Server Badge** too)

Note: If the cubs chose the **clean-up** activity section, it is recommended to do

- o part/s of the 3 different sections (Bronze, Silver, Gold) of '**Our Environment**'
- o part of the **World Conservation Badge**
- o part of **Our Environment Badge**

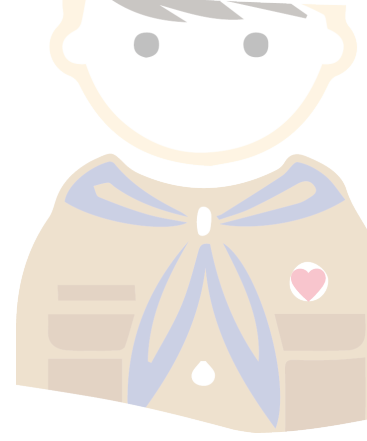
Make sure adequate safety wear and gloves will be used throughout the activity.

Suggestion:

- o The concepts of Community Service should be done in a practical session with the cubs, depending on what they decided to choose. First explain to them what to do, then guide them throughout the activity.



ACTIVITY FACT SHEET



Activity: Residential Home Visit/Hike/Clean up activity/



Objective: Learn the concept of helping others and create a better environment



Time: 1 – 2 hours



Outline: This activity will help the Cubs experience different scenarios in which different people live, while giving a helping hand.

In the clean up the Cubs will also start realizing how important it is to keep the environment around us clean. Hence by doing so realize that we left it clean not just for ourselves but for those who come after us.



Equipment: **If visiting a residential home:** Gifts/ cake/crafts made by the cubs to give to the people being visited
If doing a clean up: Picking equipment and gloves



Place: HQ/Campsite/Outdoors



Group Size: Silver/Gold Section



3rd Parties: N/A



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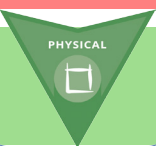


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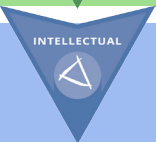


– This activity will help the cubs become aware of different realities in which other children, or the elderly live. In addition, being of service to the community makes us feel part of society. – ‘Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.’

John F. Kennedy



– Depending on the section they have chosen. In the clean-up activity a good amount of physical energy is required more than the others.



– There are two important aspects which one could learn from such activities.
1) Life isn't 'good' to everyone especially for the old people/children who don't receive the love of their family/loved ones.
2) Explain the fact that we are part of the Nature around us and not vice-versa, we will suffer the consequences if we don't respect it (give some examples).



– There are different ways to do this, depending on what they chose. Ideally these activities will be held somewhere the cubs never went, so they expand their observation skills and local/country knowledge.



- In all options we are faced with realities that we don't face daily, because they might not be effecting us directly, however as scouts it is our duty to contribute in society and give our help. Visiting a residential home can prove as a shocking experience for the cubs so make sure to process the feelings that come out.



– In this activity we are doing an altruistic deed which is a spiritual act in itself. In addition, seeing different realities can help us appreciate our everyday life.

SILVER ARROW

