

## Girl Scout Volunteer Ideas

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<p><b>Birthday Bags for Kids</b> - Families visiting the food shelf receive birthday bags for their children during their birthday month. Birthday bags include: 1) Decorative Bag - small-medium size 2) Cake Mix &amp; Frosting 3) Candles, Plates, Napkins, Other decorations if desired 4) Small Gift Item 5) Blank Card.</p> <p>Donations may be dropped off Mondays - Thursdays - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Fridays.</p>	Ralph Reeder	New Brighton, MN	<a href="http://www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org">www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org</a>	651-621-7450	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Operation Joy Holiday Candy Bags</b> - Donate candy and assemble 50 holiday candy bags (brown paper lunch bags work well) that contain: a candy cane plus 8 additional holiday types of candy. Deliver to food shelf by 12/19.</p>	Ralph Reeder	New Brighton, MN	<a href="http://www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org">www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org</a>	651-621-7450	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Operation Joy</b> Volunteer Opportunities - Volunteer on behalf of the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf with our partners at the Salvation Army Holiday Clearinghouse Phone Bank in Roseville (<b>volunteers must be 15 years or older</b>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- answer phones and register families who are seeking assistance with toys for their children</li> <li>- stock and sort toys</li> <li>- enter toy registrations into database</li> </ul>	Ralph Reeder/ Salvation Army	Roseville, MN	<a href="http://www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org">www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org</a>	651-621-7450					X	X
<p><b>Feed My Starving Children</b> - Help turn hunger into hope with your own two hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world.</p> <p>Adult/Child ratios by age: Grades K-2: 1 student to 1 adult (We recommend that groups of youth be third grade or older.); Grades 3-6: 3 students to 1 adult; Grades 7-9: 4 students to 1 adult; Grades 10-12: 5 students to 1 adult</p>	Feed My Starving Children	Coon Rapids, MN (also locations in Chanhassen & Eagen, MN)	<a href="http://www.fmsc.org">www.fmsc.org</a>	763.951.7308		X	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Animal Humane Society</b> - Organize a supply drive to collect the things they need most from their wish list, including items from your home that can be reused to help animals in our shelters. Note: Tours and fun programs available.</p>	Animal Humane Society	St. Paul, Woodbury, Coon Rapids, Golden Valley & other metro locations	<a href="https://www.animalhumanesociety.org/scout-programs">https://www.animalhumanesociety.org/scout-programs</a>	651-645-7387 (St. Paul location)	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Great River Greening</b> leads and inspires community-based restoration of natural areas and open spaces. Participate in a public event or plan a private event for groups of 20+. Restoration projects typically involve planting native trees or removing invasive plants, so plan to get your hands dirty.</p> <p>Field Learning for Teens is an outdoor youth education program, designed to introduce youth of color to the importance of environmental stewardship and the many ways they can be involved in caring for our shared natural spaces – now and as future professionals. Through hands-on activities in the field, teens gain a deeper exposure to natural spaces in their community, current environmental topics, and career opportunities in STEM and environmental fields. This is a free, one day program offered to groups of 20 or more youth.</p> <p>Notes: Ties into Girl Scout Journeys, especially the “It’s Your Planet–Love it!” Series. Note: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.</p>	Great River Greening	St. Paul, MN	<a href="http://greatrivergreening.org">greatrivergreening.org</a>				X	X	X	
<p><b>HOME Program</b> - Girls can develop basic household and landscape maintenance skills while helping the Elderly stay in their homes. Volunteer activity varies by season. During the summer, the HOME program focuses on mowing, gardening, painting, landscaping, and minor repairs. When the leaves fall volunteers rake until the snow stays, and then shovel until spring. In the spring we rake and clean yards.</p>	HOME - Household & Outdoor Maintenance for Elderly	Various Cities	<a href="http://seniorcommunity.org">seniorcommunity.org</a>	952-767-7894 scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org		X	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> offers free, nutritious meals to members of our communities in need. Volunteers over the age of 16 can assist with meal preparation as well as serving and cleaning up. Girls 8 years of age and older are able to assist with serving and cleaning up. Each portion of the volunteer experience is 2-3 hours in length. When volunteering, please consider a donation to help cover a portion of the cost of our meals.</p>	Loaves & Fishes	Minneapolis, St. Paul, Crystal, Brooklyn Center and other metro locations	<a href="http://www.loavesandfishesmn.org">www.loavesandfishesmn.org</a>	612-326-3673 volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org		X	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Operation Christmas Child</b> - Create, pack and ship shoebox gifts to orphanages all over the world. These gifts include essential supplies—like school supplies, toiletries, and toys—that create smiles and brighten lives all around the world!</p>	Operation Christmas Child		<a href="http://occtc.org">occtc.org</a>	Luanne: 952-942-8624 kalason@comcast.net	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>The <b>RCS Giving Garden</b> is a 6,000 square foot fruit and vegetable garden that has been around since 2009 and has donated over 17,000 pounds of fresh produce to the local food shelf, Valley Outreach. Volunteer groups of all ages can help with planting, weeding, construction of tomato cages, harvesting, and much more. Volunteers are generally scheduled from 9-11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings throughout the summer and early fall. Some groups come out once, others come out weekly.</p>	RCS Giving Garden	Lake Elmo, MN	<a href="http://rcsgivinggarden.blogspot.com">rcsgivinggarden.blogspot.com</a>	Kathy: 612-819-5061 kluoma@scoutsft.com	X	X	X	X	X	X

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<b>Red Cross</b> - Available Projects: Fundraise – Hold a Vaccinate a Village fundraiser to support the Measles & Rubella Initiative worldwide, hold a fundraiser to collect donations for general Disaster Relief funds Educate – Lead a Prepare Fair at an elementary school to teach kids basic safety lessons, canvas a local neighborhood distributing materials on fire safety and prevention Participate at Events – Decorate and sign holiday cards for military members during the Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign, assist at the Run For Blood race in the summer Host a Blood Drive - Provide space at your school, recruit and schedule donors, and publicize the blood drive	Red Cross		<a href="http://www.redcross.org/local/minnesota/volunteer/youth-engagement">http://www.redcross.org/local/minnesota/volunteer/youth-engagement</a>	Lisa: 612-872-3276 lisa.joyslin@redcross.org					X	X
<b>STEM Bunnies</b> gets kids excited about science, technology, engineering and math while playing with rabbits. STEM Bunnies seeks Cadettes, Ambassadors and Adults to volunteer each Spring to help with events including the Bunny Garden in Richfield, Berry Picking with the Bunnies in Hastings, and Bunny Boot Camp classes that are offered throughout the council area.	STEM Bunnies	Richfield, MN	<a href="http://stembunnies.com">stembunnies.com</a>	Stephanie 952-888-9544 stembunnies@gmail.com				X	X	X
Girl Scouts ages 8 and up, who are accompanied by adults, can volunteer to usher at <b>SteppingStone Theatre</b> 's main stage shows. As an usher, you will be responsible for greeting patrons as they enter the theatre, tearing ticket stubs, handing out programs, and directing to restrooms and drinking fountains.	SteppingStone Theatre	St. Paul, MN				X	X	X	X	X
<b>Community Gardens:</b> many schools now have gardens available. Volunteer to help plant or weed them.					X	X				
<b>Knit hats for the homeless:</b> Purchase kits from kidknits.org, donations to <a href="http://hats4thehomeless.blogspot.com/">http://hats4thehomeless.blogspot.com/</a>								X	X	X
<b>Electronics drive-</b> Recycle for the rainforest.			<a href="http://mnzoo.org/conservation/act-wildlife/cell/">http://mnzoo.org/conservation/act-wildlife/cell/</a>		X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Book drive</b> - donate to People Serving People, Hospital, shelters, libraries....					X	X	X			
<b>The Aliveness project</b> - bake cookies or decorate baskets for their holiday giving program			<a href="http://aliveness.abbeveverson.com/holiday-baskets">http://aliveness.abbeveverson.com/holiday-baskets</a>		X	X	X	X	X	X