

# SIXTH GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE

All sixth grade students in the Rincon Valley Union School District are required to perform at least twenty hours of public service. We believe Community Service is important for all sixth graders because it contributes to:

- ◆ A sense of self-worth.
- ◆ A sense of community with friends and neighbors.
- ◆ An understanding of commitment to a job.
- ◆ Growth as an individual.
- ◆ Learning responsibility.
- ◆ Appreciation for the environment
- ◆ Awareness of the needs of the community and how an individual can make a difference.
- ◆ Learning the value of service -- helping others who may not be able to help themselves.



*Parents: If you know of Community Service work that could be done by 6th graders, please notify your child's teacher.*

## GUIDELINES

Each student must complete twenty or more Community Service hours by mid-May. Community Service completed during the summer prior to 6th grade may count. Parents will be asked to sign the students' record sheets confirming the recorded hours. These will be brought to school where the hours will be recorded on the official record sheet.

**Up to 10 hours of community Service may be done as a class project or centered on the school. The remaining 10 hours must be completed outside the school day.**

The way in which each student performs community service varies widely. All that is needed is willingness and imagination.

### Examples of what does NOT count:

- ◆ Work at a parent's business
- ◆ Babysitting siblings or neighbors
- ◆ Visiting your grandmother
- ◆ Paid work ( in money or goods)
- ◆ Fundraising for your troop or 6th grade camp
- ◆ Participating in the ceremonies of an organization in which you are a member (e.g., Scouting or church ceremonies)

**The service must not benefit the student (other than emotionally) and must serve those outside the family -- benefitting the larger community.**

## SUGGESTIONS

- √ Recycling projects
- √ Community Service done through scouting, or other service organization
- √ Trash pick-up in your neighborhood, campus cleanup or beautification
- √ Visiting, playing games, reading at a day-care center or convalescent hospital
- √ Helping at a tree-planting or creek or beach clean-up
- √ Food Drives
- √ Creating or gathering toys, quilts, cards, letters, etc. for shelters or hospitals
- √ Working or participating in events such as the *Human Race*.

**At school: (before, after, or at recess)**

- √ Cross-age tutoring
- √ Organizing noon-time play activities for younger grades
- √ Recycling or school clean-up
- √ Flag-raising
- √ Doing office work
- √ Helping in the library
- √ Peer mediation
- √ Traffic control
- √ Babysitting for school or events (e.g. PTA)

Students who complete more than 25 hours of volunteer service will receive the **California Service Corps Certificate**.

Students who complete more than 50 hours of volunteer service will receive the **Presidential Volunteer Service Award and Pin**.

50+ hours = Bronze award

75+ hours = Silver award

100+ hours = Gold award

**NOTE: Hours for awards must be submitted by April 30**