



LLD - Cheerful Service in the Community Lodge Leadership Development Training

Session Length: 25 Minutes

Learning Objectives:

- The importance of serving cheerfully in the community
- How to select, plan, and execute community service projects
- How to evaluate successful projects and correct any problems identified

Required Materials:

- Copy of Lodge Community Service Guide
- Flip chart, markers, pencils, and plain paper
- Copy of signed approval form from Scout Executive
- Copies for all attendees of Community Service Project Schedule
- Several copies of evaluation sheet (for random evaluation of session)
- Sufficient copies of all handouts for each participant

Session Outline:

This session will enable the trainer to provide guidelines for the attendees to follow in order to perform successful community service projects in their local Lodges.

Trainer Preparation:

The trainer will need to review the Order of the Arrow Lodge Community Service Guide for correct ways to select, staff, perform, and evaluate community service projects in their Lodge. Another good source for the trainer is to access local organizations that serve multiple areas based on manpower, hours available, and ability to complete a project.

Trainer Tip: Prepare headers on the flip chart ahead of starting the session with questions or subjects that you expect to raise for the attendees to interact with. Question: Define Cheerful Service from the dictionary. Question: What does cheerful service mean to you as an Arrowman? Other headers for flip charts should be derived from the syllabus material.



Session Narrative

Introduction:

3 minutes

Introduce yourself and welcome the participants to this session on Community Service.

Getting involved within your community through cheerful service.

Most OA patches have three W's on them. What do those stand for?

- Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui, the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service

What does the phrase "Cheerful Service" mean to you?

Define cheerful service and how to incorporate it into projects within the community.

Through our chapters and lodge we can provide valuable service not only to Scouting and our camps, but to our communities. Many of you have taken part in community service projects organized by your schools, community organizations, or your troops. When we think about planning and running community service projects as a chapter or lodge, there are some critical things that need to be taken into account.

- What level of skill is required? It's easy to explain how to pick up trash in a park, but if you're removing invasive plants in the park you need to develop a bit more knowledge of what plants stay and what goes. If there's construction involved, some significant skills in carpentry might be required.
- If the lodge would be working in cooperation with a park, museum, or other organization, does a staff member need to be present for the project? When are they available?
- And who would actually carry out this project? Are there enough willing participants available to tackle the project you're considering?

As an Order, we are here to crystalize the habit of helpfulness in the youth of today. One of the great principles in our Order is the understanding that "He who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest."



First Topic:

5 minutes

General discussion on the difference between a Lodge-based service project compared to a community-based service project.

Discussion Topics:

- Who do we want to impact?
- What scale of project are we willing to organize?
- Should this be Lodge or Chapter based?
- If it is successful should it become an annual event?
- If it is not successful what can we do to change?

Trainer Tip: Pass out handouts including a list of potential service projects making sure to list varying examples of short-term simple projects, as well as more substantial projects that will take more time and effort. Include the web address for the National OA website. It is suggested that the trainer use examples of service projects from around the country to fuel ideas in the participants. Past issues of the Order of the Arrow Bulletin can be used to develop examples of successful community service projects.

Second Topic:

10 minutes

Choose a service project from the handout and create a mock plan for the project. Include the elements necessary to select staff, and how to execute and evaluate the project. Examples include: garbage cleanup, food drives, and Special Olympics.

Mock Plan Discussion Guide:

- Who is our benefiter?
- Who will organize the event?
- How many people will we need?
- How long will it take?
- How will people get to the project?
- What tools/equipment will be needed?
- Who will provide food and drinks?
- Who will execute the plan?
- Project Evaluation

Trainer Tip: Encourage your class participants to take notes and to use the mock plan to help them successfully plan and execute a project of their own.



Third Topic:

5 Minutes

Hold an open discussion on projects that the participants have been involved in. Let them discuss what could be altered in the future to make to make that project successful.

Example of a project: Our scout troop held a food drive to help stock a neighborhood food pantry in a low-income area and it was a great success.

Example of a less successful project: "Our scout troop volunteered to man water stations at a 5K run and to clean up after the event. Only three people showed up for the project. It was not well communicated and participation was low. Action plan: Ensure that the committee responsible for communications, website, etc. is actively involved in the planning and execution process.

Takeaway Challenge

2 minutes

Discuss how as a Lodge, or even individually, Arrowmen can make an impact on their community. Use the following quotes as inspiration and as discussion points.

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity." - Douglas Adams

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi



Appendix: Resources and Source Material

Lodge Community Service Guide, available online at

<https://oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/OACommunityServiceGuide.pdf>