

Environmental Service Project

Project Guidelines

Each student will complete an institutionally-organized, biologically-related service project totaling three (3) hours. All ecologically sensitive work will count. Ideas might include: volunteering for **Bridging the Gap KC**; helping at the **Overland Park Arboretum**; volunteering at **Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead**; helping out in the development of the **Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center**; or other service projects that students clear with their field biology teacher. Each student must turn in the attached documentation of participation with the supervisor's signature by **December 1st**.

While students are volunteering, it is important that they take pictures of the work being done and document what they did during this time. After December 1st, students will begin working on their Final Project, in which they will need to use the pictures they took during this service project to explain the work they completed, as well as why their work had a positive impact on the environment.

Potential options for volunteer opportunities, along with contact information, are listed below:

- **Bridging the Gap KC**
Students may visit the Bridging the Gap website at <https://bridgingthegap.org/>. Under the "Events" tab, students may learn about a variety of opportunities and register for a volunteer event on the website.
- **Overland Park Arboretum**
Students may visit the Overland Park Arboretum located at 8909 W. 179th Street in Overland Park and work to help maintain the Arboretum facilities. Volunteer opportunities centered around planting or restoring the gardens are acceptable. (While greeting guests and helping arboretum staff in other capacities is honorable, remember that the volunteer service must be biologically-centered.) Students should visit the Arboretum website at <http://bit.ly/2xz4Ysz> to read about volunteer opportunities and then email the Arboretum volunteer coordinator at volunteercoordinator@opkansas.org to get more information on how they can start to volunteer their time.
- **Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead**
Students may visit Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead located at 13800 Switzer in Overland Park and volunteer to assist in the maintenance of the plants and animals found there. (Remember that the volunteer service must be biologically-centered.) Students may learn more about the volunteer opportunities at the Farmstead by visiting <http://bit.ly/2wEYix0>. Students may find the volunteer application at <http://bit.ly/2xzjJMi>.
- **Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center**
Information to come.

*The student must have completed the service and turned in the signed documentation of participation by **December 1st**.*

Environmental Service Project Documentation of Participation

Due: December 1st

The purpose of this form is to confirm that _____ has completed 3 hours of
Student's Name
biologically-related community service.

Date of Student's Service: _____

Location of Student's Service: _____

Brief Description of Student's Service Activity:

Supervisor's Name

Supervisor's Phone Number

Supervisor's Email