

# SERVE Day Project Ideas

*For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Galatians 5:14 ESV

Serve Day is our annual outreach event that closes our Summer Small Group Semester. It is an exciting opportunity for us, the local church, to go into our communities and love our neighbors. This summer, whether through a Small Group or by joining a Serve Day project, come be a part of serving our communities and sharing the love of Jesus through simple, practical acts of kindness.

SERVE Day 2018 is on July 14, 2018.

How to register your SERVE Day project:

- Go to <https://southcoastmobile.com>, under the Small Group Banner click "SERVE Day Sign-up" OR go directly to <https://southcoastchurch.serveday.com>.
  - Then create a profile
  - Then simply follow the steps in creating a SERVE Day Project (In the top right tab or the very bottom of the Home Page)

When project is approved it will be open for people to sign-up and serve with you and your group.

Project Ideas:

Discuss the following questions with your Small Group to help decide on a Serve Day project.

- Who in your neighborhood has a need?
- What business or organization within your sphere of influence could use a blessing?
- What are some areas you're passionate about?
- What serve opportunities best suit your group's skills and abilities? (Prayer, worship, teaching, physical labor, etc.?)
- What resources does your Small Group have access to?

**General Ideas**

- Host a free garage sale

- Bring lunches to construction workers and servicemen in your area
- Hand out free gum, popsicles, sunscreen, or bottled water with Acts of Kindness/Invite cards at a local park
- Clean up a widow or single parent's yard
- Help with home clean up or repairs for those who are physically or financially unable to do it themselves
- Plan a "Back to School Bash" for foster care children with food, games, and a school supply giveaway
- Host a free car wash for the faculty of a local school
- Help with minor car repairs for the elderly, widows, or single parents
- Clean up or help with new landscaping for a local school
- Collect toys and games for kids in a local neighborhood

### **Nursing Homes**

- Deliver fresh flowers to residents
- Host a worship service (offer worship, devotions, prayer, and fellowship)
- Throw a "Senior Prom" complete with live music, food, and decorations
- Landscape a flower garden and sitting area for residents
- Let kids make crafts that can be given to residents
- Distribute snacks to residents and employees (check with staff on food restrictions)
- Help the residents complete care packages for foster kids

### **Special Needs**

- Identify a family with a special needs child and give the Mom and Dad a day out
- Host a party or a field day for the residents of a special needs home
- Build a wheelchair ramp for a family

### **Outreach**

- Serve hot breakfast to the homeless
- Do a community trash clean up
- Host a "Block Party" with food, games, and music for families
- Renovate a run-down playground or park in the area

- Do a door-to-door grocery giveaway
- Have a “Free Grass Cutting” day

### **Hospitals**

- Serve free coffee, energy drinks, and snacks to staff and those waiting in the Emergency Room
- Pray with patients and people in the Emergency Room
- Deliver small gifts and care packages to patients and families in the children’s wing or NICU
- Provide healthy snacks to patients of chemotherapy

### **Local Schools/Colleges**

- Serve drinks or snacks at summer band practices
- Serve bottled water at summer sports practices
- Give away energy drinks and snacks to college students
- Host a free picnic or give out doughnuts and coffee in the outdoor campus common space

### **Community**

- Wash windows of locally owned businesses
- Pick up trash in a parking lot
- Corral shopping carts at a local supermarket
- Bring lunch to your local police or fire station
- Give out free doughnuts and coffee at a bus stop or shopping center
- Take lunch or treats to your local librarians