

# Opportunities @ SCH!

## Helpful Websites

Below are helpful websites for learning more about community service and finding a good match! You can also ask one of the many local civic organizations for opportunities.

### SCHS Service Projects:

<https://www.carrollk12.org/schools/high/sch/SchoolCounseling/Academics/Pages/Service-Learning.aspx>

### CCPS Service Learning

<https://www.carrollk12.org/instruction/curriculum/servicelearning/Pages/default.aspx>



**Volunteer Match:**  
[volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org)

**Howard County Volunteer Opportunities**

[www.volunteerhoward.org](http://www.volunteerhoward.org)

**Baltimore County Volunteer Opportunities**

[baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/volunteers](http://baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/volunteers)

**President's Volunteer Service Award:**

[presidentalserviceawards.gov](http://presidentalserviceawards.gov)

**FoolProof Troupe**

<https://www.foolprooftroupe.org/>

Improv theatre group for teenagers dealing with important societal issues. **Must audition.**

**Volunteers for Peace**

[www.vfp.org](http://www.vfp.org)

International service projects available for teenagers. **There is cost for most projects.**

Many courses and clubs here at South Carroll offer community service hours in addition to your learning and socializing! Below are a few of these opportunities.

**Best Buddies** - Work one-on-one with special needs students for friendship and fun!

**Key Club** - Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership.

**Project Linus** - Project Linus is a club and service organization that makes blankets for children who have a need for comfort.

**Peer Facilitators** - Mature, empathetic, and dependable Juniors and Seniors help resolve peer conflicts, offer support and guidance, and help create a positive high school experience. **Must Apply.** (applications available in the Counseling Center)



**South Carroll High School students love their volunteer experiences:**

“Participating in Habitat for Humanity was one of the most fulfilling weeks of my life.”

“I have made so many new friends and learned I had skills which I never imagined I would have.”

“The kids don’t want to leave because of the positive and fun impact you’ve made.”

“As a volunteer firefighter, we run in when you run out. We are respected by everyone.”

“The people I work with are awesome and I’ve grown up with them. We’re like family.”



# Community Service for Cavaliers



# Why should I do community service?

## It is a graduation requirement.

Carroll County requires all students to perform at least **75 hours** of community service in order to graduate.



**55 hours** must be earned before you can be promoted to the 12th grade.

Access the **Service Learning Forms** at [carrollk12.org/instruction/student-services/servicelearning/default.asp](http://carrollk12.org/instruction/student-services/servicelearning/default.asp)



## You can earn awards!

Students with more than 300 hours of service will receive the Certificate of Meritorious Award upon graduation.

You might also qualify for scholarships and other community awards for volunteering.

## Are you thinking about college?

Colleges increasingly want to see community service and involvement from applicants.



## You can earn scholarships!

Many colleges, community organizations, local and national businesses have college scholarships for students who are involved in community service.



# Finding a site!

To have the best service experience, ask yourself these questions:

## What do I like to do?

Do you like to be outside or indoors? Do you like being challenged physically or mentally?

## Who do I want to help?

Do you want to help people, animals, the environment? Do you want to help in Carroll County or do you want to help somewhere new?

## How do I like to work?

Do you like working in a small team, a large group, or more independently? Do you want to be a leader?

## Who do I know?

Talk to your family, friends, teachers, clergypersons, and counselors. What have they done? What do they think you'd like? Do they know of any non-profit organizations where you could volunteer?

## What is around me?

Do you live near a school? A place of worship? A hospital? A community center? A nursing home? A park? All of these places need volunteers!

## What traits do I have?

Are you responsible? Outgoing? A good writer? Patient? A good listener? Do you have lots of energy? Are you creative?

## What would I like to do after high school?

Your service experience is a great way to explore work and possible professions. Think about what you'd like to do after high school and then try to find a community service location where you can practice the skills and tasks you'd need for that job.

# Do you have recommendations?

Absolutely! The following sites are *a few suggestions* only. If you do not see what you want, **do research**. Helpful websites are on the other side of this flap.

## Working with Children

### **River Valley Ranch**

[www.rivervalleyranch.com](http://www.rivervalleyranch.com)

### **Winfield Rec (sports teams and summer camps)**

[www.winfieldrec.org](http://www.winfieldrec.org)

**Summer!Kids@Carroll:** <https://www.carrollcc.edu/Programs-and-Courses/Non-Credit-Programs/Youth-and-Family-Programs/Summer-Kids-at-Carroll/>

## The Great Outdoors

### **Piney Run Nature Center**

[ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/pineyrun](http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/pineyrun)

### **Carroll County Parks & Recreation**

[ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/](http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/)

### **Irvine Nature Center (Owings Mills)**

[www.explorenature.org](http://www.explorenature.org)

## Furry Friends

### **Humane Society of Carroll County**

<https://hscarroll.org/>

### **Days End Farm Horse Rescue (Woodbine)**

[www.defhr.org](http://www.defhr.org)

### **Baltimore Humane Society (Reisterstown)**

[www.bmorehumane.org/](http://www.bmorehumane.org/)

## Medical/Fire

### **Winfield Volunteer Fire Department**

[www.winfieldvfd.org](http://www.winfieldvfd.org)

### **Carroll Hospital Center**

[www.carrollhospitalcenter.org/volunteer](http://www.carrollhospitalcenter.org/volunteer)

## Other

### **Carroll County Libraries**

[library.carr.org](http://library.carr.org)

**Habitat for Humanity:** <http://cchabitat.org>

**Carroll County Food Sunday:** [ccfoodsunday.org](http://ccfoodsunday.org)

**Carroll County Bureau of Aging:**

[ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/aging](http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/aging)