

# Snohomish High School

## Senior Community Service

All graduating Seniors of the Snohomish School District are required to complete eight hours of community service at an approved organization as a graduation requirement. Service completed from June 20th onward can count toward meeting the requirement.

### Guidelines:

- The organization must be a **non-profit, 501(c)3** and offer service opportunities that are community oriented.
- School district service opportunities will be allowed if the Community Service Committee has concluded that the opportunity has significant community impact. These school district activities must be educational in nature and be performed at the middle school/elementary level. No school district sport activities are permitted. No booster club or other fundraising activities will be allowed. Service done as part of being in a high school club does not count. **In general, all district activities must be pre-approved.**
- A minimum of **eight (8) hours** is required of all students. The required hours **must be performed outside of the school day.**
- Information regarding religious organizations: While students may not count religious activities simply because they promote a certain religion, we recognize that many religious-based organizations conduct service opportunities that have significant community impact. Use the following as a guide to help determine which religious-based activities would and would not be approved:
  - Must be service-based and to ensure the qualification **should be pre-approved using our permission form prior to starting your service.**
  - Examples of service that may be approved: serving the homeless, clothing/food drives and serving the elderly, etc.
  - Examples of service that would likely not be approved: teaching Sunday school, participating in church band/choir or ministering on behalf of your faith.

### Forms:

Necessary forms can be found on the SHS website under "Students" and "Community Service". Students only need to complete a Verification Form if the organization is already on the preapproved list or published in the school bulletin. Permission forms need to be submitted for review and approval by the Community Service Committee if the organization is not on the preapproved list (including school districts and religious organizations).

### Questions?

See Mrs. Cowan in A303 or email [kaci.cowan@sno.wednet.edu](mailto:kaci.cowan@sno.wednet.edu).

Ready to get started?

Check out these approved summer opportunities!

**Kids Café- Daily.** Help prepare and serve meals for children living in Snohomish. This program runs Mondays through Fridays from June 22 through August 27, and requires many volunteers. Sign up for shifts at <https://signup.com/go/TqycBau>.

**Snohomish Farmers Market- Thursday Afternoons.** The Snohomish Farmers Market has a number of volunteer positions, from assisting with flier distribution to helping with the Kids Club. For more information, contact Sarah Dylan Jensen at [snohomishfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:snohomishfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

**Snohomish Community Food Bank— Monday-Friday.** The Snohomish Community Food Bank provides opportunities for high school students to volunteer on Mon./Wed./Thur from 8AM to 12PM and Tuesdays from 7AM to 6PM and Fridays from 7AM to 1PM. To sign up, or for more information, contact [director@snohomishfoodbank.org](mailto:director@snohomishfoodbank.org).

**Forterra- Ongoing.** Forterra holds several habitat and ecosystem restoration work parties in Snohomish County each month. For a complete list of upcoming opportunities and information on volunteering, visit <http://forterra.org/events>.

**Klahaya Days- July 13-17** This annual festival requires many volunteers for a variety of shifts and duties. For more information, visit <https://www.klahayadays.com/volunteers.html>.

**Artwalk of Snohomish— August 18.** Volunteers are needed to help with the city's annual art walk. For more information, contact Toni Minish at [latona.minish@sno.wednet.edu](mailto:latona.minish@sno.wednet.edu).

**Camp Sparkle- Volunteer counselors** are needed for a camp that serves kids touched by cancer. For more information visit: <https://cancerpathways.org/programs/camp-sparkle/>.

**Boys and Girls Club— Ongoing.** Volunteers needed to support summer programs. For more information, visit: <https://bgcsc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>.

**Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue K9 Group— Weekends.** Volunteers age 17+ are needed to help with K9 search and rescue trainings. To volunteer for a wilderness training, contact Wendy Bowlin at [bowlin.wendy@gmail.com](mailto:bowlin.wendy@gmail.com). To volunteer for urban trail trainings, contact Linda Binkley at [bink4440@aol.com](mailto:bink4440@aol.com).