|  |
| --- |
| **Community Service VS Take Action “matching” game**  Suggested directions.  Have the girls write down the descriptions of CS & TA on poster paper or a whiteboard.  Put them side by side.  Print out & cut up the list on the following pages. Form even teams. Chose the number of examples you will use based on the size of your group.  Each girl takes a project description & decides which side her project belongs in, the CS group or the TA group.  (Hint for them - there will be the same number of girls in each group.). Once they figure out their correct group, have them find the one that "matches" theirs. Explain that it won't "match", but that the girls in the CS group should find a partner in the TA group who has a similar topic but makes their project bigger or uses more leadership and problem solving.  Note: the lists are lettered for easy matching. To make it more challenging, cut off the letters. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Community Service** | **Take Action** |
| Uses your time  Short term. Helps right now  You show up for something already set up by somebody else. | Starts with an issue  Uses your leadership  Helps longer term works to solve issue.  You get other people to show up to help you  with something you arranged. |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Plant flowers in a local park or school at a city sponsored event. |  | Work with the city or a school to create a  vegetable garden to promote  healthy eating habits. | |
|  | Collect clothing or toiletries for the homeless. |  | Create a drive, involve more people  and enlist other groups to do  their own collections. | |
|  | Paint walls to cover-up graffiti. |  | Create a contest for kids to submit  art to cover graffiti. Set up a painting  day with the contest winners. | |
|  | Pick up trash on Earth Day. |  | Advocate to the city for more  cans at the park. | |
|  | Collect school supplies. |  | Set up a school supply depot at local  church and enlist members to keep  it stocked. |
|  | Donate indoor plants to senior center. |  | Educate senior citizens about  plants & indoor air quality.  Set up a day to plant together. |
|  | Collect dog toys to donate |  | Educate people about the danger of  leaving dogs in parked cars or the  effects of secondhand smoke on pets. |
|  | Volunteer to fill boxes at the food bank. |  | Create a cookbook with recipes for  odd food donations or collect unused  backyard fruit in the neighborhood  and donate to the food bank. |
|  | Host play day or fun event for younger girls. |  | Create event for girls where they  learn STEM can be fun. Bring in female  scientists for the girls to meet. |
|  | Collect books to give to a school. |  | Set up a reading program at the Boys &  Girls club. |
|  | Attend a beach cleanup |  | Set up a beach cleanup for your school |
|  | Film and post a video about being kind to people. |  | Start a Random Acts of Kindness  week at your school. |
|  | Put up anti bullying posters. |  | Create a no bullying zone at your school  by designating a classroom where  kids could eat lunch |
|  | Build a bench at the park. |  | Build a free food pantry at a park and  Involve local schools to churches to  keep it stocked. |
|  | Collect sports equipment for special needs kids. |  | Start a softball league for special  needs kids. |
|  | Filming and posting a video about ocean pollution. |  | Educate people about how chemicals  used on lawns can drain to the ocean.  Make a video to show and discuss at  an event. |
|  | Paint a room at an animal shelter. |  | Talk to the animal shelter to find out  what kind of volunteer jobs they  have trouble filling and hold presentations  to get them more volunteers. |
|  | Make and give out non toxic cleaners |  | Educate people about indoor air  pollution. Teach them how to make  non toxic cleaners. Ask them each  to teach 3 people how to make them. |
|  | Collect cans for the food bank. |  | Create a food drive to set up a food  pantry at your school. |