

## **Desoto Central Middle School Beta Club Community Service Guidelines**

### **ALL SERVICE HOURS NEED TO BE DONE “IN THE NAME OF BETA”.**

Each member is expected to perform **at least 10 hours** of community service for the 2023-2024 school year.

Hours must be reported on the Beta Club Service Hours Log Sheet. Log sheets due on May 2, 2024.

**Definition of service work:** *supplying aid or services; to supply with aid, information, or other incidental services; ready to be of help or use to someone; at one's disposal*

**Exceptions:** Any work for which you receive pay is not to be counted toward community service. Any work that is done in the name of another club or organization other than Beta Club **cannot** be counted.

Examples of Community Service Activities:

- Serving and/or delivering meals to needy, elderly, or shut-ins
- Collecting and delivering Christmas gifts to needy (Toys for Tots)
- Participating in organized community and school clean-up/beautification projects
- Doing volunteer work or activities in nursing homes, hospitals, homeless shelters, animal shelters, etc.
- Helping with community events (races, fairs, walk-a-thons, etc.) that raise money for specific charities or non-profit community agencies. (Special Olympics, St. Jude, Heart Association, Habitat for Humanity, etc.)
- Working at church-sponsored community outreach events
- Helping teachers by watching their children after school if there is a faculty meeting.

Do **NOT** expect service credit for the following:

- Babysitting siblings or receiving money for babysitting.
- Doing household chores (These are your responsibilities dictated by your parents.)
- Working at a commercial, for-profit business.
- Attending or participating in various sports/games, required recitals, concerts, etc.
- Working on required projects for another club/organization
- Serving your church (usher, altar, nursery, etc.)

\*Always ask any one of the Beta sponsors if you are in doubt about being able to count anything not specified on the list. *Service Hours sheets should be completely filled out each time you complete hours, not at the end of the nine weeks when they are due. They must be signed by the adult who witnessed you performing this service.*

### **FAQ's**

- I am working on my Eagle project for Scouts? Does this count? Does helping someone with their project count? *No, if it is not done in the name of Beta Club, it cannot count. If it is required for another organization, it cannot count. Eagle Scout projects and selling Girl Scout cookies do not count for Beta hours.*
- I donated clothes to Once Upon a Child and/or Plato's closet. Does this count? *No, this does not count because you sold the clothes for a profit. You may count donating clothes to Goodwill or another organization but not those from which you earn a profit.*
- I did volunteer work for 5 hours. Do I earn 5 beta hours? *No, you can get credit for 2 hours maximum per service project. The total amount any student can earn for any service is 2 hours regardless of how many hours you actually worked.*
- I did volunteer work outside of school, but I left my service hours sheet at school and can't get an adult to sign it. What do I do? *Have another adult sign that can verify your attendance.*