

REPORTING YOUR MEMBERS' INDEPENDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS

1. The volunteer activities of our members, not associated with a Pioneer project, are called Independent Activities and should be collected and reported under your unit name. Only our members' hours should be reported in this category, not family members or friends, even if they are volunteering with a Pioneer.
2. Volunteers' names should be entered with the hours. Do not bulk report Independent Activity hours. Our members need to be credited for all of their time spent volunteering, especially your Regular members who may be eligible for the President's Volunteer Service Award.
3. All of our members' **independent volunteer activities need to be reported under one of the following 7 projects**. Please do not create any other Independent Activity projects. Examples of some of the activities associated with each of these projects are listed, but it is by no means all inclusive. If you have other activities not listed here, enter them under the project that best matches your activity.
4. When entering your projects, **the Category is always "Independent Activities"**, no matter who benefitted from the volunteer activity.
5. Do NOT build individual member projects. Group similar activities into one of these projects and add each member who volunteers in that type of activity as a volunteer to that project. The different kinds of activities can be listed in your project description.
6. Always be accurate in your reporting, do not estimate hours for your unit nor assume your members are volunteering. If the members don't report it to you- then you don't report it.

Environmental Independent Activities 2020

- A. Participating in community clean-up/beautification projects
- B. Providing/Delivering educational materials regarding the environment
- C. Master gardening projects (other than the member's own yard)
- D. Personal recycling (not associated with a Pioneer Recycling project)

Food Related Independent Activities 2020

- A. Donating food (not associated with a Pioneer collection drive)
- B. Working in a Food Bank or Soup Kitchen
- C. Meals on Wheels delivery, preparation, or non- monetary donations
- D. Working in a community garden
- E. Report time here that is spent providing food products only, not selling food items (selling food to raise funds should be reported under Community Service)

Education- Independent Activities 2020

- A. Volunteering at a school or library
- B. Mentoring students or volunteering to teach/assist with educational activities
- C. Donating books or school supplies

Military- Independent Activities 2020

- A. Any activity assisting active military, Veterans, or their families
- B. Greeting returning service personnel at airports or military installations
- C. Volunteering with the USO
- D. Volunteering at a VA hospital or Veteran's nursing home

Life Enrichment- Independent Activities 2020 These activities that make life easier or more enjoyable for others

- A. Volunteering with youth groups, such as Scouts or sports teams
- B. Providing Christmas and other gifts to the disadvantaged
- C. Nursing Home or hospital visits

Health & Human Services- Independent Activities 2020 These are Life sustaining activities

- A. Providing clothing and hygiene products
- B. Providing living accommodations
- C. Providing rides for others to medical appointments or treatments
- D. Volunteering in homeless shelters

Community Services

- A. Activities to assist with voting, such as volunteering at a voting location or providing/arranging transportation for folks to be able to vote.
- B. Serving on local City Councils, Boards, or Community Committees
- C. Participation in Walks for miscellaneous groups to raise funds (not as part of a Pioneer team)
- D. Volunteering at churches, other than feeding activities
- E. Assisting other groups to raise funds.

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