Service Module

Emory has a deep commitment to service and community. Our students have one of the highest participation rates for hands-on service in the country, and alumni continue this strong tradition.

The EAA, in conjunction with chapters and interest groups, organizes Emory Cares International Service Day each November. Chapters are encouraged to include additional service activities in their annual schedule of events.

Service projects help chapters reach a different audience and have the potential to draw alumni of all ages. Service projects are a great way to engage parents, too. Consider doing a family-oriented activity, like working in a community garden or a beach cleanup.

Value to Emory and Group Mission

Chapter and interest group activities in the Service Module directly relate to Emory’s strategic theme of Confronting the Human Condition and Human Experience. Alumni participation in local community service brings alumni of diverse professional and personal backgrounds together to address challenges of the human condition.

Examples

- Emory Cares International Service Day
- Local community projects (e.g., tree planting, food bank, green space cleanup)
- Non-profit walk/run/ride
Community Service Projects
Service Module – EAA Driven and group driven

Service does not have to end with Emory Cares International Service Day. Chapters and interest groups often host service projects year-round.

Consider different types of projects to attract different audiences. Projects also can be family friendly – a great way to build community and to teach children the importance of volunteering. Working in a community garden or organic farm, or cleaning up a beach is fun and educational for children of all ages.

Look beyond the typical service project or organization for ideas. Review résumés or business plans for “back-to-work” organizations, or help a local refugee community with language skills.

Wear your Emory t-shirt when you go. That makes it easy to spot other people in the group and increases visibility in the community.

Timeline
Select a project and contact the community organization 6-8 weeks in advance. Group scheduling often occurs several months in advance. Confirm details and send invitations 4-6 in advance of the project.

Things to Think About
- Is there a project that attracts a wide variety of alumni? Do you want a family-friendly venue?
- Is the location convenient to where people work and live? If not, will they make the drive?
- Weather might be a factor. Consider your climate before selecting an outdoor project.
- Does the organization have restrictions for participants (i.e. age limitations or size of the group)?
- Who will serve as point of contact with the organization and arriving volunteers?

Costs
Minimal to low. Consider sponsoring a meal together with attendees either before or after the project. Bagels before a project or pizza afterward are inexpensive options that allow alumni to reflect and interact.
Emory Cares brings alumni together in a celebration of service across the country and around the world. Through Emory Cares, alumni, students, parents, and friends serve not just their home communities, but also the wider Emory community. Emory Cares is one of the University’s most prominent vehicles for promoting positive change in the world.

Typically held the second Saturday in November, alumni coordinators in each Emory Cares city organize a service project and invite area alumni, friends, and students.

We will help out by handling registration, email communication, and a service project planning guide. We’ll also send t-shirts for participants and other event materials to your city and provide a budget to allow for snacks onsite at the project.

**Timeline**

Confirm chapter participation late summer. Begin event planning 12 weeks in advance.

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Walk/Run for Community Organization
Service Module – Group Driven

Being active in the community can also mean being physically active! Organized walk/run/rides that benefit a local organization are good ways to be involved in philanthropy and to get alumni together.

Please note that Emory-affiliated groups like chapters or interest groups must follow strict rules regarding fund-raising for other organizations. These rules are based on maintaining Emory’s 501(c)(3) status. Chapters can participate in a walk/run/ride, or volunteer for one, but they may not use Emory funds or communications to fundraise for the organization.

Don’t be discouraged! Organize a group of dedicated alumni to be active for a cause. And wear your Emory t-shirt, cap, or shorts on the day of the event.

Timeline
Recruit the team well in advance. Issue invitations to the local populations 6-8 weeks in advance, longer for more difficult events.

Things to Think About
● How fit do you have to be to participate? Will the team have to train or practice together?
● Set up a training schedule, considering different levels of fitness and difficulty of the event if necessary.
● Pad the team so that if people drop off, you’ll still meet the minimum requirements to participate.
● Set a day-of meeting time and location for participants, inform people in advance.
● Share cell phone numbers for people who are lost or have emergencies.

Costs
Minimal to low. Make sure the team has enough water and snacks to stay on track during the event.
Service Project With Keen NYC

Volunteer your time with the children and young adults of KEEN
May 16, 2009
12:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET
East 54th (Between 1st and 2nd Ave.)
New York, NY 10022

The NYC Chapter of Emory Alumni and AWE-NYC invite you to spend a fun filled afternoon of recreational activities and arts and crafts with the children and young adults of KEEN!

KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) is a national, nonprofit volunteer-led organization that provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with mental and physical disabilities at no cost to their families and caregivers.

KEEN’s mission is to foster the self-esteem, confidence, skills and talents of its athletes through non-competitive activities, allowing young people facing even the most significant challenges to meet their individual goals.

Children of alumni are also welcome to participate, but must be at least ten years old and accompanied by an adults. As some activities may include indoor sports, please come dressed appropriately. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Tran, Volunteer Chair-NYC Chapter of Emory Alumni, at Jessica.v.tran@gmail.com
Women's History Service Day
Sponsored by the Center for Women at Emory and Volunteer Emory

March 28, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET

Volunteer Emory and Emory’s Center for Women have partnered for the first ever Women’s History Service Day on Saturday, March 28. From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on this day, volunteers will complete service projects for 5 local agencies serving women and girls. Each project is sponsored and led by a different Emory group.

Questions? Contact Harold McNaron of Volunteer Emory at hmcnar2@emory.edu

Event registrations sponsored by the Emory Alumni Association