**Service Jobs** that are appropriate for Service Saturday:

The best service jobs are scalable (can accommodate a wide range of number of volunteers), require little or no special skills, partner with a community organization, and can fit into the time allowed. There are not exceptions to the rule that all work is finished before noon.

Outside jobs require that leader brings water bottles, first aid kit.

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| **Job** | **Partner** | **Skills required** | **What do volunteers do?** | **Leader to volunteer ratio** | **#volunteers, type** | **Materials required** | **Cost** |
| BINGO with seniors: purchase gifts at dollar store, then run a 1.5 hour BINGO session | Assisted living facility | 1 bingo leader | Sit with seniors and help them play bingo, socialize. | 1:20 | 20  Child, adults | Gifts from the dollar store | $50 |
| Singing with seniors: using a song book with patriotic songs and old favorites, hold a sing-along | Nursing home or assisted living facility | 1 guitar player/singer or a team of 2 | Turn pages of song books for seniors; socialize. | 1:20 | Up to 20, Child, adult |  | $0 |
| Rake leaves/yard work for elderly families | Senior Center/COA to create list of people to assist | none | Rake leaves, put in bags | 1:6 | Up to six per team, any abled bodies person or child | Yard bags, rakes, work gloves, etc. | $30 |
| Park Cleanup | Town Recreation Dept. | yardwork | Pick up trash, yard work | 1:6 | Up to 50, depending on size of venue | Yard bags, rakes, work gloves, etc. | $75 |
| Cooking for a cause | Soup kitchen, elder housing | Serve safe (1 person) | Cook, prepare for lunch, prep food for serving at a future date | 1:10 | Over 15 years old | Food, inspected kitchen | About $2 per meal |
| Yard cleanups | Senior Center | Raking, yard work | Rake, mow, weed | 1:6 | Any age including children | Rakes, yard bags, work gloves | Small |
| Repair Cafe | Rotary group | General repair | Fix items | 1:2 | Adult or teen | ? | Small |
| Crafts, such as knitting blanket making, cardmaking, centerpieces, party favors, etc | Hospitals, veterans hospitals, schools, others | Create items on the day of service, may take home craft to finish | Raw materials, some times sewing machine or other machines, craft items | 1:6 | Any age. Handicapped accessible | Depends on craft | Low-moderate |
| Furnishing moves and donations | HGRM or other furniture bank, public housing, Senior Center | Pick up and move boxes and furnishings, drive rental truck | Pack and move items, deliver to a new home or donation location | 1:6 | Able bodied – usually men and teens | Usually a rental truck, sometimes boxes, dump pass, pickup truck or van | $100-125 |
| Painting or other light construction | A charity or housing organization | Basic home maintenance | Prep and paint walls, hang pictures, fix doors, secure handrails, etc. | 1:2 | Teen or adult, children with parent | Building supplies and cleaning items | Low to $100+ |
| Card writing | Senior facility, hospital, veterans org | Basic writing skills | Write notes of encouragement, possibly decorate envelopes | 1:up to 20, good backup job | Any age | Cards and pens and markers | low |
| Give a one-hour seminar (emergency preparedness, opioid crisis, other health topic such as nutrition, how to stay safe during flu season, …) | Health, safety or municipal org | One speaker, plus greeters and ushers | Prepare for seminar. Welcome people in. Possibly serve refreshments. Strart seminar at 11. Good if jobs end too early. | 1: 6 | Responsible teen or adult | Pre-publicity | No cost or cost of refreshments |
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