

Tusculum College: Service Activities List



This is a compilation of all Tusculum College Community Service activities. Emphasis was placed on activities that are ongoing, annual, or repeated. Any information that needs to be added should be emailed to Joyce Doughty at jdoughty@tusculum.edu.



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Academic Departments

Arts Outreach contact: Marilyn DuBrisk

Serves between 5,000-8,000 people in the community per year, estimated 2/3 are youth

- *Books for Babies*: in partnership with Laughlin Hospital and in cooperation with Learn & Serve America and/or America Reads, staff co-produces a pre-natal class that focuses on the importance of reading to babies and youth as well as nutrition; co-sponsored by the Greeneville City School Librarians and GLAUPIGT who include a letter to the parent about reading to children, as well as a name plate that is included with a book given to a parent of each baby born at Laughlin, the books are provided by local business and organization sponsors, and the name plate is signed by an elementary school student
- *Growing Up in Greene*: partnership with Nathaniel Greene Museum serving 3rd graders in Greene County (~840 students) wherein the students write poems, essays, create artwork and projects which are evaluated and then some are placed as a gallery show at the museum; the students then visit the museum to see the different rooms and prizes donated by Youth Builders or Friends of the Museum are awarded to the best entries, followed by music and celebration
- *Actors Coming Together (ACT)*: county and city high school students put on a musical in Tusculum's theatre with Tusculum students volunteering to help
- *Theatre-At-Tusculum*: one-act play in arena open to community casting
- *Tusculum College Community Chorus*: open to community
- *Greeneville Community Band*: open to community

Willing to do: as needed basis programs, such as workshops, costume services, tech services (staging, lighting, sound)

Career Development contact: Amanda Waddell

- *Career Fair*: open to public, area businesses are invited

Willing to do: Internship Fair in collaboration with the CCA

Center for Civic Advancement contact: Joyce Doughty

- CCA has adopted Camp Creek Elementary for tutoring, mentoring, and service projects
- *Big Creek People in Action*: Caretta, W VA has an organization that promotes volunteer cooperation in building a civic center for the residents to bring their children to for programs, including a library and other services, the CCA sponsors trips for students to assist through the Bonner Leader Program and Curriculum courses
- *Bonner Leaders Program*: TC students promise to serve 100 hours of community service per semester at individually assigned placements

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- *Civic Arts Curriculum*: several courses are offered to fulfill the Service Learning requirement of TC students' graduation plan, these courses take on different projects around the region including Power of 5, health, and diversity presentations
- *Community Based Research & Mapping Project*: TC students go out into community to do research using GIS technology to map service areas
- *Earth Day*: students go into local schools and read environmental stories to kids
- *Job Shadowing*: service offered through Greene County Partnership where they can contact CCA and arrange for interested students to come and spend a-day-in-the-life with someone in their potential career field
- *Nettie McCormick Service Day*: annual event involving all Tusculum students and faculty providing services to local organizations

Willing to do: partner with Energy Action to expand Earth Day program, provide as-needed programs such as the recent "Why Young Americans Hate Politics" forum scheduled around Election Day, First Book Program

Dept. of Education contact: Carolyn Gregg

- *Practicum*: internship as an instructional assistant (teacher's aid) in local schools, required of each student for each course they take in the dept.
- *Reflections from the Past in Chuckey, Afton, Tusculum, and Eastern Greene County*: Education majors used Nettie Day to collect oral histories, then added them to stories collected by 8th graders at Chuckey-Doak Middle School, which were augmented by Carolyn Gregg who finalized the book's collection, editing, and publishing; after recouping her initial investment in financing the book (a grant from the Niswonger Foundation), Ms. Gregg donated the remaining copies to Chuckey-Doak for them to sell as a fundraiser.

Dept. of Museum Program and Studies:
President Andrew Johnson Museum & Library,
Doak House Museum contact: George Collins

Houses college archives, focusing on period 1818-1875, last year outreach programs served about 10,000 children (public school and home school) from 11 counties in Tennessee and 1 in southwest Virginia, and all programs conform to Standards of Learning (SOL)

- *Dig at the Doak's*: archeology program
- *Down the Garden Path*: focus on agricultural crops, native plants, ecology, and biology
- *Girl Scouts*: merit badge overnight stay
- *Exhibit-tied Program*: varies per exhibit
- *Our Lives in Community (OLIC)*: hosts a day at the Doak
- *Northeast TN Regional Sponsor for International History Day*: similar to science fair

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- *Quill Mark and Ink Spot*: Character Counts Program, K-8 literature and writing
- *Storytellers in Residence*: partnered with the Jonesboro Storytelling Center so that the Storytellers in Residence do several programs, including at least one of three at the museum's adopted school, Doak Elementary
- *Storytelling and Gingerbread*: reading K-4
- *Toys & Games of the 19th Century*

Willing to do: As needed basis programs, special groups such as handicapped group tours

Dept. of Physical Education contact: Kirpal Mahal

- *Exchange Club*: Field Day activities for Greene County Elementary School children through the Measurement and Evaluation class
- *Greene County Home School*: Curriculum and Methods Class teaches sports skills to home schooled youth (formally GLAD)

Dept. of Religious Studies contact: Steve Weisz

- Students volunteer at local churches as junior & senior high youth counselors and advisors

Willing to do: interested in the church-based tutoring program through the George Clem Association

Financial Aid contact: Karen Chapman

- *College Goal Sunday*: all local high school students get a written invitation to attend with their families; services include FAFSA form training, information on outside aid sources including Vocational Rehabilitation money available for students with learning disabilities, and the Lottery Scholarship available from the State of TN, followed by a Question & Answer session; food is provided
- *Financial Aid Nights* at local schools: staff members go to each school to present information and assist students with their Financial Aid applications. Similar to College Goal Sunday.

Graduate & Professional Studies contact: Cheri Jones; Knoxville Regional Center contact: Denise Wood

All Management courses incorporate a service-learning project component.

- *2nd Harvest Food Drive*
- *Angel Tree*
- *Organ Donor Drive*: table set up for students to register
- *Race for the Cure*: donate parking lot space and do a yard sale fundraiser in addition to participating

Willing to do: as need basis, such as soldier supplies

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Information Systems Department

- Donate old computers to local non-profit agencies as equipment becomes available

Library contact: Jack Smith

- *Greene County Textbook Adoption Display*: service for area school teachers to come and view new textbooks

RA (Residents Assistant) contact: Jonita Ashley-Pauley

There are 10 halls divided into 4 areas, each hall area is responsible for 2 service projects per month of their own initiative. They do two types of programming: active and passive. In active programming, they put together a program for students to attend. The passive programming consists of a flyer or bulletin board providing educational information about the month's topic. The programs follow a programming grid designed to address student problems around the same time they may be experiencing them. The program grid is set and guides their programming from year to year. Programs in the past have included:

- August: Welcome Theme: getting to know one another, hall policies, community living
- September: *Diversity*: respect for others, civility
- October: *Health awareness*: alcohol awareness, STDs, eating disorders
- November: *Gender Issues*: relationships
- December: Open Theme: closing information, stress management, holiday safety
- January: *Spiritual-Self Esteem*: motivation
- February: *Social & Emotional*: eating disorders, roommate conflicts, peer interactions
- March: *Occupational*: internships, summer jobs, etc.
- April: *Intellectual*: suicide, depression, mental health
- May: Open theme: graduation info, summer safety
- *Angel Tree Child Sponsorship*
- *Breast Cancer Awareness Week*
- *Coat Drive*
- *Mocktail Party*: non-alcoholic drinks served while discussing dangers of drinking
- *School Supply Drive*: for Camp Creek Elementary

Student Affairs contact: David McMahan

Activates vary each year.

Student Health Services contact: Diane Hensley

- *Blood Drive*: 2-3 times per year with either Medic Regional Blood Center or American Red Cross with over 200 students participating in the Carson-Newman competition

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- *Fall into Fitness*: health fair promotes health and wellness in community with 20-25 local businesses volunteering to man booths and provide services, with over 200 people attending from the public

TRIO contact: Jeanne Stokes

TRIO is a federally funded program sponsored by Tusculum College

- Provides Peer Tutoring Center open to all Tusculum students and free testing services to home schooled children

The following three programs are all aimed at students coming from a low-income household where they are potentially the first generation to attend college.

- *Upward Bound*: intensive program requiring extreme commitment from regional high school students including weekly meetings, counseling sessions, and a 6 week summer session housed here at Tusculum often using Tusculum students as RA's, the summer session has a community service component included
- *Educational Talent Search Program*: serving regional junior and senior high school students with goal setting, post-secondary and career exploration, financial aid counseling, study and test-taking strategies, course planning, and college fairs
- *Student Support Services*: serving Tusculum students with scholarships, tutoring, counseling, mentoring, cultural trips, study and exam-taking skills, prep materials for Grad exams, financial aid assistance and more

Work Study contact: LeeAnn Huffine

7% of work study funds are required by law to be for community service, placements include:

- *Center for Civic Advancement*
- *Instructional Assistants at local city and county schools pre-k-12*
- *Library*
- *Museum*

Athletics Departments

Baseball contact: Doug Jones

- *Dr. Seuss Reading Program, Read Across America* with Eastview and Hal Henard Elementary Schools
- *Greeneville Marlin Parks & Recreation Day*: Greene County youth come to a Saturday game and sit in dugout during warm-up, then shadow their position's player on the field during the anthem
- *Summer Youth Camp*: high school juniors & seniors are offered opportunity to do a two day camp where their skills are evaluated and they receive instruction, then they play in front of college recruiters

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Basketball (Men's) contact: Jim Boone

- *Junior Pioneer Clinic*: team teaches and coaches avg. 45 local boys & girls ages 5-14; 4-day clinic in the fall, and 1-day clinic in the spring
- *Assist with Move-in Day at Tusculum*

Willing to do: reading or tutoring program in local schools in groups of 2-3 each during spring

Basketball (Women's) contact: Missy Tiber

- *Adopt-A-Family-Night*: a home basketball game where all proceeds from the gate are used to buy Christmas presents for a local needy family, the team shops for, buys, and delivers the presents the week before Christmas
- *Basketball Clinic*: free for Greeneville Middle School students
- *Holston Home Visit*: talk to HH clients about the importance of hard work and honesty
- *Keep Greene Clean*: clean up a stretch of assigned road
- *Clinch School Girls Basketball Team Partnership*: mentoring program
- *ARCH Homeless Point-in-Time Count*

Cheerleading contact: Rondon James

Cross Country contact: Phil Roberts

Willing to do: as needed basis; actively looking for projects

Football contact: Frankie DeBusk

- *Big Brothers Program*: Read books to students in schools, wear their jerseys
- *Keep Greene Clean*: Green County Partnership, trash pick-up on 11-E from stop light at Applebee's until Greene Valley, once every spring
- *Boys & Girls Club Athletic Clinic*: annual Fun Day and working with their flag football team
- *Lunch Buddies Program at Doak Elementary*

Willing to do: nursing home and children's homes visits

Golf contact: Bob Dibble

Willing to do: annual day in spring

Soccer (Men's) contact: Brett Teach

- *Summer Camp*: 2-3 weeks every summer, 1 scholarship camper free-tuition as determined by a partnership with Habitat for Humanity

Willing to do: 2-3 activities per year in the spring

Soccer (Women's) contact: Mike Joy

- *After-school Soccer Program*: partnered with 4 county schools, ending with a county tournament co-sponsored by the YMCA for K-8 youth
- *Soccer Clinic*: free for the Girl Scouts of America

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Softball contact: Fred Gillum

- *Greeneville Youth Softball Program*: Free softball Clinics held every Sunday in October for Greeneville youth
- *Gifts for Kids*: Hand out Christmas gifts

Tennis contact: Tommy Arnett

- Helps Cross Country team with annual fall home meet
- Feed a family on Thanksgiving
- Feed a family on Christmas

Willing to do: as need basis programs (maybe)

Volleyball (15 players) contact: Nathan Baker

- *Summer Camp*: for high schoolers
- *Koman Breast Cancer Foundation*: Raise donations

Willing to do: activity once per semester, interested in doing something (camp/clinic) with Veteran's Hospital in Johnson City, especially something during the Thanksgiving Holiday

Student Organizations

Black United Students contact: Bonnie Taylor

Willing to do: expand community service activities, get involved with Black History Month and MLK day

TC Dancers (12 members) contact: Bonnie Taylor

- *Children's Christmas Party*: aid volunteers
- *Easter Fun Day*: aid volunteers
- *Reindeer Run*: aid volunteers

Willing to do: expand community service activities

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

- *Keep America Beautiful*: trash pick up on campus
- *Sponsored Child*: African child receiving member donations

International & Multicultural Society contact: Bonnie Taylor

Willing to do: expand community service activities

Psychology Club contact: Melinda Dukes

- *Monthly Service Project*: decided by club members
- *Peer Tutoring*

Willing to do: open to ideas

Student Government Association (SGA) contact: Jonita Pauley

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Willing to do: visit retirement homes, get involved with YMCA, canned food drives

WTPL/WTCV: Radio & Television contact: Barth Cox

- *Public Service Announcements:* received from Natl. Ad Council

Willing to do: as Adelphia Cable (Greeneville/Greene Co.) and possibly Charter Cable (Tri-Cities) give WTCV airplay, the PSAs will actually reach the public, and more local PSAs will be encouraged