

# KLC 2018 "SERVICE WITH A SMILE"

(HOUSING SERVICE PROJECTS @ KAY LEADERSHIP CAMP)

On Monday evening of KAY Leadership Camp, all campers and staff participated in a 20 minute service project. This activity was conducted by housing areas and was under the direction of the assigned staff. The objectives of this activity were not limited to the following: Communication Skills; Teamwork in Action; Organizational Skills; Awareness of activity ideas; Time Management Skills; Understanding personal talents.

Following is information on the activities and a brief evaluation.

## BIRDFEEDERS

**Asa Payne Cottage** – 20 Participants

**Project Description:** Students reused two liter bottle and made them into birdfeeders. The instructors poked a hole for the pencil (perch to fit into) and then about an inch above that, another hole so the student could use scissors to cut an opening for the bird to access the food. The yarn or string is attached around the neck of the bottle to attach it to a post or tree when returning home. Sharpies were available if the students wanted to decorate. The boys were challenged to make two, one for their own use and the other to distribute to a community area such as a nursing home. They were responsible for supplying or filling with bird feed.



**Items Needed:** 2 liter bottles, pencil, yarn or string, scissors, exact-o knife, sharpies, wooden sticks, pencils

**Would you do this project again?** YES

**Explain:** This project was very cost effective and has the possibility to be an ongoing community service project. Once placed in the community, the community members may request that someone return to refill them. This can also be a project for the KAY club that can also incorporate another activity, such as playing bingo with the senior citizens.

**What will you do with the finished product?** The finished products went home with the students to hang in their yards and also place in the community.

## TEDDY BEAR (MADE OF BATH TOWEL)

**Bankers Cottage** - 20 Participants

**Project Description:** Lay out your wash towel on the table and then fold it **3/4 of the way**. The start rolling from one end into the center. Flip the towel over, and repeat the process from the other end to the center. To make the body twist the bottom half, and fold the upper section 3/4 of the of the way. *Use the rubber band to make the face.*

**For the ears, pull out sections of the towel from the upper section.** The rubber bands will be used to secure the ears in place, make any required adjustments. For the finishing touch, *simply tie the ribbon around the neck into a nice big bow.* And....You're done.



**Items Needed:** 1 bath towel, 3 rubber bands, and a piece of ribbon for each bear.

**Would you do this project again?** YES

**Explain:** Very easy and fun to do 😊

**What will you do with the finished product?** The bears will be taken to the Burrton Ambulance Dept. to give to kids who are involved in traumatic situations.

## MONSTER BOOKMARKS

**Co-op Cottage** – 20 Participants

**Project Description:** Campers folded construction paper into square sizes that will make book marks that fit on the corner of children's books. Campers also cut out paper to make other accessories to decorate the bookmarks with eyes, teeth, tongues, etc. <http://katokula.blogspot.com/2014/08/how-to-make-origami-monster-bookmarks.html>

**Items Needed:** Construction paper, glue scissors, markers

**Would you do this project again?** YES

**Explain:** It was quick, easy and done with limited supplies

**What will you do with the finished product?** The bookmarks will be distributed along with free books to kindergarten students in need through United Way of Greater Topeka's Junior Leader program.



## KINDNESS CARDS

**Finnup Cottage** – 70 Participants

**Project Description:** Kindness cards for elementary kids on their first day of school. Each note will include a pencil or crayon.

**Items Needed:** paper, pencils, markers, crayons

**Would you do this project again?** YES

**Explain:** We completed over 220 cards, It was quick and easy, the project will bring joy to 200 students on their first day of school!

**What will you do with the finished product?** The notes were given to Auburn Elementary and will be handed out to kiddos on the first day of school.



## BLANKETS FOR NICU BABIES FOR CAMDEN'S COMFORT

**Hansen Cottage** – 65 Participants

**Project Description:** Organization provided the materials, two pieces of fabric, campers tied the ends of the blankets together to form one blanket.

**Items Needed:** Material

**Would you do this project again?** Yes



**Explain:** Two girls worked on one blanket and it was the perfect project to complete in the time allotted.

**What will you do with the finished product?** Blankets were sent to Camden's Comfort to be given to sick babies in the hospital.

### HAVE A GOOD DAY, GREETING CARD

**Preston Cottage** – 70 Participants

**Project Description:** Campers made cards that will brighten the day of those that will receive them. Names were requested beforehand to personalize the card, with general greetings, birthday, etc.

**Items Needed:** Paper, pens/markers, stickers

**Would you do this project again?** YES

**Explain:** It was easy fast project that many people can do.

**What will you do with the finished product?** Camp staff took the cards back to their communities for the senior living communities.



### THANK YOU LETTER TO "LIFESAVES"

**Weatherwax Cottage** – 20 Participants

**Project Description:** Showed our appreciation to people we know by writing letters expressing gratitude to them and including a "Lifesaver" in the envelope

**Items Needed:** Paper, pens, envelopes, lifesavers

**Would you do this project again?** YES

**Explain:** Appreciation is something that can always be used to brighten someone's day and show what they do doesn't go unnoticed.

**What will you do with the finished product?** The campers will hand deliver each letter that they wrote with a lifesaver included in the envelope.

