# Volunteer Time Ideas for Campers

How can you make northwest Arkansas a better place to live?

## Help Your Neighbor!

- Mow lawns
- Pull weeds
- Trim bushes
- Rake leaves
- Stack firewood
- Shovel snow
- Help them with a garage sale
- Help them with minor repairs
- Care for their pet
- Plant trees, shrubs or flowers of their choice
- Help them with whatever they might need!

## Help Others!

- Assemble brown bag lunches for a local shelter.
- Foster a pet
- Collect and donate:
  - Food to a local food bank
  - Toys
  - Coats & winter gear
  - Used furniture
  - Used clothing
  - Used books
  - Used crayons to The Crayon Initiative

## Clean Up Your Community!

- Pick up litter and trash in your neighborhood or nearby park
- Clean up trash in and around your school
- With permission, start a recycling center at your school or church
- Volunteer to erase graffiti and pencil marks in school bathrooms, hallways, etc.

## Brighten Someone’s Day!

- Make gift baskets for neighbors or senior citizens
- Make cards for children or elderly in hospital
- Offer to tutor another student virtually
- Write letters to soldiers (see [Operation Gratitude](#))
- Send letters to refugee children (see [Letters of Love](#))
- Decorate lunch bags for [Meals on Wheels](#)
- Make a special gift box for children in a local hospital
- FaceTime or Zoom grandparents or elderly relatives (offer a tutorial beforehand)
- Chalk your walk – leave happy messages on the sidewalk for neighbors
- With permission, paint inspiring message rocks and leave on your stoop, front yard, or on local trails