

RESOURCES

Planning a service project requires identifying the resources needed to ensure its success. By understanding what people, physical items, and financial resources are required, students will learn how to organize and plan an event effectively to maximize impact. This activity guides youth in identifying necessary resources, determining what they already have, and figuring out how to acquire what's missing.

CONVERSATION STARTER: Have you ever had an experience where you had to be creative and make due with limited resources? What was it?

RESOURCES WORKSHEET

1. Begin by discussing the service project you want to accomplish as a group.
2. Break down the project into categories of needed resources (People, Physical Resources, Money, Other).
3. Work together to complete the worksheet. List all possible needs under each category. Or if something isn't applicable for this service project cross it out.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Worksheets (one per participant)
- Whiteboard or chart paper for brainstorming (optional)
- Markers or pens
- Access to internet for research (optional)

4. Discuss what resources are already available and what needs to be acquired. Make sure to identify costs for missing resources.
5. Develop a plan for how to obtain the missing resources (e.g., donations, fundraising, ask people, etc.)
6. Assign action items: Who will do what and by when?

REFLECT & APPLY

- How did you decide which resources were most important to the project's success?
- What would you do if a critical resource became unavailable?
- Dive Deeper: How can problem-solving in resource planning teach us to be more adaptable in other areas of life?

CHECK UNDERSTANDING

How well did participants apply resource-planning skills to create a practical and realistic action plan?

Key Takeaway: The success of a service project depends on the resources available. By identifying what is needed and how to acquire it, you can ensure that the project runs smoothly and has a greater impact.



KEY OBJECTIVES

- Identify key resources needed for a successful service project.
- Develop a strategy for obtaining the necessary resources.
- Prioritize resources based on project needs.

FACILITATION TIP

Encourage participants to think beyond money—many resources can be borrowed, donated, or creatively repurposed. Challenge them to explore unconventional ways to get what they need before assuming they have to buy it.

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Use this worksheet to identify the resources you will need to complete your selected service experience. Discuss together what you need—whether it's volunteers, a space to rent, supplies, additional money, etc. In the next worksheet, you will write down who you need to collaborate with. For now, focus on the resources needed, and decide who will look into each of them. Sometimes you might need to make a call, do a Google search, or go to the store to get a few things. This worksheet is where you can make those assignments. You may need more or fewer resources, but this is a good starting point.

WHAT IS THE SERVICE PROJECT YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH?

Please fill out the Chart on the following page before answering these questions

- **What resources do we already have access to?**
- **What do we not have that we need? How can we get it and/or what will it cost?**
Will you ask someone to donate space, rent it, fundraise to get items, or ask who already has supplies or buy them, etc.? Write down your ideas.

NEEDS

**HOW CAN WE
GET IT**

COST

ACTION ITEMS

CONTACT

People that need to be contacted

ITEM

Items that need to be bought

WHO

Who's going to do what

WHEN

When will they have it done by