

ACRES Values In Action (VIA) & Service Learning Project Brief

The following projects are suitable for Value In Action & Service Learning project. They expose students to a different learning experience while addressing the needs of animal protection.

By executing one or more of these projects, one can raise critical awareness in the community and/or directly assist ACRES financially. These projects are suitable for individuals or for group work and may be done at home or in school.

Valuable resources and research information can be found in our website www.acres.org.sg. You may use images from our website unless it is indicated that the images do not belong to ACRES.

To have your hours endorsed for Values In Action (VIA) or for National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) hours, your group are required to submit the proposal to ACRES. You may email to volunteer@acres.org.sg for projects you are interested in. Feel free to come up with your own idea also.

PROJECT TITLE:	COLLECTION OF DONATIONS IN KIND
Estimated hours clocked:	<p>For every set of items collected, volunteers would be awarded the hours allocated. Hours can be stacked. For example, if volunteers bring 60 toilet rolls, they will be awarded 2 hours.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect 30 toilet rolls with tissue: 1 hour (Max 90 toilet rolls) 2. Collect 5 empty boxes (around 30cm x 22cm x 25cm) : 1 hour (Max 10 boxes) 3. Collect 20kg of newspapers and remove all staples: 1 hours (Max 60kg) 4. Collect 20 pieces of large trash bags: 1 hour (Max 60 pieces) 5. Collect 30 pieces of small trash bags: 1 hour (Max 90 pieces) 6. Collect 5 bottles of cleaning solutions (laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, hand wash, disinfectant, toilet cleaner, glass cleaner) : 1 hour (Max 10 bottles) 7. Collect 3 bottles of insect repellent: 1 hour (Max 6 bottles) <p>After the collection of items, deliver it to ACRES at 91 Jalan Lekar Singapore 698917: 1 hour</p>
Description:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect items for ACRES. 2. Bottles should be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-quarters) filled. 3. Follow ad-here to the maximum quantity we accept for each item.
Objective:	Sourcing for first and second hand items that can be used at ACRES by staff, volunteers and visitors.
Sustainable efforts:	Cuts down on ACRES' overhead expenditures.

PROJECT TITLE:	STUDENTS FUNDRAISING ROADSHOW
Estimated hours clocked:	5-15 hours
Description:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Setup a stall in school selling ACRES merchandise during recess time and/or after school. The students need to clock a minimum of 5 hours and they can clock a maximum of 15 hours, depending on their sales. Students can choose to do this roadshow fundraiser in a day or in a span of a couple of days. 2. Before the students start on the fundraiser, they need to submit a proposal to ACRES. This proposal should include the date, duration, method of doing this roadshow fundraiser as well as any foreseen problems and potential solutions they can offer. 3. Upon approval, student have to come to ACRES personally to collect the merchandise and also return them after the sale. 4. As this event is a roadshow fundraiser, volunteers also need to help collect donations with ACRES donation tins and distribute ACRES brochure and service learning forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take note that ACRES pull-up banners may be borrowed for display. • Students are to arrange their own transport to and fro ACRES.
Objective:	Help animals with innovative activities that raise funds and awareness.
Sustainable efforts:	The buyers should start to know who ACRES is and how they can help the animals. Also, this roadshow should educate more people about the wildlife in Singapore and how we can help reduce various animal-related problems such as exotic pet trades.

PROJECT TITLE:	MERCHANDISE DESIGNING
Estimated hours clocked:	20-30 hours
Description:	<p>Sketch the design of the merchandise. These merchandise includes-shirts and badges. The design should be able to educate the public on any of these aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruelty Free Living • Exotic Pets trade • Wildlife Protection <p>Note that that design cannot contain ACRES logo and please send the design to ACRES email, by scanning, for approval before the printing of the t-shirt.</p> <p>Students will first design the merchandise and come up with a short description of the design, explaining why they have chosen this design (min. 200 words). Upon confirmation of the design, students will print the t-shirt and sell it. They need to find their own suppliers and print the t-shirts by themselves. As such, it is preferable if they can find a sponsor. After the sale of the t-shirts, the students can take back whatever they have spent on the t-shirt and the remainder of the proceeds will go to ACRES. The remainder of the t-shirts could be kept by the students or donated to ACRES. Students should not see this project as a way to earn money nor should they turn it into a business.</p> <p>Students should also try and get a receipt from the t-shirt supplier and also take down the number of t-shirts sold and amount raised. This ensures that all of the funds raised are for a accountable for and it's for a charitable cause.</p>
Objective:	To raise awareness about animal cruelty and ACRES as a non-profit organization that aims to create a cruelty-free world for animals amongst students

Project title	Animal Care
Estimated hours clocked	3 hours
Description	<p>Volunteers will come over to ACRES wildlife sanctuary and help out with the maintenance of the sanctuary as well as feeding the animals.</p> <p>Maintenance usually involved cleaning of the outdoor enclosures. Feeding includes the preparation and actual feeding process.</p> <p>Volunteer day: Monday to Sunday</p> <p>Duration of volunteering: 3 months (2 shifts per month)</p> <p>Shifts: Morning shift (10am - 1pm); Afternoon shift (2pm – 5pm)</p> <p>Numbers of volunteers needed: Only 2 volunteer needed for each shift</p>
Objective	Lighten the workload of ACRES staff and allows more things to be done as such tasks are handled by volunteers.