

2007-2008 Upper School Community Service Participation Form

As you may know, Service Learning takes many forms in the Upper School at Athens Academy. Traditionally, the service-oriented, student-led clubs (Habitat for Humanity, Interact, SEEDS, and Media & Technology) have taken a major role in promoting community service participation. Membership in these clubs is voluntary and requires attendance at meetings and a minimum number of service hours. However, participation in the service projects of these clubs is generally open to **ALL** members of the Upper School student body. In addition, there are now well-established class level service projects in which all the members of each class are encouraged to participate. Also, during the December holiday season, advisory groups may choose to participate in the Holiday Families Project through which gifts and seasonal foods are provided for needy local families. Additionally, a number of academic disciplines have found ways to integrate consideration of service concepts into the curriculum. Finally, there is our annual Service Day in which all members of the Upper School student and faculty participate in a day of community service.

To facilitate the process of granting parental permission to participate in these various projects, we have prepared what we hope is a comprehensive form. We ask that you review below the service project choices available to your son/daughter. Faculty chaperones will be present at most service activities. Oglethorpe tutoring is supervised by Clarke County educators/staff. Hospital Helpers are supervised by staff at ARMC. We recommend that you initial below for “**ANY/ALL OF THE ABOVE**” – this does **NOT** obligate your child to participate, but grants permission if he/she chooses to do so. However, if you prefer for him/her not to participate in particular activities, please mark those items and initial next to “**NONE OF THE ACTIVITIES MARKED**”. Parents/guardians should also be aware that on some of the building service activities students might have the opportunity to use certain power tools. Such an activity would be closely supervised and appropriate safety equipment would be used. Athens Academy will provide transportation to and from Service Day activities located off-campus. However, we do ask that you acknowledge your responsibility for transportation of your child to and from all other service events by **ALSO signing & dating at the bottom of this form**. This permission slip covers most service events for 2007-2008. Participation in the Relay for Life in May will require separate authorization that will be forwarded to you in the spring.

Detailed information about each of these activities will be provided for the students and will be generally published on the Dean of Students webpage; however, if you have any questions or concerns about this form or about these activities, please do not hesitate to call the Upper School Office.

Habitat for Humanity

On-Campus Builds _____
 Off-Campus Builds _____
 Off-Campus Fundraiser _____
 Community Education _____

Interact

Shelter Dinners _____
 Oglethorpe Tutoring _____
 Concessions Help _____
 Fall Festival Parking _____
 Holiday Bell Ringing _____
 Rotary Officer Lunch _____
 Hands on Athens _____
 Humane Society _____
 Hospital Visits _____

Class Projects

Elder Care Activities _____
 Fundraising Activities _____
 Holiday Deliveries _____
 Clothing Deliveries _____
 Shelter Dinners _____
 Oglethorpe Tutoring _____

SEEDS

Tree Recycling _____
 Botanical Gardens _____
 Community Education _____
 Ecology Field/Camping Trips _____

Service Day

Special Olympics Basketball/Bowling _____
 Food Bank NE Georgia _____
 Touring Entertainers _____
 Painting Crews _____
 Nursing Home Visitors _____
 Red Cross Volunteers _____
 Jubilee Partners _____
 Public Elementary Schools _____
 Habitat Build _____
 Fundraising Project _____
 Salvation Army Dinner Prep _____

Summer Service & Retreats

Use of Power Tools _____

ANY/ALL THE ABOVE _____ **(initial)**

...OR...

NONE OF THE ACTIVITIES MARKED _____ **(initial)**

With the exception of Service Day activities, I accept responsibility for transportation of **my son/daughter**,

_____ **(PLEASE PRINT)**, to and from the events I have approved above.

SIGNED: _____

DATED: _____