

MAPPING THE COMMUNITY

Your community already has organizations, programs and leaders that help with some of the needs and issues you discovered. Do research to create a map of places and people that are doing good things to help in your community.

In this activity: Your club will create a map of your community that shows its many important places where you might find service project partners or sites.

How to lead this activity:

1. Post a piece of flipchart paper on the whiteboard or wall. Write N (for north), S (for south), W (for west) and E (for east) on each side of the map.
2. Ask members to turn to the completed "Mapping My Community" in their Member Guide (on page 5).
3. Explain that the purpose of the activity is to use research to create a map of your community that shows its many important places.
4. Separate members into four groups. Assign each group one of the topics below:
 - Community organizations that help people.
 - Schools and hospitals.
 - Public places and parks.
 - Our school programs that help students and families.
5. Have the groups discuss what they wrote in their Member Guide.
6. Ask each group to take turns drawing the places they found in their category on the map. Ask them to draw small enough and on the right part of the map so that the other groups' places fit.
7. Discuss the map. Are any important places missing? Are there important community leaders that you should put on the map (like your mayor)?
8. Thank members for their work and put the map where your club can use it again.

Supplies needed:

- Flipchart paper.
- Markers.
- Smart devices and internet access.
- Each member's K-Kids Member Guide (with completed "Mapping My Community" activity on page 5).

