

KLC 2014 "SERVICE WITH A SMILE"

(HOUSING SERVICE PROJECTS @ KAY LEADERSHIP CAMP)

On Monday evening of KAY Leadership Camp, all campers and staff participated in a 20 minute service project. This activity was conducted by housing areas and was under the direction of the assigned staff. The objectives of this activity were not limited to the following: Communication Skills; Teamwork in Action; Organizational Skills; Awareness of activity ideas; Time Management Skills; Understanding personal talents.

Following is information on the activities and a brief evaluation.

Asa Payne – HOMEMADE FLEECE BLANKETS FOR HUMANE SOCIETY

20 Participants

Project Description:

8 Fleece blankets of various sizes. Participants worked in a small groups to cut strips along borders of fleece. They then tied the strips in knots to create blankets from the material.

Items Needed:

3x5 recipe cards (for cutting evens strips); scissors; fleece (cut into 1 or 1.5 yd. lengths)

Would you do this project again? YES

Explain: I would do this project again, except allow more time for the campers to complete it or have all the strips cut before it begins. They could do it throughout the week when they have down time at the cottage (if they want). I would also probably make the blankets a little smaller. Other alterations to the project could include asking for old blankets to be donated as admission to a school event or club meeting.

What will you do with the finished product?

They will be donated to the Humane Society in Wichita, KS.

Bankers – FLEECE LAP BLANKETS

20 Participants

Project Description:

2 Lap Blankets for nursing home residents. Laid the 2 – ½ yards on top of each other and cut the strips together and tied the corners to keep the strips matched up.

Items Needed:

1 yard Plain fleece; 1 yard patterned fleece; scissors

Would you do this project again? YES

Explain: We would like to make shawls for the residents next year!

What will you do with the finished product?

Give to nursing home residents at one of the staff's job.

Co-op – PORTACATH PILLOWS FOR VICTORY IN THE VALLEY

20 Participants

Project Description:

Made portacath pillows for Breast Cancer patients. Staff members did prep work and had 3 sides sewn. The items were ready for campers to turn inside cut, stuff and stitch closed.

Items Needed:

Fabric; thread; batting/stuffing; velcro

Would you do this project again? YES/NO

Explain: This project will not work in one 20 minute session with no prep work. But it could be done in many 20 minutes sessions.

What will you do with the finished product?

Deliver items to Victory in the Valley so the Breast Cancer patients may use them.

Finnup – BOOKMARKS

55 Participants

Project Description:

Colored bookmarks and made yarn tassels for them

Items Needed:

Cardstock; yarn; markers/colored pencils

Would you do this project again? YES

Explain: It was easy, pretty quick and students could work on them in the evening at the cottage.

What will you do with the finished product?

Take to after school program at Sunset & Oakdale schools in Salina.

Hansen – RICE SOCKS FOR CARE HOMES

Preston– DOG CHEW TOYS

51 Participants

Project Description:

Dog chew toys made of fleece. Use (3) 18"-20" strips of fleece. A knot is tied at top and then the three strips are braided. A knot is tied at the bottom. The strips are roughly 3" wide.

Items Needed:

Fleece; Scissors

Would you do this project again? YES

Explain: It was easy. The Humane Society said that they can never get enough of them.

What will you do with the finished product?

Given to the Kansas Humane Society in Wichita to distribute

Weatherwax– CAPES FOR CHILDREN WITH ILLNESSES

18 Participants

Project Description:

Made 50 fabric capes for small kids, suffering from illness and/or cancer

Items Needed:

3 x5 index cards; Needles; Ribbon; Safety pins; Thread; Scissors

Would you do this project again? YES

Explain: Fabric was donated, pressed, cut and surged. Campers were able to simply choose their fabric, ribbon and thread.

What will you do with the finished product?

Delivered to Via Christi Hospital