



## GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY(S) APRIL 17-19, 2020

**Register** your GYSD project at <http://leadasap.ysa.org/gysd#register>. You can register as an individual, group, club, school, etc. Use this **GYSD Spark Fire worksheet** to: <https://ysa.ispringcloud.com/acc/Yvsm3YAxMzg5MA/s/13890-L2BPi-Mwqt3-2cioW>

- 1) Choose your spark, i.e., education, safe driving, water, bullying, disease, etc.
- 2) Identify your personal assets or passion, i.e., music, art, speech, comedy, reading, etc.
- 3) Choose your action strategy, i.e., service, advocacy, philanthropy
- 4) Put it all together in the worksheet!

**Add the hash tag #dogoodfromhome** to your projects

<https://www.dogoodfromhome.com/>. See *Do Good From Home* website for more information, ideas, resources, and to see what others have already done! Some examples and ideas:

- 1) Bake muffins and deliver them to healthcare professionals. Be sure to use social distancing protocol, masks, gloves, and have an adult with you;
- 2) Leave a potted plant on a neighbor's doorstep;
- 3) Write thank you notes and give them to the people who deliver your mail, packages, take-out food, etc. (use gloves when you give them your notes);
- 4) Use sidewalk chalk to draw positive, fun images for your neighbors to see as they walk around;
- 5) Foster an animal during the quarantine period (some shelters do not have enough staff to take care of all the animals);

- 6) Use your musical talent and record yourself singing or playing a happy, uplifting song. Post it on Facebook or Instagram (BE SURE to get permission and supervision from an adult before you put anything on social media!);
- 7) Make bluebird houses;
- 8) Make first aid kits for homeless people. See this Pinterest post about Blessing Bags and to get a downloadable checklist of contents <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/125889752059550998/> (make sure to donate your bags to a homeless shelter or other organization that serves the homeless).

Go to *Design for Change* website <https://designforchange.us> to get more ideas about how to implement a project using the four steps below (these steps are for educators, 4-H leaders, parents who may want a systematic way of presenting service projects. The ideas and information are presented using youth-led podcasts around the following:

- 1) FEEL (build empathy)
- 2) IMAGINE (brainstorm ideas)
- 3) DO (Implement solutions)
- 4) SHARE (inspire others)

Go to *Earth Challenge 2020* to sign up to be a **citizen scientist**. This year's research questions are: 1) What is the extent of plastics pollution? 2) How does air quality vary locally <https://earthchallenge2020.earthday.org/>. Download apps to contribute to the science that is collected by the U.S. Department of State, Earth and the Wilson Center.

**Apps** for the above **research questions** include one to monitor plastics pollution: 1) *Wander* lets you upload pictures of plastics pollution you encounter throughout your day; 2) *Clean-up* lets you register for a local clean-up day that logs how much plastic you collect; 3) *Air Quality* app asks you to take pictures of horizons and upload them so scientists can monitor air quality in a specific area.

