



The Ripple Effect Program

6th - 8th grade students

Overview

We're introducing the Ripple Effect program to feed into our existing Silver Cord Graduation Incentive program. These programs offer opportunities to volunteer and track hours as you go. As tiered levels of hours are achieved, students are able to receive awards for their accomplishments! For grades 6-8, students are tracking to reach the The Ripple Effect Award. This award, accompanied with prizes, is given to students reaching 20 hours of documented volunteer time at PACT events. As this program continues to develop, more volunteer opportunities will become available.

"While it may seem small, the ripple effects of small things is extraordinary"

-Matt Bevin

Student Eligibility & Requirements

- Students can begin earning hours during the summer leading into their 6th grade year of middle school and must complete and submit their hours by May 1st of their 8th grade year.

What counts towards Ripple Effect hours?

- City & community clean-ups and improvement projects
- Youth coaching volunteer
- Job shadowing at a business
- Volunteer at community fundraisers & events

A list of current volunteer opportunities can be found here ([Volunteer Opportunities](#))

What doesn't count towards Ripple Effect hours?

- Any work in which you receive compensation
- Required school activities and/or school practice

- Activities that earn class credit

Getting Started:

1. Complete the digital [Volunteer Enrollment Form](#).
2. Students must submit a completed consent ([Parent/Student Form](#)) and to PACT in person or by email (mainstreetcenterville@pactiowa.org) before they can begin earning & recording hours.
3. Students can reference the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) document to find pre-approved organizations and events to volunteer for or they can find outside opportunities. Students can reach out if they have questions about whether or not a volunteer opportunity meets the requirements for the Ripple Effect Program by emailing mainstreetcenterville@pactiowa.org.
4. Once a student is enrolled in the program, they can begin submitting their hours using the Google Form ([Ripple Effect Hour Submission Form](#)). This program is based on the honor system, so no verification documentation needs to be submitted after each volunteer activity is completed. However, we do require that students include a contact name and phone number for the organization they volunteer with. This will only be used if the validity of the submitted hours comes into question.
5. Students will receive an updated log of the hours once they have reached tier levels of rewards.

Visit www.pactiowa.org for the links listed above.

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