

12. Service

Objectives

Do a simple group activity together that allows everyone to give some service.

Develop the ability to command, lead, and organize teams with a clearly-defined goal.

Make us humble - regardless of how much knowledge we have or what age we are we can all give a hand to do something that makes the world a better place.

Preparation

Service or called “sewa” by Sikhs can be done in whatever form has been agreed to previously by everyone.

Here are a few examples based on a Gurdwara location, you may choose others based on your location and circumstances:

- Clean litter in the parking lot
- Clean the shoe area
- Clear the langar hall or washrooms
- Clean windows
- Serve langar

If you are responsible for the “service/sewa” portion of the meeting, make sure you have equipment ready to carry out the service/sewa; this may mean coming to the meeting with garbage bags, brooms, mops etc. Plan for multiple teams when the numbers are large and assign each team a particular task. Remember to wash up after the service/sewa.

The larger the number of people at the meeting, the greater the organizational challenge. However, the more there are the more you can get done. You can divide a large number into smaller teams and pick leaders for each team.

Everyone should take part in this. Some participants may feel uncomfortable picking litter or cleaning for example, but usually they will join in when everyone else is participating. This is not a time to get with your friends and talk.