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Summer is on the way!

Here are some project ideas for members to work on over the summer and in anticipation of Back to School.

Summer Fun for Kids

Assist a group or organization to help bring some outdoor fun to children with special needs. Groups that hold summer events for autistic, handicapped or sight-impaired children are some possibilities. Or contact a local youth center, shelter, or foster care organization. If an organization doesn't have an event scheduled, consider having your club plan and run one.

Project Learning Tree Activities

Free nature-themed activity guides are available, listed by age group. Find information online by searching "Project Learning Tree Free Activities," or go to www.plt.org.

Bubble Bags: Put a bottle of bubbles, small toy, crayons, stickers, etc. in a decorated bag and attach this poem: "Bubbles, bubbles in the air, swirling, twirling everywhere. Some are big, some are small. See if you can pop them all!" Deliver to day care centers or summer camps.

Back-to-School Supplies

Summer is the time to think about back-to-school collections, since organizations that provide supplies to underserved students usually ask for items by August. Solicit the public to help with a collection by putting information on your Club's Facebook page or website, and find out if posting on your town's website is an option. You can ask local businesses to serve as collection drop-off sites.

Supply School Nurses' Closets or Community Closets

You can help stock these with items for students who may come to school without them. Contact your school(s) or Community Closets to see if items are needed. These might include bottles of water, packaged snacks or other non-perishable food items (no nuts), gloves or scarves for winter, and even feminine hygiene items for middle or high schools.

The **Advocates for Children Supplement**, located on the njfswc.org website, has additional suggestions for ways to support organizations dedicated to serving children.

Be sure to check out **GFWC's Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children** on the gfwc.org website.