

## So you joined Global Leaders, now what?

You've already gotten the low-down on what GL does, what you'll do as a participant, and how we can help you do it. But to make all of this go as smoothly as possible, this is a handy-dandy, one-stop-shop information sheet that you can use to navigate the GL website and the GL experience.

### First, find service opportunities!

Any service you do counts toward your goal of 60 hours of service a year. If you find it on your own, do it with your church, or student council, or your Eagle Scout troop, that's cool with us. If you're already volunteering somewhere or with someone, keep doing it! Just be sure to clock your hours (we'll get to that later).

If you haven't signed up for our student portal yet, complete that now ([www.gvstudentportal.org](http://www.gvstudentportal.org)); you can also access this by clicking "Student Portal" under the "Students" tab on the [glcoca.org](http://glcoca.org) website). Try to fill in as many of the fields as you can; that will help us out later. This tool will help you track your hours, and is especially useful if you're using your GL hours to count for anything else – they're all in one place! If you've signed up and can't remember your log-in info, contact Laurel ([laurel@glcoca.org](mailto:laurel@glcoca.org)) and she'll get you squared away.

GL searches for and sponsors a bunch of service activities that we think you'll enjoy. To find them, check out our GL Service-Learning Guide. You can find copies at the hallffice, or on the Colorado Service page under the "Local Leadership" drop down. You can also find a service event calendar there that is being constantly updated. You can click on an event to find out details and how to sign up. This calendar will also keep you up-to-date on GL meetings and other happenings, so check back often.

There are **FIVE** ways to find out about service opportunities:

1. The calendar on the GL Local page.
2. The GL Service-Learning Guide.
3. Social media: follow GL on Facebook ([facebook.com/glcoca](https://facebook.com/glcoca)). You'll also be invited to join a GL International facebook group, where you can meet other students and coordinate service.
4. Text message reminders of upcoming service activities and meetings will be sent using Remind101, so make sure that you text the following to subscribe!
  - a. Guatemala – text "@kae34" to 81010
  - b. Ghana – text "@aec3df" to 81010
  - c. Parents – text "@ebedkc" to 81010
5. Announcements at GL Lunch meetings and Leadership Seminars

### So you've volunteered, now what?

The service is the most fun part about the GL experience, but in order to reach your goals and ours, we need to be able to track your hours.

Now, go back to the GL student portal. On your home screen, below your tracked hours, you'll see a link to "Add Service Hours." Click there, fill out the form, remembering to include a short reflection on what you accomplished. The Service Hour Type is the best description of what you've done (ie: intern hours, tutoring, clean-up, etc). The contact person will be whoever directed your volunteering that day (GL staff, troop leader, non-profit employee). When in doubt, you can use the name of a GL staff member. Please also complete the short reflection – this is an essential part of doing service, and helps you check in with yourself on what was challenging, what you liked, and if you'd do the service again. Once you enter your hours, you'll be even closer to your goal of 60 hours this year. Tracking your hours is important for us and for you, so make sure you do it as soon as possible after completing your service. This will help you

gain recognition for your other service responsibilities, like Service Club, IB, or the prestigious Meritorious Service Award.

If you have any questions about learning about service opps, tracking your hours, or otherwise using the site, contact Laurel ([laurel@glcoca.org](mailto:laurel@glcoca.org)).

## **Look for these service opportunities with GL this year:**

Your goal is 60 hours of local service logged by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Why not reach for 75 hours this year?

### **Personal Service Work**

Spend 1-15 hours on personal service work such as:

- Letter writing and organizing
- All GL lunch meetings and language exchanges
- Independent work at your church, mosque, temple or community center
- Donation drives

### **GL Small Group Work**

Spend 5-25 hours on service work such as:

- Coordinating coffee sales at events and farmers' markets
- Auction work: selling tickets, collecting items for the auction, volunteering at the event
- Irish or Putnam Tutoring
- Student-sponsored events (Intercambio, Best Buddies, more TBD!)

### **GL Big Group Work**

Spend 15-35 hours on big group work such as:

- Respite Care
- Shire CSA
- Leadership seminars and retreats