

Mapping

This activity will allow members to:

- Critically evaluate their school and community to see where service needs exist.
- Share their ideas and personal observations with the club.
- Connect with their fellow club members.
- Increase confidence and team building.

Materials needed:

- White board or flip-chart paper
- A variety of color markers

How to lead this activity:

Now that the club has brainstormed and shared big ideas, it's time to think about what happens every day in your school and community. What do the school and community currently offer, and what can be improved?

Observation is one of the easiest and simplest ways to answer those questions. This activity even allows the club to be creative.

1. Ask members to imagine that the club is looking down on the community from a plane. Let members know that today they will work together to create a community map based on their own observations.
2. Ask a club officer to draw and label the school building on the whiteboard or paper. Make sure that every member can see the map.



3. Ask members to name other important community buildings and add them to the map. Include:
 - a. Schools
 - b. Animal habitats
 - c. Parks or playgrounds
 - d. Main highways and streets
 - e. Hospital
 - f. Homeless shelters
 - g. Animal shelters
 - h. Police and fire stations
 - i. Grocery stores
 - j. Churches
 - k. Places unique to your community
4. Refer to the map and ask the following questions. Make sure the club secretary or another member takes notes.
 - a. What makes this school and community great for students and residents?
 - b. What makes our community great for animals?
 - c. How do the school and community help the environment?
 - d. What do you love most about your school and community?
5. Lead a discussion on how the community can improve. Using the map, ask:
 - a. What one thing could make the school and community a better place for all people?
 - b. What one thing could the community do to make it a better place for animals?
 - c. What one thing could the school and community do to improve the environment?
6. Thank the club for thoughtfully completing and discussing this map. Tell them that the club will talk about the ideas again in a future club meeting.

