



# Good Samaritan

This is a non-competitive event.

## Purpose

To reach out to others by going the extra mile. To teach the importance of showing people other than family the love of Jesus. This can be done by sending cards, visiting the sick and shut ins, conducting home Bible studies, performing service projects, etc. Being a Good Samaritan means going beyond our Christian living.

## Event Participation

1. Both adults and students can participate. This is a project that can be done individually, by pairs, or by the youth group. The participants should encourage each other and work together (promoting cooperation), but the units are to be recorded on an individual basis. No one should go visiting alone. Students should not go out on their own without adult supervision or unless they are in a group. Family responsibilities are NOT considered Good Samaritan services. No points should be accumulated for this. Helping or serving members of the congregation, someone in the community, or someone in need is an example of Good Samaritan service. Remember, most people will send cards or visit their relatives. A Good Samaritan is not one that merely lives a Christian life, but one that serves by going the extra mile.
2. The local group leader (under the oversight of their eldership) has full discretion to decide the point system for their participants. The following is a sample list of projects that are all to be done in the name of Jesus:
  - Sending cards (store bought or electronic) to sick or shut-ins: 5 units for each card sent. Give extra points if the card is homemade.
  - Phone calls to those who are sick or shut in: 5 units for each call.
  - Visits to home, hospital, funeral home, or nursing home: 10 units for each visit.
  - Inviting visitors to church or youth activities: 10 units for each visitor per visit.
  - Conduct Bible studies: 50 units for each person at the study.
  - Participating in mission trips: 500 units per trip
  - Service projects: 10 units for each hour of service. Projects include, but are not limited to:
    - \* Cutting grass for the elderly or handicapped.
    - \* Cleaning the church building.
    - \* Cleaning the house of an elderly or handicapped person.
    - \* Serving at a fellowship dinner.
    - \* Serving at a senior citizens' banquet.
    - \* Helping the elderly or a mother with children.
    - \* Working in a food pantry or clothing drive.
    - \* Planting flowers in public places.
  - Any other deeds, approved by the local congregation, that benefit someone else without receiving any compensation in return and also glorify God.
3. Group leaders should monitor unit value based on projects. We are trying to encourage quality and meaningful projects. Group Leaders: DO NOT send log sheets to the National Service Center. **Group leaders are to electronically verify each participant of this event in the registration system prior to the convention registration deadline.**
4. Points are accumulated from registration deadline to registration deadline each year, not from convention to convention.

5. A sample form for record keeping is in a later section of this rulebook. Parental guidance is allowed in filling out the forms. ALL work must be completed prior to the convention registration deadline. If work is not completed, DO NOT register a person for this award, or deregister them if they were already registered.

**\*\*Verification forms/lists DO NOT have to be mailed to the National Service Center.\*\***

### **Awards**

1. Group leaders should stress that the joy of being a Good Samaritan is the greatest reward. Units and material awards are always secondary to the spiritual blessings of helping others.
2. Awards may be earned on three levels:
  - *Bronze*: 570 units
  - *Silver*: 1250 units
  - *Gold*: 2000 units
3. Only one award per participant each year. No multiple awards.
4. Participant names will be listed in the convention yearbook. Adults have the option to decline receiving an award but will still be listed in the yearbook.