

RAIDERS IN ACTION

Honoring Students for Making a Difference in Our Community

Raiders in Action is a CRHS PTSA-sponsored service program that recognizes and rewards students for volunteering in the community. All students are encouraged to join CRHS PTSA and participate in Raiders in Action.

Mission: To raise awareness of the community's needs, encourage student service, and provide information to students who wish to serve as volunteers in Round Rock and the surrounding areas.

Vision: To have every student volunteer with non-profit organizations.

Goal: For students to give back to their community, learn they can be responsible for making great things happen, and learn that the time they spend can have an impact and make a difference.

Recognition: Students who complete 80 hours of service, an average of 20 hours per year, will be recognized with a silver Community Service Cord at graduation.

In order for community service hours to be counted toward Raiders in Action, students must:

- Perform work for a non-profit organization.
- Complete the work without compensation or class credit.
- Complete the Service Verification Form and have it signed by the supervising adult that is not a family member.
- Hours are accepted in 15-minute increments. (15 min = .25h, 30 min = .5h, or 45 min = .75h)
- Hours are to be submitted by July 10 for the Spring semester, September 10 for Summer hours, and January 10 for the Fall semester.
- **SENIORS** must turn in all hours by April 1, of their graduating year, to qualify for the Community Service graduation cord.
- **Freshmen / New Students:** You can start receiving hours on June 1 of your Freshman year of High School.

Important Notes:

- All paperwork needs to be filled in with blue or black ink.
- Service Verification Forms can be found at cedarridgeptsa.org and need to be submitted online at <https://bit.ly/CRHSRIA>
- Please label files as: Name of Student, Type of submission [Contract, VForm (for verification forms), Receipt, or Event Name (for photo)]
- Any illegible/incomplete submissions may be requested to be resubmitted.
- Receipts must be submitted for monetary donations and a photo for each activity. *A selfie with either the item or doing the project.
- Fundraising efforts that benefit community organizations or programs qualify for service hours. However, fundraising activities that directly benefit you or an organization you belong to will not qualify.
(e.g. a bake sale to raise money for the animal shelter counts, but a catalog sale to raise funds for the orchestra does not)
- Hours that you earn for youth organizations or 501c3 nonprofits are eligible to count towards Raiders in Action hours if the Raiders in Action Community Service Verification Form is completed.
- Students may not count hours worked for CRHS student organizations or athletic programs where they are a member. Students are expected to contribute time to the activities they choose to participate in. If the student potentially benefits from the service OR if it is required/expected as part of the program, then the hours do not count toward Raider in Action hours.
*There are some expectations at the discretion of the PTSA board.
- **Students should keep a copy of their Raiders in Action Community Service Verification forms for their records.**
- Volunteer hours can be recorded for a job, college, and scholarship applications.
- Volunteer opportunities may be posted on the PTSA website and social media as needed.
- Hours will be posted on the PTSA website at the beginning of each month and students are responsible for verifying their hours.
- Students are representing CRHS and should wear CRHS spirit wear or colors when possible while volunteering.

If you have questions, comments, or volunteer opportunities in the area email RaidersinAction@cedarridgeptsa.org.

I, _____, have read and understand the guidelines of the Raiders in Action
(Print Student's Name)

Community Service Recognition program and agree to abide by them.

(Student's Signature) 20_____
(Graduation Year) S_____
(Student's ID #) _____
(Date) / /

(Print Parent or Guardian's Name) _____
(Parent or Guardian's Signature) _____
(Date) / /

"Never forget that you are one of a kind. Never forget that if there weren't any need for you in all your uniqueness to be on this earth, you wouldn't be here in the first place. And never forget, no matter how overwhelming life's challenges and problems seem to be, that one person can make a difference in the world. In fact, it is always because of one person that all the changes that matter in the world come about. So be that one person." - Richard Buckminster Fuller