

Suggested JOI Activities

Community Service / Involvement Projects Suggested by International		Alpha	Junior	Octagon
	Childhood Health & Wellness Program		Y	Y
	JOI of Reading - Provide books, help someone read	Y	Y	Y
	Personal Growth and Involvement (JOI PGI) - Motivate members to participate and learn more about JOI	Y	Y	Y
	Special Olympics - Support projects to help	Y	Y	Y

Community Service Projects - Consider Money and Work Required		Alpha	Junior	Octagon
	Animals - Clean cages at animal shelter			Y
	Animals - Present programs to discourage and report abuse			Y
	Animals - Help with adoptions			Y
	Animals - Take food and towels to shelters	Y	Y	Y
	Bedding for Youth (Sleeping Bags)	Y	Y	Y
	Baby-sit - For PTO at elementary school			Y
	Baby-sit - Respite for single parent families			Y
	Book Drive	Y	Y	Y
	Book Project - Provide books for a location	Y	Y	Y
	Buy - Benches for parks			Y
	Buy - Bike racks for school			Y
	Buy - Trash cans for parks		Y	Y
	Cancer - "I Care" baskets	Y	Y	Y
	Cancer - Locks of Love, Wigs for Kids (Hair for Wigs)			Y
	Cards - Special occasion (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Birthday, etc.) to assisted living residents	Y	Y	Y
	Clean - a park			Y
	Clean - a road (Adopt-a-mile)			Y
	Clean - a room		Y	Y
	Clean - school grounds	Y	Y	Y
	Clean - Lake, river, beach			Y
	Clean - Graffiti From underpass			Y
	Clothes - Coat drive for underprivileged	Y	Y	Y
	Clothes - Collect for group in need	Y	Y	Y
	Clothes - Jeans for underprivileged kids	Y	Y	Y
	Comfort Backpacks (Comfort Items When Kids Taken by DEFAC)		Y	Y
	Driving - "Don't Drive InTEXTicated!" (Don't use the phone and drive)			Y
	Driving - Safety belt check (as enter school parking lot)			Y
	Easter Egg Hunt for Younger Kids		Y	Y
	Elderly - Draw pictures for	Y	Y	Y
	Elderly - Decorate cupcakes for / with	Y	Y	Y
	Elderly - Decorate for holidays	Y	Y	Y
	Elderly - Oral history (make recordings)			Y
	Elderly - Play games with	Y	Y	Y
	Elderly - Read to		Y	Y
	Elderly - Run errands for		Y	Y
	Elderly - Sing with	Y	Y	Y
	Elderly - Visit	Y	Y	Y
	Elderly - Write letters for		Y	Y
	Food - Baskets for underprivileged, Thanksgiving, Christmas	Y	Y	Y
	Food - Conduct food drive		Y	Y
	Food - Grow a community garden		Y	Y
	Food - Serve food at shelters			Y
	Fundraiser - Answer phones for drive (March of Dimes, etc.)			Y

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Fundraiser - For Optimist Childhood Health & Wellness program		Y	Y
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Hygiene - Toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, etc for places in need	Y	Y	Y
Letters - Encouragement letters to younger kids at another school		Y	Y
Letters / Pictures - Thanks to soldiers	Y	Y	Y
Medical - Hospital volunteer			Y
Medically Based Fund Drives - March of Dimes, Juvenile Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis, etc.			Y
Music Festival for Kids (play instruments, sing)			Y
Outdoor Classroom (Set Up Area)			Y
Patriotic Avenue of Flags (put out flags for holidays)	Y	Y	Y
Pen Pal Program (Write letters to someone far away)		Y	Y
Posters - Make posters to remind about manners, bring joy, bring Optimism, be kind, etc.)	Y	Y	Y
Puppet Theatre - Teach manners, don't hit, substance abuse, etc.)	Y	Y	Y
Recycling - Cans, paper (Trash cans in office and rooms)	Y	Y	Y
School Function Participation - Academics showcase			Y
School Function Participation - Homecoming parade			Y
School Function Participation - Open house		Y	Y
School Function Participation - Plant flowers, spread pine straw	Y	Y	Y
School Function Participation - Staff appreciation (flowers, candy, notes)	Y	Y	Y
School Function Participation - Stuff folders for registration			Y
School Function Participation - Usher at school plays		Y	Y
School Function Participation - Youth Service Day		Y	Y
School Supplies - bring for those in need	Y	Y	Y
Special Needs - Equine support (Clean stalls, help kids ride)			Y
Special Needs - Parties for / with		Y	Y
Special Needs - Play games with		Y	Y
Special Needs - Take student with you to a ball game			Y
Special Olympics - Help with			Y
Tutoring - Help a younger child with homework		Y	Y
Utilities - Heat for the holidays (Get gas turned back on)			Y
Younger Student Help - Activity booth at carnival		Y	Y
Younger Student Help - Orientation			Y
Younger Student Help - Set up playground equipment			Y

Fundraising Projects - Consider Money and Work Required		Alpha	Junior	Octagon
Auction - Get donations of things of value, have auction			Y	Y
Baby Sit - during PTA meetings, open houses, and meet the teacher night of elementary schools				Y
Balloon Pop - Put note with prize in some balloons, sell, pop to see if get prize	Y	Y	Y	Y
Band or Choir Concert - Get band to give concert and split money			Y	Y
Barbeque - Sell barbeque for a fee	Y	Y	Y	Y
Basketball - Sell Tickets for Students Against Teachers				Y
Boo-Bags (Candy at Halloween) - Sell			Y	Y
Book Sale - Get books donated, sell them			Y	Y
Bowl-a-thon - Get sponsors			Y	Y
Breakfast for Teachers - Sell food				Y
Calendars - Create and sell			Y	Y

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Carwash		Y	Y
Christmas Stockings - Stuff and sell			Y
Concession Stand - Work for pay			Y
Cookies - Sell	Y	Y	Y
Craft Sale - Make crafts, sell them	Y	Y	Y
Dance - Benefit charity		Y	Y
Dog Show - Charge for admission, prizes for best groomed, most obedient, etc.	Y	Y	Y
Dress-down Day - Get permission, charge students to dress down	Y	Y	Y
Fashion Show - Sponsor, charge to enter			Y
Flowers - Sell	Y	Y	Y
Fruit Stand - Get fruit from farmers' market and sell for profit	Y	Y	Y
Game Time (trivial pursuit, checkers, scrabble, twister, etc.) - Play games for donations		Y	Y
Garage Sale - Collect and sell Items			Y
Gift Wrapping Service - Wrap Christmas gifts for a donation			Y
Grocery Bagging - Get permission, bag groceries for tips	Y	Y	Y
Halloween Party - Sell tickets, hold halloween party	Y	Y	Y
Hat Day - Get permission, sell permission to wear	Y	Y	Y
Hoopla -Sell tickets to throw hoops over bottles, give prizes if hoop lands flat around bottle	Y	Y	Y
Hula Hoop - Get sponsors for time do activity (amount per minute)		Y	Y
Ice Cream Social - Sell tickets		Y	Y
Jellybean Count - Fill jar, people guess how many, give prize	Y	Y	Y
Lucky Charm (for St. Patrick's Day) - Get charms, sell			Y
Marathon Dance Contest - Get sponsors, charge to enter			Y
Odd Jobs - Perform for donation or fee		Y	Y
Ornament Sale - Make or buy ornaments, sell for profit	Y	Y	Y
Pictures With Santa - Get Santa, take and sell pictures			Y
Pinata Contest - Buy pinata, blindfold participants, charge to hit pinata with a stick	Y	Y	Y
Pitch-a-thon - Rent radar gun, give prize to fastest individual			Y
Pizza - Buy and sell for profit		Y	Y
Plant Trees - Get nurseries to donate, charge to plant			Y
Raffle - Anything of value (follow laws)			Y
Read-a-thon - Get sponsors to pay so much per page, article, book	Y	Y	Y
School Spirit Items - Sell items		Y	Y
Sell candy, cards, etc. - Work with business to get merchandise, sell	Y	Y	Y
Service for Donation - Rake leaves, shovel snow, care for pet, etc. for donation or fee		Y	Y
Skip-a-thon - Choose date, get sponsors to pay so much per time skipping, number of skips	Y		
Spring Fling - Organize party and sell tickets			Y
Stadium Clean-up - For fee			Y
Talent Show - Recruit acts, sell tickets			Y
Teacher Idol - Get teachers to perform and sell tickets			Y
Tennis Match - Sell tickets			Y
Toy Sale - Get toys donated, sell them	Y		
Tudor Younger Students		Y	Y
Valentines - Get permission, make and sell valentines	Y	Y	Y
Walk-a-thon - Get sponsors to pay per mile, time			Y

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Joint with Sponsor - Consider Money and Work Required	Alpha	Junior	Octagon
Adult Fundraising Events - help with		Y	Y
Adult Service Projects - help with		Y	Y
Bike Safety Rodeos - help with			Y
Christmas Tree for Community - help deliver	Y	Y	Y
Concession Stand at a high visibility area or major event - help sell		Y	Y
Essay Contest - participate		Y	Y
Fish-A-Thon (Fishing Contest) - help with, participate in		Y	Y
Food Drives - help with	Y	Y	Y
Fun Run - help with, participate in			Y
Garage Sale - help with		Y	Y
Haunted House - help with		Y	Y
Oratorical Contest - - help with, participate in		Y	Y
Pancake Breakfast - Some restaurants will help with foods or sponsor "night" at that restaurant where group gets part of profits	Y	Y	Y
Restaurant Benefit - Call Burger King or McDonalds and arrange benefit night where group gets part of profits	Y	Y	Y
Spaghetti Dinner Before School Event - help with, participate in		Y	Y
Tree Planting - help with			Y

Social Activities	Alpha	Junior	Octagon
Athletic Events - Attend together		Y	Y
Conventions - Attend together		Y	Y
Holiday Parties - Attend together	Y	Y	Y
Kindness challenges - Initiate deeds that show kindness	Y	Y	Y
Mental health and well-being - Raise awareness		Y	Y
Picnics - Attend together	Y	Y	Y
Play Outdoors - Attend activity in state or national park	Y	Y	Y
Rock Climbing - Attend together		Y	Y
Tee Shirts - Design		Y	Y
Trip to Local Youth Entertainment Facility - Attend together	Y	Y	Y

Convention Activities	Alpha	Junior	Octagon
Balloons with Questions (Answer Question under Left Thumb and Throw to Someone Else)	Y	Y	Y
Board Games - play with others	Y	Y	Y
Building with Construction Paper and Tape	Y	Y	Y
Game Using Products from Around the Home (Minute-to-Win-It)	Y	Y	Y
Lego Building - play with others	Y	Y	Y
Movies - Watch together	Y	Y	Y
Poster Contest - Draw something based on theme	Y	Y	Y
Video Games - - play with others	Y	Y	Y

Instructional Programs	Alpha	Junior	Octagon
"A Lion in the House" by American Cancer Society		Y	Y
Watch films on climate change and spread information		Y	Y
"Leadership Styles" by Optimist International		Y	Y
"Parliamentary Procedure" by Optimist International		Y	Y
"Team Building" by Optimist International		Y	Y