

# The Pioneers Projects and Programs Periodical

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Log on to Pioneers Essentials to purchase co-branded PUTR material to include in your Back to School projects.



More than 130 young people learn about leadership and acquire new and valuable skills to help them succeed in their future endeavors, thanks to Pioneers projects.

## Back to School and Power Up To Read

Donating backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need is a long-standing favorite community service project of Pioneers across North America.

With summer zipping by, many Pioneers units have already begun collecting pencils, erasers, markers, folders, notebooks, rulers, etc. As you plan what to include, don't forget to go to Pioneers Essentials and purchase some Power Up To Read (PUTR) materials to put in the backpacks, too. The recipients will love a book of their very own. And, with PUTR books, you get two stories in one - fiction and non-fiction! In addition to the books, there are fun bookmarks, CDs, and more. This is also a great opportunity to get the Pioneers and sponsor companies' brands out into the community, as all of the PUTR materials are co-branded.

The books can also be purchased and donated to individual classrooms, school libraries,

community shelters, residential treatment centers, after-school programs, children's wards in hospitals - anywhere there might be a need for books.

Your unit might want to consider coordinating a PUTR book distribution and read aloud, which could serve as a tool for recruiting new members with a quick and easy introduction to Pioneering for a colleague, family member or friend interested in volunteering with Pioneers.

Are YOU a Pioneers member with a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor, etc., in the grades 3 - 6? Ask your unit to consider approving and funding a PUTR book distribution and read aloud for the child and all classmates!

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## Pioneers Projects Spark Skills in Youth

Recently, Pioneers in Tennessee sparked youth volunteerism with a statewide Youth Leadership Initiative. The pilot program fosters community service and volunteerism values in high school students. Over four months, 32 high school students learned about leadership, time and project management, goal setting, teamwork and determining community needs. In a community service competition each team developed and implemented a local service project that addressed a need in their respective community. The service projects were then presented to a panel of judges and the teams were awarded prizes based on the application of skills they learned.

This past July, in North Carolina Pioneers worked with Junior Achievement and the Boys and Girls Clubs to select high school students to attend their Computer Camp. Selection was based on financial need, documented plans to continue their education and proof of success in high school. A one-day Computer Camp was

held in four cities and hosted more than 100 students. At the camp, guest speakers from Microsoft and local companies addressed students on a variety of topics. All students participated in an exercise on writing an effective resume and competed in a job interview skills contest. Winners received additional computer equipment like a printer to go with the laptop Pioneers donated.

Students in Tennessee and North Carolina are sure to be equipped to spark change with their new skills and insight provided by Pioneers!

# Pioneers in the Parks

What do you get when you combine more than 75 bags of dirt, 65,000 seeds and 15,000 kids? You get the annual Pioneers Flower City Kids program in Rochester, NY. Pioneers are proud to be a part of bringing this program to the community for the last 25 years. It was launched in 1985 with 100 students, and to date more than 180,000 pre-K and elementary students in the cities public, private and parochial schools have grown plants in their classrooms with help from the Pioneers and other community partners. The program gives teachers the opportunity to help students learn more than just how seeds grow; they also learn about the importance of plants in their lives and their community. Many teachers also weave the Flower City Kids program into math, history and science lessons. Students spend months watching their seedling grow, and on Friday, June 4, more than 4,000 elementary students carried their seedlings with enthusiasm to Ontario Beach Park where they planted them in a special community garden.

The Georgia Pioneers gathered on Saturday, July 24th at Jim Miller Park in Marietta, GA to showcase the numerous projects and programs they do on a daily basis in communities across Georgia. The event, Pioneers Learning Activities for You, was open to the public and combined community service projects with fun.

The Pioneers partnered with the Environmental Protection Agency to offer visitors the opportunity to participate in projects such as building Read-to-Me kits, a Food Drive, Support the Troops, Water Safety, Power Up to Read and Project Connect - just to name a few. Additional activities included performances from the Flip City Tumblers (a local dance troupe), games, a puppet show and storytelling. The Pioneers even managed to squeeze in a membership drive during the festivities.

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## Pioneers Record over 15.5 MILLION Hours in VolunteerNow!

Wow! Nice work, Pioneers! In 2009 YOU logged over 15.5 million hours of volunteer service in VolunteerNow! 10 million more than 2008! Based on the Independent Sectors value of a volunteers time of \$20.85/hour, you documented \$325,175,000 worth of service to communities across North America!

VolunteerNow! is a web-based volunteer project management tool accessible to all Pioneers across North America to track and report on community volunteer efforts and their far-reaching impact. Reporting volunteer hours in VolunteerNow! is important because it helps provide credible data on the Pioneers impact on their communities to our Sponsoring Companies, partnerships and alliances, and provide statistics to potential funders.

With the organization's 100-year anniversary coming up, Pioneers developed a way to encourage and reward everyone who logs their Pioneers volunteer hours in VolunteerNow! through the Pioneers Centennial Rewards and Recognition Program. Receive a Centennial magnet simply for logging your volunteer hours for the first time or for already having hours in VolunteerNow!. Earn special recognition in the Pioneers Projects and Programs Periodical and be entered into a drawing for a Centennial Grand Prize if you log 100-500 hours of volunteer service. All participation is cumulative beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2011 and fulfillment began in June so participate today!

The fun, commemorative rewards offered will hopefully inspire Pioneers to challenge themselves to reach one or more of the levels for Centennial Rewards and Recognition.



Pioneers projects engage local communities in the vital work of improving the environment.

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upcoming events

To find Pioneers-driven community service projects and events going on in your local area and across the US and Canada, please visit <https://pals.pioneersvolunteer.org/VM/index.aspx>

# Centennial Rewards and Recognition



The following Pioneers have logged 100-199 hours in VolunteerNow! from January 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010. Congratulations to everyone who has reached this milestone – keep up the good work!

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Michael Hickey  
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Sheila Hull  
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Bobby Inman  
Elizabeth Jeffers  
Cynthia Johnson  
Russell Jones  
Eileen Justus  
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Virginia Mayo  
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Thomas Mcdugald  
Shirley McIntyre  
Omeira Mckinley  
Susan Mcmanaway  
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Each time you volunteer to help your local Pioneers in 2010 and 2011, you can earn special Centennial recognition. Just be sure to log your volunteer hours online at VolunteerNow!. Your hours will accrue cumulatively to determine the recognition you'll receive through the Centennial Recognition Program.

Stay updated on Centennial activities, including information about the Centennial Rewards & Recognition Program online at [www.pioneersvolunteer.org/centennial](http://www.pioneersvolunteer.org/centennial).