

Welcome to a new school year! Valley Springs Honor Society would like to recognize students with high academic achievement. At the bottom of this letter you will find the requirements for membership. Once you become a member, the following year you need to maintain the grade requirements, do your service hours, and pay the membership fee to maintain membership. Students who wish to join the Honor Society need to pay the membership fee by October 3, meet the grade requirements for the first two grading periods, and do 12 service hours. At that point you will be invited to join the Valley Springs Honor Society. We will have the induction ceremony in April or May. On the back of this letter you will find a form to record your service hours.

- 1) Membership Fee is \$25 for 7th Graders and \$20 for 8th Graders and must be paid by October 3.**
- 2) You need to complete 12 service hours by February 17th.**
- 3) You must have a first semester GPA of 3.5 and maintain this in the Spring semester.**
- 4) You must submit a copy of your 1st Semester Report Card and Service Hours signature page by February 17th. No extensions given for any reason. Please remember this deadline. Please turn in the Service Hours form with a copy of your 1st semester grades by the deadline to HR teacher.**

Your service hours should be something that you enjoy or something that you want to try for the first time. Here are a few suggestions for service opportunities:

- Rake leaves for an elderly neighbor or friend. Have your parents sign the documentation form.
- Help set up and clean up from holiday parties or meals at your religious institution. You could also help in your church or temple nursery. Have your Pastor, Rabbi, or Priest sign the form.
- Make cards or tray decorations for people who get Meals On Wheels, or who are in nursing homes. You could also make teat bags for these same people. Have your parents sign your form.
- Collect food from friends and relatives (We prefer that you not go door-to-door) and take it to Manna Food Bank, Hearts for Hands or the Giving Tree at the Mall. Have your parents sign form.
- Volunteer at the school in one of your teacher's room to staple papers, clean the classroom, etc. Have your teacher sign the form.
- Help an elderly neighbor work inside or outside his or her home. Have your parents sign the form.
- Call a nursing home like Given Estates (274-4800 ext 2205) or Arbor Terrace (681-5533) and volunteer to help & visit with the residents. You can read, talk, sing, play the piano, etc at the nursing home. You need to call the nursing homes before you go. Have a nurse at the home sign your service form.
- Cook a meal for an elderly neighbor, or a busy working mom or dad. (Not your Mom!) Have your parents sign the form.
- With your parents help, you can go and work at places like ABCCM, Manna Food Bank and other service organizations. Many of these will not let you help at their facilities without an adult.

Valley Springs Middle School

National Junior Honor Society Membership Requirements

1. A student must maintain a 3.5 Grade Point Average. Students that have a 3.5 Grade Point Average for each of the first two nine-weeks in a school year will be considered for membership. Invitation and induction into the National Junior Honor Society will take place during second semester.
2. A Student must preferably have no grade below a "B" in any class to be considered for membership.
3. Once a member, a student must participate in club service projects and activities unless specifically excused by the sponsor.
4. A student must represent the ideals of the club and chapter by constantly exhibiting character, creditable academic achievement, leadership, and commendable attitude, both in and out of school. Membership will be determined by the recommendation of a faculty committee after a students meets the academic criteria. Office referrals that result in Our-of-School suspension or more than one In-School-Suspension will cause a student to be excluded from membership.
5. A student must complete 12 hours of documented community service. These activities should benefit other individuals or organizations around the school, community, or religious institution. The documentation needs to be completed and signed by a representative of the organization that benefited from the service. Documentation must be turned in before a student will be considered eligible for membership.
6. A student that fails to meet the above academic requirements after induction will be placed on probation and given one nine-weeks to correct the deficiency. If the correction is not made or the student has another academic lapse during the same school year, his/her name will be removed from the membership roster. A student that fails to demonstrate acceptable character or behavior will be removed from the membership roster if a majority of the faculty committee deem that appropriate.

Thank you and good luck! Get started now on your service hours if you would like to be in Honor Society. Let me know if you have any questions. Vimi McKeithan (Room 806) or Jennifer Anthony (Guidance)

Name _____ Grade _____

Homeroom _____

SERVICE HOURS RECORD SHEET

12 Service Hours Required
National Junior Honor Society
7th and 8th Grade

Date	Place of Service	Service Activity	Representative Signature	Hours Worked

Total Hours: _____