

GET EXCITED!!!!

NHS 2007-2008 CHAPTER

WE, the 2007-2008 officers of the CHS chapter of the National Honor Society WELCOME you to NHS! We've no doubt that this year will be both fun *and* successful and that, as a group, we will make a difference at CHS and in our community. In this packet, you will find...

- [1] Responsibilities you have as a member of NHS
- [2] Options for group and individual service hours opportunities
- [3] Contact information for officers and sponsors

QUESTIONS! Whom should I go to?

Flag us down in person if you want! User-friendly, all of us.

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What do I have to do as a member of NHS?

NHS is about VOLUNTEERING – helping your school and your community. In order to be considered for the Distinguished Grad recognition, you need to volunteer a *minimum* of 20 individual and 20 group service hours throughout your NHS career.

Group and Individual Hours – what?

GROUP: Essentially, hours you get by volunteering through NHS. Easy – show up at scheduled NHS-coordinated events (like PTO Open House, CCEF Telethon, carnations sales, etc.) and do whatever needs to be done. At such events, you will need to SIGN IN so that we can track your hours, and for events with multiple shifts, sign-up sheets will be available beforehand at meetings so we know who works when.

INDIVIDUAL: For these, you're on your own. Volunteer at hospitals, in soup kitchens, with youth groups—wherever and whenever you can lend a helping hand. If you don't have a taste for what we've suggested for individual hours, feel free to pursue your own service venues. Keep in mind INDIVIDUAL HOURS FOR NHS COUNT **ONLY** FOR NHS. This means YOU WILL NOT GET CREDIT FOR KEY CLUB HOURS. If you're going to commit to multiple community service clubs, put in the extra hours.

!!IMPORTANT! How do I keep track of hours?

GROUP: Once you've signed in and signed out, you don't have to worry about it. All records will be kept in Mrs. Haire's room, available if you want to check your hours.

NOTE: ANY SERVICE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF 1ST SEMESTER IS DUE BY **DECEMBER 21, 2007**. This will make our lives as record-keepers much easier. There's no minimum number of hours to turn in for the 1st semester, but the **FINAL DEADLINE FOR HOURS IS APRIL 12, 2008**.

INDIVIDUAL: Use hours forms! Find them here:

<http://carmelhighschool.net/clubs/nhs/forms.php>. Fill one out every time your individual service activity is completed. Turning them in ASAP would be a wonderful favor to us—so we can get the done gradually rather than all at the end. It's recommended that you personally keep track of your hours as well in case of mistakes/errors on our part. **ALL FORMS SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO MRS. HAIRE IN B211.**

When does NHS meet?

The first TUESDAY of every month in GREYHOUND STATION - hard to miss on your way down the trail. Repeatedly missing meetings means you'll miss important announcements and service opportunities.

I'M STILL CONFUSED!

☺ Contact us.

Tutoring/Mentoring

To be matched with a student who needs tutoring, sign up for the subject you feel best able to teach. The sign-up sheets will be available at meetings, or you can indicate your interest to an officer or Mrs. Haire. NHS members should be available to tutor before school on late start Wednesdays.

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

These opportunities require you to contact the people in charge **ON YOUR OWN**.

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation – CONTACT Sue Maki @ (317)571-2486;
smaki@carmel.in.gov

Indiana State Museum – CONTACT Debbie Specht @ (317)232-8351;
dspecht@dnr.in.gov

GROUP SERVICE OPTIONS

Every NHS member must participate in at LEAST one group project (although you *know* you want to do many more). LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS for specifics.

CCEF Telethon [Mid-February]: Call people and answer phones to ask for donations to the Carmel Clay Education Foundation.

CHS PTO Open House [August 30, 2007]: Greet and guide parents and supply information.

Final Exam Survival Kits: Help put these kits together around final exam time.

NHS Induction Ceremony [March 30, 2008]: Organize and work at the ceremony honoring next year's newbies!

Tools for Teachers: A program that benefits IPS schools. DONATE everything from markers to loose-leaf paper to floor pillows – 6 items = 1 hour. One set = one item, i.e. a 10-pack of markers counts as a set. Earn up to SIX group hours.

Valentine's Day Carnation Sale [February]: Sell/sort/distribute carnations. Check your PATHWAYS for times/dates.

Dance Marathon: Dates/times to be announced. Earn up to FIVE group hours.

And of course, additional hours may become available during the school year. For this and other reasons, it is imperative for you to

!!!CHECK YOUR E-MAIL!!!

as well as the NHS website

as often as possible.

**THANKS! We know this year is gonna be
AWESOME.**