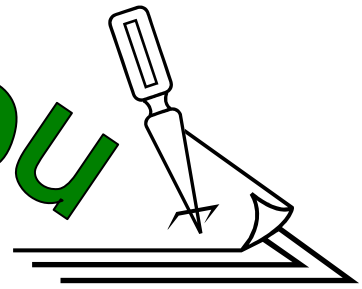


Thank You

Post-service reflective analysis activity



Classes may choose to send a thank you note to partner organizations. Why?

- For continued learning and reflection
- For character education (one of the purposes of service-learning)
- To recognize the efforts of the host community organizations (time, supervision, supplies, learning opportunity, etc.). It is important to remember that the partners are not “getting something for nothing,” and in fact put in a lot of work educating our students.
- To personalize the experience and reconnect the students with the site.
- To further “bond” the class (they can all sign the card).
- To strengthen relationships between SSU and community agencies.

Some students may need guidance writing their note.
An easy way to facilitate this activity is to:

- ✓ Ask students to take out a piece of paper and write their name on it.
- ✓ Ask students to write a positive adjective about their experience with the service or the partner (if possible, this can be connected to the course).
- ✓ Ask students to write down something they learned.
- ✓ Using what they’ve written, guide students with the writing of their thank you note:

Thank you for hosting me. I had a _____ time working with you. I learned that _____. I appreciate your support/I hope to see you soon/some closing sentence.

- ✓ Ask students to re-write their thank you note into the note cards.
- ✓ Collect the pieces of paper and ask for permission for the CCE to use their quotes for p.r. purposes.
- ✓ Return cards and papers to CCE office. We’ll mail the cards for you!

Blank thank you cards are available from the CCE office. Contact cce@sonoma.edu or 664-3202 for cards.

