

## **SOCIEDAD HISPÁNICA DE AMISTAD ACTIVITIES**

At the heart of the Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad are the activities in three areas: ambassadorship, service to community, and service to school. Every student who becomes a member promises to participate in projects to enrich community, school, and his own learning experience. The SHA does not tell chapters which projects they must choose. Members may do individual, group, or chapter projects. We provide the following lists of possible projects in order to help you decide what is right for your chapter.

### **AMBASSADORSHIP**

*Students focus on the language and interact with others*

1. Be a key-pal with a student in another chapter or country. Write messages in Spanish.
2. Make Spanish greeting cards. Exchange with another chapter.
3. Start a chapter newsletter in Spanish.
4. Start a chapter web page.
5. Host another chapter for a celebration with an Hispanic theme.
6. Communicate with members from other chapters through the web.
7. Participate in the National Spanish Exam.
8. Write articles in Spanish for the school newspaper.
9. Teach or tutor other students.
10. Host a "Language Day" along with another school or chapter. Have contests: bumper stickers, poster contests, poetry recitation, quiz bowl, etc.
11. Have fundraisers and buy an acre of rainforest.
12. Have a "phone a friend" contest. See who can phone the most people and have a 5 minute conversation in Spanish.
13. Have a piñata contest....display the winning entries or use to host a party for Hispanic children.
14. Have members take "secret pals" for a period of time. Write notes in Spanish.
15. Make a chapter scrapbook.
16. Plan a chapter retreat or special outing to a Spanish restaurant, festival, etc.
17. Make a video to share with other chapters.
18. Design chapter T-shirts or buttons.

### **SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**

*Students focus on service learning and community engagement*

1. Collect children's books in English and send to Hispanic schools.
2. Collect food and/or money for flood relief in a Hispanic country.
3. Volunteer to tutor English to Hispanic students in your area.
4. Offer services to migrant families.
5. Host "Hispanic night" for the community.
6. Make ornaments for Hispanic families.
7. Have a "mercado" and invite parents--bargain in Spanish.
8. Adopt a child in a Latin American country.
9. Read or tutor Hispanic children in the community.
10. Collect clothes for Hispanic relief organizations.

11. Have a 3 Kings Day toy drive.
12. Participate in "Puerto Rican Day" parade or similar activity in your community.
13. Send greeting cards to nursing homes with high Hispanic populations.
14. Sponsor a group to perform Hispanic music, dances, etc. for your community.
15. Host a Christmas party for Hispanic children in the community.

### **SERVICE TO SCHOOL**

*Students focus on serving the school community*

1. Help plan "Hispanic Day" in your school cafeteria.
2. Make posters encouraging others in school to learn a foreign language.
3. Sponsor "International Day" at your school.
4. Plan a day of activities for your school to highlight a Hispanic holiday.
5. Help plan an event where students can interact with native speakers.
6. Report on Spanish web sites of possible interest to members.
7. Tutor other students.
8. Incorporate Spanish music into school dances.
9. Decorate lobby, display case/etc. for Foreign Language Week.
10. Host an "on site" field trip for Social Studies classes to visit a Spanish-speaking country.
11. Have a Mexican cafe once a week where students in your school can buy treats.
12. Plan a fall or spring festival with a Hispanic theme.
13. Plan and serve a meal to teachers featuring Hispanic food.
14. Have a "churro" sale.
15. Start a "Breakfast Club" for students who want to speak Spanish.