

Reflection Activity: Youth Volunteer Résumé

Goal: For youth volunteers to create résumés that highlight their volunteer project(s) and the skills and experiences they've learned; they can use the document in future job searches.

The idea is to do a reflection activity with youth volunteers where you **work together to create their résumés**, which focus on their volunteer work and especially on their service with your team during the summer.

A youth volunteer résumé could include:

- Name of project, dates, host agency, and number of hours served.
- Work accomplished by the project (e.g., painted two murals, led 27 summer campers in basketball, wrote and edited a guide, etc.)
- Skills learned (e.g., how to supervise younger kids, how to work a power hose, work as a team, etc.)
- Other experiences or highlights (e.g., special awards from the host agency, comments from their team leader, team-building exercises)

When the activity is finished, youth participants have a résumé to take with them and use next school year or the following summer when applying for jobs. The activity also gets them to think critically about what they are learning from your project and how it can be useful.