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## Volunteer service ‘Team Meetups’, sparking great projects

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At Chengdu No. 7 High School Junior High School, a video was made of a Young Pioneers activity themed "Volunteer Service ‘Team Meetups’," and uploaded to the national platform for collective lesson preparation for Young Pioneer counselors. This is part of the "Voluntary Dedication" module, aimed at guiding Young Pioneers to participate in diverse Red Scarf volunteer service activities during holidays, to understand the essence of volunteer spirit, and to lead them in formulating and implementing feasible and practical volunteer activity plans according to their own characteristics and actual circumstances, becoming honored volunteers.

### Section I: Volunteer Service Team "Showcase" — "Showcasing" the Spirit

In this segment, by showcasing the volunteering spirit and achievements of young volunteers across various fields at the national level, we aim to provoke reflection on the motivations behind volunteer work, reveal the theme, and gain insight into the essence of the volunteer spirit. The host presents a set of statistics, specifically from Sichuan Province during the pandemic period, demonstrating the widespread embrace of volunteering in the new era. What can volunteer service achieve? Team members watch a short video about volunteer service, learning that its forms include emotional companionship and communication, specialized

knowledge dissemination, and hands-on services. Among these, the little tour guides and parent-child volunteer teams stand out, with the red scarves of the young volunteers particularly vibrant. Drawing on memorable volunteer service projects, team members attempt to distill key words that express their understanding of volunteer service: dedication, friendship, mutual assistance, and progress. Volunteering is an action that Young Pioneers should also undertake.

## **Section II:Small Group Activity Plan "Team-Up" — "Creating" Great Projects**

Following the requirements of the troop committee, the team members formed groups autonomously and developed plans for holiday volunteer service activities. Under the guidance of their counselors, they made adjustments to ensure feasibility before implementing the activities. What were the volunteer projects of each small group? Each group presented their reports, such as caring for the elderly living alone, promoting civility on Subway Line 1, and educating about waste sorting in parks.

## **Section III:Volunteer Service Issues "Team Discussion" — Turning Words into Action**

In this segment, team members are organized to summarize and identify common traits of valuable volunteer activities, guiding them to actively participate in volunteer service during holidays and transform their empathetic experiences of the Young Pioneer volunteer spirit into concrete actions. The host invites team members to discuss what the biggest challenges are in volunteer service activities and how they can be addressed. Two types of difficulties are identified and strategies are considered: lack of understanding—avoid unrealistic volunteer service; inability to sustain efforts—explore ways to maintain commitment to volunteer activities. Based on the reports of each small group's holiday volunteer service, everyone begins to reflect on what makes a volunteer activity more valuable. Representatives from each small group share their thoughts, concluding that valuable volunteer activities address real "needs." How to choose a volunteer activity? One must be observant of the world around them, practice empathy, and leverage their own strengths. As a result, each small group refines their volunteer service project. The troop committee designs a "Volunteer Service

Activity Record Sheet," hoping that each small group will make volunteer service a regular occurrence and better document their activities.

Finally, the team members pledge to always remember the volunteer spirit: dedication, friendship, mutual assistance, and progress. They reaffirm the volunteer oath: "I volunteer to become a proud volunteer. I promise: to do my utmost, without seeking reward, to help others, serve society, embody the spirit of volunteering, spread advanced culture, and contribute to building a harmonious society."