Community & Outreach – Overview & Instructions

2022 SeaPerch Season   *www.seaperch.org*

The Community and Outreach event is an **optional** component of the 2022 International SeaPerch Challenge. What is giving back and why do we think it's important?

Giving back can take many forms. Find a good fit between what you're passionate about (or good at) and how that can meet a need in your community. Increase awareness of a topic that you care about. Get others excited about your cause or unite them in support of a common goal. Share your special skills and interests with others who could benefit from them. In the process, you'll hone your communication skills, deepen your own understanding and appreciation, and feel a personal sense of pride and accomplishment. You may even inspire others to join you!

Need some ideas to get going? Check out the suggestions below. This list is *not all inclusive* and includes example activities that can be done in a variety of in-person and virtual environments. We look forward to seeing the creative ways you find to give back. No project is too big or too small to make a difference!

Please be mindful of and adhere to all local public health guidelines during your outreach. Be helpful but be safe!

STEM-Related Ideas to Give Back

- Serve as a near-peer virtual mentor or tutor to other students who are building SeaPerch ROVs or who need extra help in other STEM areas
- Volunteer to be a student assistant in a robotics or STEM enrichment club at your school
- Help develop an exhibit for a science museum or STEM center
- Create a website for people to learn more about ROVs and their real-world applications
- Volunteer to participate in the clean-up of a local waterway
- Write an article for your local newspaper highlighting your team and how you've made it to this year's International SeaPerch Challenge

General Giving Back Ideas:

- Volunteer at a local animal shelter
- Collect canned/non-perishable goods for donation to a local food bank
- Send cards or letters to nursing home residents
- Contact your local community center and inquire about available volunteer opportunities
- Create a social media post or a team promo video to highlight your effort or get the word out

Community and Outreach efforts should be described in 500 words or less. To capture important details, think about the **5 Ws** as you write, explaining, at a minimum, the **Who, What, When, Where, and Why** of your outreach activity. What inspired you? Why was this important to you? You might also tell us about any future plans you have or share the impact of your efforts.

If you have them, use photos or videos to enhance your write-up.

Submissions may be considered for special awards.

Submission Instructions:

Teams that choose to participate in this optional give back event will be asked to submit the following resources.

- Description of the team's activity* (500-word max., submitted in a text box)
- Supporting photos or documents (optional with a 3 file uploads max.)
- Supporting reference link to a video, website, article, etc. (optional)
- Acknowledgement certifying that photographs or videos given as part of this entry only include team members who have submitted a Photographic Release Form signed by a parent/guardian.