A Healthy Balanced Service Diet

A Quick Guide for how Service works for your Chapter

* Why Service?
  + Honorary SERVICE organization
    - Separates us from Social Fraternities
  + To serve the bands! Because you care
    - Why else would you be here? Why did you join your respective chapter?
  + To live your purpose
    - Fuel your fire, fill up your tank, insert dorky inspirational quotation HERE
* Types of Service
  + Your College Band
    - Handing out programs, water at games, etc.
  + Service to the Community
    - Soup kitchens/Clothing drives, etc.
  + Music-Based
    - Playing at Nursing Homes, Scouting for Music, etc.
  + Service/Fundraising dual purpose
    - Cleaning instruments b4 games for a few bucks, band merch., etc.
  + Multi-Purpose
    - Guest Speakers from the Community, lots o’ band related shtuff
* How to find the “healthy balance”
  + Specific to your chapter
  + Service to your collegiate bands should be 2:1 ratio to everything else
    - What does that mean?
  + Rule of thumb: 2-3 service projects a semester
    - Can be broken up, done by separate groups of people in the chapter
* What NOT to do
  + Do a service project “because you have to” NOOOOOO.
  + Do a fundraiser and tack on an extra thing to make it service-based
  + Go out into the community constantly, but not be known in your school of music
  + Be dumb.
  + Follow the “tradition” rule.
    - Huh?
    - Your chapter turns over completely every 5 years, there is no “tradition.”
* What is Ideal
  + Focus on band service projects
  + Find something that your whole chapter really enjoys, and let that feeling show
  + Do a variety of different, meaningful projects.
  + Feel open as a chapter to try something new
* Working with your Sponsors/DOBs
  + When the Sponsor/DOB is proposing a new idea to the chapter
    - Be open to new adventures
    - Take time to discuss concerns as a chapter
    - Do what is needed to serve your bands
    - Understand how smart/awesome your Sponsor/DOB is
      * Experience
      * They’re older and have been through more, listen.
  + When proposing a new idea
    - Formulate a thorough plan, and make it clear why it would work
    - Put yourself in their shoes to speak in a language they would best understand
* Who is in charge of these things?
  + Small chapter-? (differs, give your experience)
  + Large Chapter-Service chair and service committee
    - Great place to see potential of young, new members
    - Great place for “middle” members to step up
* Questions/Comments/Concerns/Rants?

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