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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