

Winterize Senior Citizens Homes

Community Objectives

To winterize and improve the homes of needy senior citizens located in our area coalfield community

Background

Eleventh and twelfth grade students from the Building Construction class will winterize some senior citizens' homes located in the coalfield communities. Typical improvements will be insulation of attics and floors, repair or replacement of windows and doors, repair plumbing, electrical, safety items, railings and wheelchair ramps.

Challenged Student Conditions

- ~Have any printed work enlarged if necessary
- ~Assist the challenged student when needed

Resources

- ~Senior homes in need of repair
- ~Building Construction teacher
- ~Transportation
- ~Materials: insulation, lumber, plumbing supplies, windows, and doors
- ~Tools
- ~Delivery of supplies

Timeline

- Fall
- ~Contact agencies to obtain list of possible homeowners
- ~Contact the homeowners
- ~Order supplies
- ~Schedule repairs to be done with volunteers to do them
- ~Do repairs

WEST VIRGINIA'S
SERVICE-LEARNING LESSON-PLANS
FOR K-12 CHALLENGED STUDENTS

Reflection

- ~Volunteers keep journals of repairs and antidotes on their homes
- ~Interview homeowners about their life in the coalfields
- ~Make a comparison of the good times and the bad times living in the coal fields from the point of view of the coal miner
- ~Compile a publication about the experience

Celebration

- ~Refreshments
- ~Select a senior citizen to be awarded on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day dedication house
- ~Invite local media

Academic Objectives

WV IGOs

Process/Workplace Objectives

- ~Use encouragement, persuasion, and motivation to complete an assignment as a team. Develop an effective team using good communication skills and decision-making practices (PWE. 16, PW 17)

Additional Objectives

- ~To work in small groups to accomplish a mutual goal
- ~To enhance decision-making skills

Contact Information

Jackie Asbury, Chris Bloxton, Damion Nichols
Southern Appalachian labor School
735 Beards Fork Road
Beards Fork, WV 25173
Fayette County