

Garden Valley Youth Volunteers

Garden Valley High School Club

Club Advisor: 2026-27 Stephany Corn, Jenn Favreau (This may change year to year)

Mission:

Garden Valley Youth Volunteers is a youth driven, community focused club, that aims to give back to the community that gives so much to them. Students will work to support local organizations, public land, address needs of and community and its members, all while cultivating a heart for service.

Core Members (Club Leadership):

Establishment, Organization, Recruitment, Action, Sustainability:

1. Establishment: A high school youth volunteer club, clear mission and purpose, service area.
2. Organization: Define student roles, assign leadership positions such as project coordinator, secretary, or social media manager to encourage ownership. Assign tasks based on talents—some students may prefer hands-on service, while others excel at digital marketing or logistics.
3. Recruitment: Encourage participation, use school announcements, social media, school website, Student Information System (Alma), flyers in local businesses, Payette Forward, spread the word.
4. Action: Communicate with Payette Forward (help at the store), Garden Valley Chamber of Commerce (Event Work), Garden Valley School (Gary for grounds, Stephany for Community School), Transportation Department (Roadside Cleanup), Garden Valley Rec District (park), Marcia Hefner (Community Dances) and others. Go to each of these places/people to introduce ourselves, the club mission and purpose, potential future projects. (leave them with printed material/flyer with information)
 - Plan Projects: Choose manageable, meaningful projects and create a timeline for them.
 - Develop a Youth Volunteer Calendar to post events and plan activities.
 - Meet Consistently: Set a regular meeting schedule (e.g., biweekly) to plan, reflect, and share updates.
 - Track Hours: Implement the Helper Helper App to log volunteer hours, which is important for scholarships and resumes.
5. Sustainability:

Provide Incentives: Offer benefits like skill development, leadership opportunities, or social activities to keep engagement high. Recognize and celebrate members' contributions to foster a sense of accomplishment and community. Always provide food options.