

Community Clean-up with Police & Fire Depts
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This annual community service event is called "Fall Overhaul" where the focus is on community beautification. A lottery is hosted and names of community/elderly members are provided for a drawing. About 5 families are selected. We then gather the local police, fire departments, community members, and student leaders to go and do a community clean-up. The clean-up ranges from graffiti removal, clearing of overgrown landscaping, and trash pick up. We paint murals of positive messages in the form of words, and images that are culturally responsible over the graffiti. Once the day's activities are done, we gather for lunch in a local park where we cook out bbq, play family oriented games like you would find at a company picnic. It is a great time for all and once done, we have cleaned up an entire section of the reservation! This is all volunteer-based and we have about 50 people or more who participate. In a large reservation which contains a relatively small community that has often had negative interactions with the Police and Fire Departments due to families in crisis, it helps build positive relationships with the families, students and community members that they serve.

