Definition
"Service-learning is a philosophy of experiential learning [integrated into and enhancing academic curriculum] in which students participate in community service not only to meet the needs of the community, but also to develop their critical thinking skills, commitment to values, and skills for effective citizenship."

Mintz & Liu, 1994

Objectives and Process
The purpose of your service-learning project is to connect what we do in the classroom with the "real" world. Service-learning projects provide an opportunity to help you develop a more complex understanding of our topics in class, as well as a deeper sense of their relevance.

Each student will choose one service-learning project to complete before the end of the semester. If possible, a group opportunity will be provided. There is no absolute rule regarding number of hours, but the project should be substantial enough to merit reflection on our course themes. Many projects will fall between three and six hours of time; others may be on-going or of a more significant or permanent nature. Please check with me if you are in any doubt as to whether what you have chosen will work for this assignment.

A reflection paper of 5-7 pages single-spaced is due on the last day of class. Your task in the paper is to connect our course content with your experience in a meaningful way.

Service Opportunities
Audubon Society of Salem
Audobons@qwestoffice.net
503-588-7340
http://audubons.qwestoffice.net/

Chemawa Indian School Wetlands Restoration Project
Liz Bowman, Chemawa-Willamette Partnership Program Tutor Coordinator
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503-370-6615

City of Salem Parks and Recreation
Tibby Larson, Volunteer Coordinator
TALarson@cityofsalem.net
503-589-2197

City of Salem Natural Resources
Deborah Topp, Volunteer Coordinator
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503-588-6211
Earth Share of Oregon
Laura Moran
503-802-8100
orvolunteers@tnc.org
http://www.earthshare-oregon.org/volunteer/

Greenpeace
866-501-2802 ext 5 (office in San Francisco for local global warming campaign information)
www.greenpeace.org

Marion-Polk Food Share Community Gardens
Jordan Blake, Community Garden Coordinator
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503-581-3855 ext 329 (work); 503-798-0457 (work cell)
www.marionpolkfoodshare.org/

Nature Conservancy in Oregon
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503-802-8100
nature.org/Oregon

Oregon State Parks and Silver Falls State Park
Tim Wood, Director
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(503) 986-0719
http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/VOL/about_us.shtml

SOLV
www.solv.org

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