Community & Outreach – Overview & Instructions

2023 SeaPerch Season   *www.seaperch.org*

The Community and Outreach event is an **optional** component of the 2023 International SeaPerch Challenge. What is giving back and why do we think it is important? What would you like our community to know about your team?

Community and Outreach

Giving back can take many forms. Find a good fit between what you are passionate about (or good at) and how that can meet a need in your community. Increase awareness of a topic that you care about. Get others excited about your cause or unite them in support of a common goal. Share your special skills and interests with others who could benefit from them. In the process, you will hone your communication skills, deepen your own understanding and appreciation, and feel a personal sense of pride and accomplishment. You may even inspire others to join you!

Connecting with your community is also important. Reach out and share your team or school's logo, an overview of what your team is all about, and social media information so we can share it with the SeaPerch community. We will include this information on the SeaPerch website in the "Meet the Teams" section of the 2023 SeaPerch Challenge page and will share on RoboNation's social media channels.

STEM-Related Ideas to Give Back
- Serve as a near-peer virtual mentor or tutor to other students who are building SeaPerch ROVs or who need extra help in other STEM areas
- Volunteer to be a student assistant in a robotics or STEM enrichment club at your school
- Help develop an exhibit for a science museum or STEM center
- Create a website for people to learn more about ROVs and their real-world applications
- Volunteer to participate in the clean-up of a local waterway
- Write an article for your local newspaper highlighting your team and how you have made it to this year's International SeaPerch Challenge

General Giving Back Ideas:
- Volunteer at a local animal shelter
- Collect canned/non-perishable goods for donation to a local food bank
- Send cards or letters to nursing home residents
- Contact your local community center and inquire about available volunteer opportunities
- Create a social media post or a team promo video to highlight your effort or get the word out

Community and Outreach efforts should be described in 500 words or less. To capture important details, think about the *5 Ws* as you write, explaining, at a minimum, the *Who, What, When, Where, and Why* of your outreach activity. What inspired you? Why was this important to you? You might also tell us about any future plans you have or share the impact of your efforts.

Submission Instructions:
Teams that choose to participate in this optional give back event and outreach will be asked to submit the following resources. Teams may submit a written statement, team information, or both.

- Description of the team's activity* (one-page max, submitted as PDF)
- Supporting photos or documents (optional with a three file uploads max.)
- Supporting reference link to a video, website, article, etc. (optional)
- The submitted PDF will be uploaded to the SeaPerch website in the "Meet the Teams" section of the 2023 SeaPerch International Challenge page.
- Team logo/icon (submitted as PNG image)
- One paragraph (100 words max) team bio/overview
- Website link*
- Social media links (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) *

*Acknowledgement certifying that photographs or videos given as part of this entry only include team members who have submitted a Photographic Release Form signed by a parent/guardian.

Submissions may be considered for special awards.