



**Tau Beta Pi**  
The Engineering Honor Society

## Service Project Descriptions - Winter 2024

Tau Beta Pi MI-G

The following projects and descriptions are examples of some of the service projects that our chapter has carried out in the past. The complete list of service projects that will be done this semester is uncertain due to the constantly evolving opportunities our members discover. However, this list should give you a good sense of the different types of service projects that we undertake. If you see an event you'd like to participate in that hasn't been scheduled, you may also take the lead on it yourself. This semester is a great time to have creative ideas and take advantage of TBP resources for service events. Also, if we have a large amount of electees and general motivation to do larger scale community service, we have a community outreach plan set up that consists of a lot of groundwork/direct interaction with the Michigan/Ann Arbor community. If you are interested in any of this please contact Drew Boughton ([tbp.service@umich.edu](mailto:tbp.service@umich.edu)); it is never too early to start getting involved in leadership. Note that the list below is only a taste of the service projects we have carried out.

**Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation Stewardship Workdays:** Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) is a section of the Ann Arbor Government that specializes in the preservation of public parks and nature reserves. NAP hosts weekend Stewardship Workdays that welcome groups of volunteers to help remove invasive plant species to preserve biodiversity.

**Ann Arbor Probility Marathon:** TBP has had the opportunity to volunteer with set-up and awards for the large Ann Arbor Probility Marathon.

**Cub Scouts Day:** Cub Scouts Engineering Day is a TBP-organized event for local Cub Scouts troops to receive their engineering badges. Activities include bridge building, egg drop, circuits, and floor plan. Volunteers are needed to help run these stations and to lead groups of Cub Scouts through the stations.

**FIRST Robotics with FAMNM:** TBP, in association with the FIRST Alumni and Mentors Network at Michigan (FAMNM), has become involved with volunteering for local FIRST robotics competitions.

**Hands-On Musuem:** The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum aims to inspire people to discover the wonder of STEM. Have fun with kids while learning cool science facts! Past events include helping children make their own microbes, exploring unique musical instruments, and celebrating DNA day.

**Kiwanis Thrift Sale:** Kiwanis Thrift Sale is one of the largest thrift sales in Ann Arbor and is run completely by volunteers. They are always looking for more help with sorting, transporting, and the sale of donated goods.

**KnitWits:** KnitWits helps the less fortunate during the cold winters by creating warm clothes from donated material. We tie together scraps of fleece to make blankets, hats, and scarves for the homeless here in Ann Arbor. No experience is necessary; instructions and materials all provided!

**Maize & Blue Cupboard North Campus Food Distribution:** Maize & Blue Cupboard is a free food pantry located on Central Campus that holds bi-weekly North Campus distribution events. The goal of these events is to supply students on North Campus with fresh produce and combat food insecurity.

**University of Michigan Science Olympiad:** University of Michigan Science Olympiad (UMSO) provides an excellent opportunity for both middle school and high school science olympiad teams to compete in a variety of STEM activities. TBP has provided dozens of volunteers to help grade and supervise events.

**Zooniverse:** Zooniverse is a completely virtual service opportunity that sees volunteers classifying elements for large-scale data sets. Topics include cosmology, biology, history, and many more!