

## Playground Map Project

You'll need to choose a project date and a rain-date when someone with experience with the project can be there to lead the work that day. Allow about 4 hours with 10-12 volunteers.

A kit will be provided with all the materials and supplies. It includes 7 gallons of traffic paint (seven different colors), the supplies that are used up during the project (roller covers, disposable paint brushes, paper towels, etc.) and a little extra to replace items that get reused such as rollers, paint pans, stencils, etc. There will be traffic paint left over. You can keep it or give it to the school to touch up later if you want. Please keep any leftover spray paint with the kit.

### **What needs done at each school prior to the day of the project:**

1. Make sure the surface is large enough. This is most important. Ideally it'll be at least 40'-50' wide (east to west) and 30'-40' high (north to south). The map is about 30' (wide) x 20' (high).
2. Make sure you know exactly where the map is to be painted. Better yet, have someone from the school there when you get started to approve the location. Also be sure to know if it's OK to paint over what might already be there such as 4 square or basketball markings.
3. The surface should be very, very clean – preferably power washed a day or two before. If you paint on dirt, when the dirt washes away, so does the paint. If it's in an area with trees dropping leaves or lots of gravel, bring a broom on the day of the project so you can sweep away anything that sneaks in after it's been cleaned.
4. Find out where you can get access to water. You'll fill empty milk jugs to use as anchors to weigh down the stencil. You'll then use some of it for cleaning up the rollers, etc. The kit includes a container to hold the water; you just need access to it.
5. Solicit volunteers. The ideal number is 10-12 adults. Responsible teens are great volunteers and this can provide community service hours if they need them for National Honor Society, etc.; but no young children, please. Volunteers should wear clothes they don't mind ruining with paint (including shoes – you're painting right by your feet).
6. You may want to provide refreshments for your volunteers, but at least be sure there is water available if it's a hot day.
7. If possible, it's nice to have access to restrooms. Especially if you're drinking lots of water!!!
8. If you plan to solicit publicity, send out a press release a few weeks prior to the event and again a few days before. This very colorful project lends itself nicely to publicity! Below is a sample press release for you to modify as appropriate.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For further information contact:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Can you picture going to Hawaii and back in a few minutes?

Students from the \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School will be able to do just that, thanks to the 20' by 30' multicolored map of the United States that will be painted on their playground by the Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_. The map will help students gain a better understanding of our country's geography, and will be the focus of numerous educational games.

Please take advantage of watching this project come to life. The Rotary Club will be painting the map using paint donated by \_\_\_\_\_. The first map will be painted at (SCHOOL NAME) located at (ADDRESS) on (DATE) from (START TIME) to (FINISH TIME). A map will also be painted at (SCHOOL NAME) located at (ADDRESS) on (DATE) from (START TIME) to (FINISH TIME).

This Rotary map painting project is one of many projects of the \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Club. For more information about this club go to [www.xxxxxx.org](http://www.xxxxxx.org) or contact (NAME) at (PHONE and/or EMAIL).

For additional information about the project, contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ or (SCHOOL OFFICIAL NAME AND NUMBER).

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