

YCS Service Shout Out

April 2017



Spring is here!

Join one of **YCS's School Service Leadership Clubs** and make an impact on issues that matter to you! **Action Team (Middle School)** meets on Wednesday afternoons and **Fellows (High School)** meets on Thursday evenings.

Please visit our website to find more information and to register.

<http://youthcommunityservice.org/programs/leadership-programs/>

As always, if you have any questions please email volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org or call (650) 858-8019.

Youth Community Service Annual Spring Fundraiser Luncheon **Thursday, April 27, 2017**

Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Hall
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto
11:30am – 1:00pm

Please join YCS for this year's fundraising luncheon - Cultivating Courage and Resilience - featuring legendary NFL quarterback Steve Young. He'll talk about "life behind the spiral," his struggle with anxiety, and how he found the inner strength and courage to overcome. This event is likely to sell out... buy your individual tickets today (start at \$100) at www.youthcommunityservice.org or see our website to host a table of ten and event sponsorship opportunities.

<p>City of Palo Alto Earth Day and Great Day for Saving Water When: Saturday April 22nd, 9am-3pm Where: Palo Alto Baylands Athletic Center Description: A celebration of Earth Day activities, art live music, prizes, zoo animals, bike tours, bird walks, food and fun for the whole family! Volunteers needed to assist with all activities. Sign up for specific volunteers roles using the link below. Ages: Any ages, restrictions may apply Waiver Needed: Yes Contact: For general information, visit Earth Day Webpage. To sign up for volunteer positions, please visit: Volunteer Sign ups.</p>	<p>Common Ground Garden: Garden Education Day When: 4/27/2017 Where: 687 Arastradero Rd. Palo Alto Description: A short educational lesson about garden ecosystems and sustainable farming and then planting, digging, mulching, composting, and helping our garden to thrive! We will end our time by tasting some fresh garden veggies. Bring: sturdy shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Provided: water and restroom access. Ages: 10 years and older Waiver Needed: Yes Contact: Emily Danko education@commongroundgarden.org.</p>
<p>City of Palo Alto: Annual May Fete Parade When: Saturday May 6th, 10am Description: 95th annual children's parade. Showcase your school, neighborhood, team, youth group, or extra curricular activity. All children welcome to walk in the parade, even if you don't have a group of your own. Deadline for registration for floats and groups is April 19th. Lineup will be released on Wednesday May 3rd. If you do not have a group, show up at the Check-in table on Emerson and University and march with: Kids on Parade, Kids with Pets, Kids on Wheels (no motorized), Flags from Around the World. Waiver needed: Entry forms due April 19th Contact: Sharon.Eva@CityofPaloAlto.org with questions or visit the Website at (http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/events/parade.asp).</p>	<p>Reading Bonanza in the Park When: Saturday May 14th, 11am-3pm Where: Bell St. Park, 550 Bell St., EPA Description: Reading Bonanza in the Park hopes to bring awareness to the benefits of reading by exposing kids, teenagers and families to a variety of community resources, programs and books for entertainment, education and empowerment. The event is also an opportunity for Stanford University alumni, friends, local high school students and community members to give back to its surrounding community. Volunteer registration deadline is May 10th. See links below to register. Ages: Any ages, restrictions may apply Waiver Needed: Yes Contact: General Volunteers sign ups, High School Volunteer Sign Ups for questions, visit http://www.readinginthepark.org/.</p>

<p>Abilities United: Adult Day Activities Assistant When: M-F 10am to 4pm, 3 hours per day, 1 day per week Where: 525 East Charleston Rd. Palo Alto Description: Volunteers share in one-to-one and small group activities; they are always in the presence of a qualified staff person. Work with instructors and adult participants in various settings. May include: walks, tutoring, helping in the garden or cooking in the kitchen, and assist with mealtime. A 2-month commitment is needed approximately 3 hours per day, 1 day per week, preferably on a consistent basis. Fingerprinting is required for volunteers over 18. Ages: All ages welcome. Waiver Needed: Application needed. Contact: volunteer@abilitiesunited.org (650) 494-0550</p>	<p>Abilities United: After School Assistant When: M-F 2:30pm to 5:00pm, 2-3 hours per day, 1 day per week Where: 525 East Charleston Road Palo Alto, CA 94306 Description: A year-round after school program designed for children with disabilities. The program is Monday through Friday 2:30-5:00pm. The assistant would help set up various areas and keep materials organized for use by the students and assist the teachers with specific students or small groups. Volunteer serve as a key support for the teacher to meet each child's individual needs. Required: 2-month commitment, 2-3 hours per day, 1 day per week, preferably on a consistent basis. Fingerprinting is required for volunteers over 18. Ages: All ages welcome. Waiver Needed: Application needed. Contact: volunteer@abilitiesunited.org (650) 494-0550</p>
<p>Reading Partners: After School Tutoring for Elementary When: Ongoing 9am-5pm Where: Redwood City, Menlo Park, Atherton Mountain View Description: A nonprofit organization that mobilizes community volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring to elementary students who are falling below grade level in reading. Seeking dedicated volunteers to tutor for one hour a week at any one of many partner schools around the Peninsula. Volunteers are paired with the same student all semester to build a strong mentoring relationship. No tutoring experience is required to volunteer. Ages: 14 years and older Waiver Needed: Yes Contact: Nick Hamrol Nicholas.hamrol@readingpartners.org</p>	<p>Dream Volunteers: International Service Trips When: Ongoing, During spring and summer breaks Where: Dream Volunteers is a Redwood City-based organization running international service programs for teens. Description: Service Work: environment (sustainable farming, reforestation, recycling projects), education (school construction, workshops for local children), time with local host families: soccer matches, cooking & dance lessons; Excursions: rain forest hikes, surf lessons, zip lining in the cloud forest. Ages: 14 and up Waiver Needed: Yes Contact: Brian Buntz brian@dreamvolunteers.org To sign up for one of our existing trips for youth, visit http://dreamvolunteers.org/trips/</p>

<p>City of Palo Alto Open Space: Non Native Weed Pulling When: Ongoing Where: Byxbee Park, 2375 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto Description: Hand-pulling & digging up of non-native weeds. After a very short training to learn a few plants that we would like removed, our volunteer crew to come out from time to time Ages: 12 years and older *this is an unsupervised opportunity. Waiver Needed: Yes Contact: Richard Bicknell, Richard.bicknell@cityofpaloalto.org</p>	<p>Gardening at Common Ground When: Ongoing: Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Where: 687 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto Description: Various garden tasks, possible lesson on an aspect of gardening (soil, compost, pest management, watering, planting crops, soil cultivation, planting seeds...). Bring: water bottles, close-toed shoes, sunscreen, hats, and snacks. We have tools and water. Ages: All ages Waiver Needed: Yes Contact: Paul Higgins, paul@commongroundgarden.org</p>
<p>Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Foothills Park When: 2nd and 4th Sundays, 9am to 12pm Where: 3300 Page Mill Rd. Meet in Interpretive Center Description: Support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Foothills park by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures, and more. Please bring a reusable water bottle, and dress for the outdoors. We will provide gloves, tools, and some snacks. Ages: All are welcome. Waiver Needed: Yes (if under 18 years) http://www.grassrootsecology.org/s/minor-waiver.pdf Contact: Avi Starr-Glass, avi@grassrootsecology.org</p>	<p>Abilities United: Year Round Childcare Assistant When: M-F 8:30am to 5:30pm, 3 hours per day, 1 day per week Where: 3864 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto Description: Assist in a developmental, integrated pre-school program designed for children 3-5 years. Assistant would help set up various areas and keep materials clean for use by the students, and assist teachers with specific students or small groups. As the volunteer becomes accustomed to the class format, he/she may lead small group activities with teacher guidance. A 2-month commitment is needed approximately 3 hours per day, 1 day per week, preferably on a consistent basis. Fingerprinting is required for volunteers over 18. Ages: All ages welcome. Waiver Needed: Application needed. Contact: volunteer@abilitiesunited.org (650) 494-0550</p>

For more information

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<http://youthcommunityservice.org/request-volunteers-form/>

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