

# YCS Service Shout Out March 2018



Hello, YCS Community!

Please join us for our Annual Spring Fundraiser Luncheon that will be held at Mitchell Park Community Center on Thursday March 22, 2018, 11:30am – 1:00pm. Our speakers, Julie Lythcott-Haims and Dr. Clay Carson will engage in a meaningful dialogue about service and identity. Watch our website to reserve your seat or to sponsor a table.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments by emailing us at [volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org).

-YCS Team

## **LEAD: Learning Engagement Asset Development**

**When:** Thursdays March 15 - April 19, 4:30-6:30pm

**Where:** Palo Alto Family YMCA

**Description:** Join YCS and the YMCA for program LEAD. This program is largely youth-lead and provides the opportunity for youth to engage in community service, asset development and leadership growth. Each high school participant will serve as a mentor to two elementary students. Participants will receive a stipend or service hours!

**Ages:** 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders

**Contacts:** Ashley Yee- Mazawa, [Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org) or Elizabeth Bedortha, [Elizabeth.bedortha@ymcasv.org](mailto:Elizabeth.bedortha@ymcasv.org)

**Habitat for Humanity  
Greater San Francisco:**

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

**When:** Tuesdays-Fridays, 10:00am-1:30pm or 10:00am-5:30pm; Saturdays-Sundays. 10:00am-1:30pm, 2:00-5:30pm, or 10:00am-5:30pm.

**Where:** 1411 Industrial Road, San Carlos

**Description:** Help us procure funding for our mission through the receipt and resale of donated home goods. Tasks include; loading and unloading items from the truck and moving them to and from the sales floor, loading purchases into customer vehicles.

**Ages:** 16, minors under 18 require a parent or guardian signature on their volunteer waivers.

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Sam Walsh [swalsh@habitatgsf.org](mailto:swalsh@habitatgsf.org)

**Buddies4Math: Tutoring**

**When:** Fridays in March & April, 4:00-6:00pm

**Where:** Mt. View-Whisman School District

**Description:** Tutor 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders in math at an elementary school in Mt. View.

**Age:** Middle- high school students

**Waiver Form:** Yes

**Contact:** Sreya Guha,  
[buddies4math@gmail.com](mailto:buddies4math@gmail.com)

**Girls to Women: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Margaret Wright  
Wellness 5k Run/Walk**

**When:** March 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 2:00pm

**Where:** Shoreline at Mt. View,  
2909 North Shoreline Blvd.

**Description:** The Margaret Wright Wellness 5k Run/Walk is a community- building event that helps support Girls to Women programs. Volunteer tasks include registration, water station, first aid, photographer, parking and course monitors, time assistance and general set-up. Volunteers should be available between 6:30am-1:00pm depending on task.

**Ages:** Any

**Waiver Needed:** Yes, forms will be available the morning of the event.

**Contact:**

<https://girlstowomen.webconnex.com/5k2018Vol>

**Grassroots Ecology:**

**Cooley Landing Habitat Restoration**

**When:** March 11, 9:30am-12:00pm

**Where:** 2100 Bay Road, East Palo Alto

**Description:** Join us for a morning outdoors. Volunteers will help with habitat restoration work such as mulching and invasive plant removal. Please bring reusable water bottle and dress for outdoor work. Gloves, tools, and snacks will be provided.

**Ages:** All Ages. Minors must have a guardian's approval.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Contact:** Erin Banks Rusby,  
[erin@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:erin@grassrootsecology.org)

**Grassroots Ecology: World Water Monitoring Challenge - Cupertino**

**When:** March 17, 10:00am-12:00pm

**Where:** 21979 San Fernando Avenue, Cupertino

**Description:** Volunteers are invited to come help us determine the quality of water in Stevens Creek with monitoring activities, which are easy and fun to carry out.

Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about watersheds and do a bit of biomonitoring by looking at which aquatic bugs live in this part of the creek - finding too many pollution tolerant bugs could mean a pollution problem. Please park at the Blackberry Farm parking lot and then walk towards the back of the swimming pool area. Please wear comfy shoes.

**Ages:** 16, minors under 18 require a parent or guardian signature on their volunteer waivers.

**Waiver Needed:** Yes, Preregistration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/WWMCCupertino>.

**Contact:** Jeremy Merckling  
[Jeremy@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:Jeremy@grassrootsecology.org)

**Reading Partners Silicon Valley: 1-1 Literacy tutoring.**

**When:** Ongoing Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm

**Where:** Redwood City, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose, and Milpitas.

**Description:** 1 hour tutoring sessions with elementary aged student. Need commitment for the rest of the 2018 school year.

**Age:** 14 and older

**Waiver Form:** Yes

**Contact:** Monique Garcia,  
[volunteersSV@readingpartners.org](mailto:volunteersSV@readingpartners.org)

**Grassroots Ecology: World Water Monitoring Challenge - Sunnyvale**

**When:** March 24, 10:00am-12:00pm

**Where:** 1635 Belleville Way, Sunnyvale

**Description:** Volunteers are invited to come help us determine the quality of water in Stevens Creek with monitoring activities, which are easy and fun to carry out. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about watersheds and do a bit of biomonitoring by looking at which aquatic bugs live in this part of the creek - finding too many pollution tolerant bugs could mean a pollution problem. Please park at the Blackberry Farm parking lot and then walk towards the back of the swimming pool area. Please wear comfy shoes.

**Ages:** 16, minors under 18 require a parent or guardian signature on their volunteer waivers.

**Waiver Needed:** Yes, Preregistration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/WWMCSunnyvale>

**Contact:** Jeremy Merckling  
[Jeremy@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:Jeremy@grassrootsecology.org)

**Grassroots Ecology:**

**Weed Warriors at Arastradero Preserve**

**When:** On-going Wednesdays, 2-5pm

**Where:** 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto

**Description:** Join us for a morning outdoors. Work alongside our experienced weed warriors to tackle problematic invasive plants! Enjoy hands on activities that will enrich our environment.

**Ages:** All Ages. Minors must have a guardian's approval.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Contact:** Melisa Cambron Perez  
[melisa@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:melisa@grassrootsecology.org)

**Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula:  
Summer Interns**

**When:** June 18 – July 20: Redwood City

June 20-July 20: EPA/Menlo Park

**Where:** Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and Redwood City clubhouses.

**Description:** Summer Interns will work collaboratively with BGCP staff to implement a summer academic and enrichment program for elementary school kids. The program is designed to use hands-on learning to improve students' school outcomes and their interest in learning. BGCP internships provide practical experience for job training and college preparation, as well as eligibility for national service awards. Commitment: 3-5 consecutive weeks, with option for full day (8:00am-4:00pm) or half day (mornings 8:00am-12:00pm or afternoons 1:00pm-1:00pm).

Learn more:<https://www.bgcp.org/volunteer-2/2016/3/17/mgqylthn78bk1b9t3fmwu7uv4ppax>.

**Ages:** Rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Waiver Needed:** Submit application at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=1606227065>

**Contact:** Jenny Saba, [jsaba@bgcp.org](mailto:jsaba@bgcp.org)

**LifeMoves: Apply for an Internship**

**When:** On-going, please contact us for specific times

**Where:** LifeMoves has multiple location

**Description:** Students may apply for an internship throughout the year to gain hands-on experience in human services and nonprofit management.

**Ages:** high school

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Lynnelle Bilsey, [lbilsey@LifeMoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@LifeMoves.org)

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: [LifeMoves.org/volunteer](http://LifeMoves.org/volunteer)

**Grassroots Ecology:**

**Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve**

**When:** Ongoing, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of every month. 9:00am-12:00pm

**Where:** 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto We meet at the buildings next to the parking lot.

**Description:** Join us for a beautiful morning outdoors! Enjoy hands-on activities that will enrich our environment and leave you with a smile. Support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Arastradero Preserve by planting native plants, creating habitat structures, and more. Please bring a reusable water bottle and dress for the outdoors. We will provide gloves, tools, and snacks.

**Ages:** All welcome. Minors under 18 require a parent to approve via the online waiver (<http://tinyurl.com/GrEWAiver>), and children under 12 require an accompanying adult.

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Stacey Dixon, [Stacey@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:Stacey@grassrootsecology.org)

**LifeMoves: Maintain & Beautify Facilities**

**When:** On-going, please contact us for specific times

**Where:** LifeMoves has multiple location

**Description:** Volunteers generously donate their time and supplies to clean, paint, maintain, and beautify our facilities so that clients are housed in welcoming, dignified communities.

**Ages:** high school

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Lynnelle Bilsey, [lbilsey@LifeMoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@LifeMoves.org)

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: [LifeMoves.org/volunteer](http://LifeMoves.org/volunteer)

**Boys and Girls Club: Academic Support with Elementary Youth**

**When:** On-going, Every day after-school, BGCP volunteers support youth in grades K-12<sup>th</sup> with academics and tutoring.

**Commitment:** 1 hour a week/at least 10 weeks. Days available: Mondays through Thursdays. Times available: Between 3:30 and 6:00 pm depending on location and grade level.

**Where:** Multiple locations

**Description:** Academic Block Tutoring—support full class with academics and homework. Academic Tutoring—1:1 or small group subject tutoring. Enrichment Support—BGCP enrichment classes (Subjects include STEM, art, fitness, etc. and alternate every quarter).

**Ages:** 14 and up

**Waiver Needed:** No

**Contact:** Jenny Saba [jsaba@bgcp.org](mailto:jsaba@bgcp.org)  
Apply easily online: [www.bgcp.org/volunteer](http://www.bgcp.org/volunteer)

**LifeMoves: Tutor Children & Youth**

**When:** On-going, please contact us for specific times

**Where:** LifeMoves has multiple locations. Please contact us for a location near you

**Description:** Volunteer tutors support students in the computer labs and children's programs, helping them complete their homework assignments and excel academically.

**Ages:** High School

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Lynnelle Bilsey,  
[lbilsey@LifeMoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@LifeMoves.org)

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: [LifeMoves.org/volunteer](http://LifeMoves.org/volunteer)

**Grassroots Ecology: Arastradero Stewards**

**When:** On-going Every other Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm: February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** 1530 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto. We will meet at the buildings next to the parking lot. Carpool, bike, or walk if possible. If Parking lot is full, please follow the "Volunteer" signs.

**Description:** Join us for a lovely afternoon restoring habitat and learning about educational topics at Arastradero Preserve in this program geared specifically for high school students! Volunteers are able to apply what they have learned in their environmental science and biology classes to; perform restoration tasks, learn about the preserve and its unique ecosystems, and develop an understanding of the importance of preserving natural resources.

**Ages:** High School Only

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Melisa Cambron Perez,  
[melisa@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:melisa@grassrootsecology.org)

**LifeMoves: Lead Children's Activities**

**When:** On-going, please contact us for specific times

**Where:** LifeMoves has multiple locations. Please contact us for a location near you

**Description:** Volunteer at our family facilities and help supervise children and lead playtime activities, such as arts and crafts, reading time, computer learning, storytelling, and more!

**Ages:** High school

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Lynnelle Bilsey,  
[lbilsey@LifeMoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@LifeMoves.org)

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: [LifeMoves.org/volunteer](http://LifeMoves.org/volunteer)

**Grassroots Ecology:  
Redwood Grove 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays**

**When:** On-going First Saturdays of the month! February 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.

**Where:** 482 University Ave, Los Altos

**Description:** Our monthly community workday at Redwood Grove will not be an event you will want to miss! With the rainy season approaching, it's soon to be Planting Season! Join your fellow community members on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of every month through winter 2017 and spring 2018 to bolster Adobe creek banks and Redwood Grove's native habitat. We will be weeding, mulching, staking willows, and installing native plants! Please dress for outdoor work, and bring a reusable water bottle. We will provide gloves, tools, and snacks. Park on University Ave. and walk down the driveway into the Preserve; there is no parking available in Redwood Grove. We will meet by the cottage and the kiosk.

**Ages:** All are welcome. Minors under 18 require a parent to approve the online waiver, and children under 12 require an accompanying adult.

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Valerie Lee

[valerie@grassroots.org](mailto:valerie@grassroots.org), to ensure there is space available, please sign up online at [tinyurl.com/GrEsignup](http://tinyurl.com/GrEsignup)

**LifeMoves: Organize Donations**

**When:** On-going, please contact us for specific times

**Where:** LifeMoves has multiple locations

**Description:** Volunteers organize donations at our facilities and help clients find the items they need, such as clothing, food, and school supplies—donated directly to people in need.

**Ages:** middle and high school

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Lynnelle Bilsey,

[lbilsey@LifeMoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@LifeMoves.org)

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: [LifeMoves.org/volunteer](http://LifeMoves.org/volunteer)

**Grassroots Ecology: Habitat Restoration at McClellan Ranch**

**When:** On-going 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of every month, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am

**Where:** 22221 McClellan Rd., Cupertino. Meet near the main parking lot at McClellan Ranch Preserve.

**Description:** Help up continue our ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at McClellan Ranch by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, sheet mulching. This is a great opportunity to do a bit of wildlife watching and learn about our local native habitat. Please bring a reusable water bottle and dress for outdoor work. We will provide gloves and tools.

**Ages:** All are welcome. Minors under 18 require a parent to approve the online waiver, and children under 12 require an accompanying adult.

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Jeremy Merckling,

[Jeremy@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:Jeremy@grassrootsecology.org)



**DreamCatchers: After-School Program**

**When:** On-going: Mondays 4-6pm, Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesdays 4-6pm or 6-8pm, Thursdays 6-8pm

**Where:** Palo Alto High School  
50 Embarcadero Rd.

**Description:** Our tutors dedicate their time to one DreamCatchers student throughout the school year and work together on developing the skills required to succeed in school and beyond. Tutors develop a meaningful mentoring relationship, gain valuable experience working closely with youth, and inspire student to becoming lifelong learners. Activities include homework completion, improving study and organizational skills, STEAM enrichment activities and enjoying a delicious, nutritious snack with your student at each session.

Sign up using our Google form:  
<https://tinyurl.com/DCtutor> OR visit our website: [www.dreamcatchersyouth.org/join](http://www.dreamcatchersyouth.org/join)

**Ages:** 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Allison Bedford,  
[Allison@dreamcatchersyouth.org](mailto:Allison@dreamcatchersyouth.org)

**LifeMoves: Host a Drive**

**When:** On-going, please contact us for specific times

**Where:** LifeMoves has multiple location

**Description:** Volunteers host donation drives for items given directly to clients, such as gift certificates, school supplies, bedding, toiletries, business clothing, and kitchen items.

**Ages:** middle or high school

**Waiver Needed:** No

**Contact:** Lynnelle Bilsey,  
[lbilsey@LifeMoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@LifeMoves.org)  
Please complete the online volunteer interest form: [LifeMoves.org/volunteer](http://LifeMoves.org/volunteer)

**Grassroots Ecology:****Volunteer at Foothills Park**

**When:** On-going: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month from 9:00am to 12:00pm

**Where:** 3300 Page Mill Rd., Once in the park follow the arrows with Grassroots Ecology logo to arrive at our meeting place, as this often changes.

**Description:** Join us for a fulfilling morning outdoors! We enjoy hands-on activities that will enrich our local ecology. 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 welcome. Minors under 18 require a parent to approve via the online waiver (<http://tinyurl.com/GrEWaiver>), and children under 12 require an accompanying adult.

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Avi Starr Glass,  
[avi@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:avi@grassrootsecology.org)

**LifeMoves: Prepare & Serve Meals**

**When:** on-going, must contact volunteer manager for specific times

**Where:** 181 Constitution Dr., Menlo Park (LifeMoves has multiple locations)

**Description:** Volunteers plan, prepare, and serve meals to clients. Donate nutritious food and serve those in need with compassion and care.

**Ages:** Any

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Lynnelle Bilsey,  
[lbilsey@LifeMoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@LifeMoves.org)  
Please complete the online volunteer interest form: [LifeMoves.org/volunteer](http://LifeMoves.org/volunteer)

**For more information**

If you want to see your service opportunities featured go to

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

Have questions? Please email [volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org)

