

YCS Service Shout Out

January 2018



Happy New Year, YCS Friends!

**Please Join YCS & The City of Palo Alto for
Martin Luther King Jr., Service Day
Monday January 15, 2018
11:00am-2:00pm
Mitchell Park Community Center
3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto**

We will be celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through service. There will be activities for kids, live performances, and on-site service projects. Come to the event as a participant or help make it happen through volunteer jobs like set up, guest service, and more!

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website:

www.youthcommunityservice.org

For questions or comments on all other service opportunities, please email us at volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org.

-YCS Team

Grassroots Ecology: Community Workday at Edgewood Park & Natural Preserve

When: January 20, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Where: Between 153-173 Canada Road, Redwood City, CA

Description: Join us for a morning of habitat restoration at beautiful Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve! Volunteers will help with habitat restoration work such as removal of invasive plants. Meet at the Clarkia Trail Parking Entrance. Carpool, bike, or walk if possible. Please bring a reusable water bottle and dress for outdoor work (sturdy shoes and long pants recommended). We provide gloves, tools and snacks.

Ages: Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Minors under 18 must have a parent or guardian register at tinyurl.com/GrEwaiver

Waiver Needed: Yes

Contact: Stacy Dixon,
Stacey@grassrootsecology.org

LifeMoves: Prepare & Serve Meals

When: Ongoing, 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

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: LifeMoves.org/volunteer

Grassroots Ecology: Habitat Restoration at McClellan Ranch & Preserve

When: Saturdays: January 20, February 17, March 21, April 19, June 16, 9:00-11:30AM

Where: 22221 McClellan Road, Cupertino, CA

Description: Help us continue our ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at McClellan Ranch by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, and 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 (long pants and sturdy shoes recommended). We will provide gloves and tools.

Ages: Volunteers of all ages are welcome, minors under 18 require a parent to approve the online waiver when registering for this event, and children under 12 require an accompanying adult unless prior approval is obtained from the workday supervisor.

Waiver Needed: Yes, tinyurl.com/GrEwaiver

Contact: Jeremy Merckling,
Jeremy@grassrootsecology.org

California State Parks: Half Moon Bay Habitat Restoration

When: Ongoing, To set up a project contact the Restoration Volunteer Coordinator

Where: Please contact coordinator for location.

Description: Volunteers would be removing non-native, invasive plants and planting native plants by hand or with the use of gardening tools such as hoes and shovels. Projects usually last 2-3 hours and weekday and weekend dates are available. Long-sleeve shirt, long pants, closed toed shoes, layers, a hat, sunscreen, and water are all recommended.

Ages: 13-18 years old

Waiver Needed: Yes

Contact: Kyla Rogind,
hmbrestore@gmail.com or [650-726-8801](tel:650-726-8801).

Palo Alto Family YMCA: Parent Night**When:** January 20, 5:00-9:00pm**Where:** 3412 Ross Road, Palo Alto, CA**Description:** Help assist in setting up event, run a planned activity station, supervise children, help with cleanup. Event will be in our Kid's Club 2 Room.**Ages:** 14 and older.**Waiver Needed:** Yes**Contact:** Brianna Mendoza,
Brianna.mendiola@ymcasv.org**Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Foothills Park****When:** Ongoing: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month from 9:00am to 12:00pm**Where:** 3300 Page Mill Road

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**Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP): Various Volunteer Opportunities****When:** Ongoing**Where:** 2411 Pulgas Avenue, East Palo Alto**Description:** EHP serves more than 10,000 individuals in need every year with food, clothing, and household essentials. There are several ways an individual /group can help. Collect and or donate packed hygiene kits, baby items, backpacks and school supplies for children or organize a food drive by collecting nonperishable food essentials.**Ages:** 12 and older**Waiver Needed:** Yes**Contact:** volunteers@ehpcares.org**DreamCatchers: After-School Program****When:** Ongoing: Mondays 4-6pm, Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesdays 4-6pm or 6-8pm, Thursdays 6-8pm**Where:** Palo Alto High School
50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto**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**Ages:** 9th grade and older**Waiver Needed:** Yes**Contact:** Allison BedfordAllison@dreamcatchersyouth.org

Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve

When: Ongoing; 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Where: 1530 Arastradero Road. 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, 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: Stacey Dixon, Stacey@grassrootsecology.org

Grassroots Ecology: Arastradero Stewards

When: Ongoing Every other Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm: February 6th and 20th March 6th and 20th

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; preform 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

LifeMoves: Tutor Children & Youth

When: Ongoing, 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

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: LifeMoves.org/volunteer

LifeMoves: Lead Children’s Activities

When: Ongoing, 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

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: LifeMoves.org/volunteer

Boys and Girls Club: Academic Support with Elementary Youth

When: Ongoing, Every day after-school, BGCP volunteers support youth in grades K-12 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

Apply easily online: www.bgcp.org/volunteer

Grassroots Ecology:

Redwood Grove 1st Saturdays

When: Ongoing First Saturdays of the month! January 6th, February 3rd

Where: 482 University Avenue, Los Altos

Description: With the rainy season approaching, it's soon to be Planting Season! Join your fellow community members on the 1st Saturday of every month through winter 2017 and spring 2018 to bolster Adobe Creeks 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, to ensure there is space available, please sign up online at tinyurl.com/GrEsignup

LifeMoves: Organize Donations

When: Ongoing, 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

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: LifeMoves.org/volunteer

LifeMoves: Host a Drive

When: Ongoing, 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

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: LifeMoves.org/volunteer

LifeMoves: Apply for an Internship

When: Ongoing, please contact us for specific times

Where: LifeMoves has multiple locations

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

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: LifeMoves.org/volunteer

LifeMoves: Maintain & Beautify Facilities

When: Ongoing, please contact us for specific times

Where: LifeMoves has multiple locations

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

Please complete the online volunteer interest form: 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

