
Service Shout Out September 2018



Hello, YCS Community!

We are excited to share with you many different opportunities for service in the community again in the 2018-19 school year.

See you out in the community!

-YCS Team

Featured Opportunities

★YCS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY ★

Date: October 27th

Description: Join us for another fun-filled day of service! Please check our website for more information in the coming weeks.

Contact: www.youthcommunityservice.org, (650) 858-8019

★YCS Action Team: Middle School Leadership & Service ★

Dates & Time: Sept. 19th to Dec. 5th, 3:30 to 5:00

Description: Join our active group of middle schoolers and become a leader through service!

Contact: Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org for more information

★LEAD: Building Community through Service and Mentorship ★

Dates & Time: Oct. 4th to Nov. 8th 4:30 to 6:30 (Note: different times for elementary participants)

Description: LEAD is a service and mentorship program. 3rd- 5th grade and high school students work together in service.

Contact: Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org for more information

Arts & Culture

Palo Alto Art Center: Art Center Teen Leadership

Date & Time: 2018-19 Academic School year, meeting twice a month from 4:30 to 5:30pm

Address: 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto

Description: Teen Artists – Act Center Teen Leadership Needs You! Looking for an art-focused leadership opportunity this school year? We are looking for high school-aged teens to join Art Center Teem (ACT) Leadership. ACT Leadership assists in producing programming that connects teenagers to art and artists. Help us plan our next teen-only event, make and exhibit art with professional artists, learn about art careers, gain leadership skills, make friends from different schools, and earn service hours along the way. ACT Leadership is a year-long commitment that meets twice a month.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: High School

Contact: Contact Grace Pegan Abusharkh, Director of Volunteer Engagement, for more information and to apply at grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org or (650) 617-3520

Community

Blossom Birth: Halloween Carnival on Cal Ave

Date & Time: October 28, 2018,
7:00am to 4:00pm (see description for shifts)

Address: 290 South California Ave., Suite A, Palo Alto

Description: Help Blossom Birth put on its super fun annual trick or treating on California Ave in Palo Alto. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 28th. We're looking for volunteers to help manage games and activities for children. Here are the shifts where we need help: early set up from 7:00am to 8:00am, set up from 8:00am to 10:00am, run games and activities from 10:00am to 12:00 pm, run games and activities from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, clean up from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 14 and up

Contact: blossomvolunteer@blossombirth.org; When you submit your reply, please include the following information: -Your Name, -email address, -which shift you can work, -optional: phone # so we can easily copy your contact info into our volunteer tracking forms. Thank you SO MUCH for supporting Blossom Birth Services.

Friends of the Palo Alto Library (FOPAL): Volunteer!

Date & Time: Book Sorting: Mon. – Sat. 2:00 to 4:00pm,
Book Sale: 2nd Weekend of each month

Address: 4000 Middlefield Rd., FOPAL Portable by tennis courts

Description: Weekly: sorting books, greeting & thanking donors.
Book Sale: Cashier, tabulator, floor person, line monitor, set-up & break-down help. Ongoing: Section manager, sorting, pricing and culling a specific book section. Book researcher/lister for online sales/e-commerce.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 15 and up

Contact: To volunteer go to <https://www.fopal.org/volunteer>, click "interested" OR email: volunteer@fopal.org

Gamble Garden: Wizarding World @ Gamble Garden

Date & Time: October 14th, 9:00am to noon

Address: 1431 Waverley Street, Palo Alto

Description: Entertain younger kids and help with arts & crafts, refreshments, set up decorations, clean up, face painting, and many other fun activities! Come in costumes!

Middle School and High School student volunteers needed for children's events held at Gamble Garden. Events such as Halloween party, Holiday/December party, Easter Egg Hunt, various horticulture activities. Usually on weekends. Get community service hours.

Waiver: No

Ages: 13 to 20 years old

Contact: Deanna Wong deanna28@gmail.com

City of Palo Alto: Moonlight Run & Walk

Date & Time: Friday evening, September 21st

Address: The Palo Alto Baylands Athletic Center

Description: Join us for the 34th annual Moonlight Run and Walk on Friday, September 21st. Proceeds go to the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, benefiting local nonprofits that serve families and children in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Join us under the light of the full harvest Moon on a 5K walk, 5K run, 10K run, or new this year, half marathon.

Waiver: yes

Ages: 14 and up

Contact: If you have questions, please contact Kali Shiloh kshiloh@embarcaderopublishing.com, (650) 223-6580. To sign up as a volunteer follow this link:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2018/18548/2018-palo-alto-weekly-moonlight-run-andwalk/volunteer>

Education

Boys and Girls Club: After-School Tutoring

Date & Time: Available between 3:30 to 6:00 pm, Monday - Thursday

Address: 2086 Clarke Avenue, East Palo Alto (additional locations in Menlo Park and Redwood City)

Description: BGCP is seeking after-school tutors to support our K-12th grade programs for at least 1 hour a week for a minimum commitment of 10 weeks to start. Locations available are in East Palo Alto, Redwood City, and Menlo Park. Roles include subject tutoring or supporting with homework as an Academic Block Tutor. Volunteers support BGCP instructors in classrooms after school. Attend a one-time orientation to learn more about our opportunities for involvement, and submit your location/schedule preferences.

Waiver: No

Ages: 14 and up

Contact: Jenny Saba, jsaba@bgcp.org

DreamCatchers: High School Tutor Volunteers

Date & Time: Wednesdays 4-6pm, Wednesday 6-8pm, or Thursday 6-8pm. Starting the week of September 24th.

Address: Paly Science Building

Description: Volunteers will work one-on-one with a middle school student in need to help complete homework and improve study/organization skills.

Ages: High School Students (9th – 12th)

Contact: If you are interested in volunteering please contact our Program Manager Micaela Flores at micaela@dreamcatcheryouth.org. For more information visit our website: www.dreamcatcheryouth.org

Project READ Redwood City: Volunteer Tutor

Date & Time: ongoing, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3:30 to 7:30pm (at least one hour per week)

Address: 1044 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City

Description: Each Project READ volunteer will be matched with a young child in grades 1-5 working on reading, writing, and homework. Before you can start tutoring, you will need to attend our teen tutor training scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11th, Tuesday, October 30th, and Tuesday, November 27th at 4:30pm at Project READ at the Redwood City Public Library.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 7th – 12th grade students

Contact: Cassandra Levy clevy@redwoodcity.org

Reading Partners Silicon Valley: 1-1 literacy tutor

Date & Time: Ongoing, Between 8:30am and 5:00pm

Address: Silicon Valley Schools: Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Milpitas, and Redwood City.

Description: We need you to be a mentor and help close the literacy achievement gap! Reading Partners is in need of volunteer tutors who can commit at least 1 hour a week to help a student in need. Their program runs in 14 schools throughout Silicon Valley. As a volunteer tutor, you'll work 1:1 with an elementary school student who needs additional support reading. Visit our website to sign-up, or reach out to volunteersv@readingpartners.org to learn how you can help children in your community become lifelong readers. 1-1 tutoring with a student who is reading below grade level. We ask for a one hour commitment for at least one school semester.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 14 and up

Contact: Sign up here: <https://siliconvalley19.my-trs.com/> and we will reach out with more information and next steps.

Email: volunteersv@readingpartners.org

Human Services

Santa Clara County: Suicide Prevention Program Coffee Shop Activity

Date & Time: September 9th – 15th, specific volunteer times are flexible

Address: Any local coffee shop in Santa Clara County

Description: Suicide Prevention Week is an opportunity to emphasize that everyone can play a role in suicide prevention. You can help Santa Clara County's Suicide Prevention Program with their Coffee Shop Activity. A supply of coasters will be provided by the program. Simply stop by local coffee shops and ask if they'd use the Know the Signs branded coffee coasters during suicide prevention week (Sept. 9th to 15th). To learn more, please contact Evelyn Quintanilla.

Waiver: No

Ages: All

Contact: Evelyn Quintanilla: evelyn.quintanilla@hhs.sccgov.org
(408) 885-3723

Environment

Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve

Date & Time: Ongoing, Saturdays Sept. 8th, Sept. 22nd, Oct. 13th, Oct. 27th, Nov. 10th, Dec. 8th -- 9:00am – 12:00pm

Address: 1530 Arastradero Road Palo Alto

Description: Support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Arastradero Preserve by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures, and more. Prior online registration is required. We will meet at the buildings next to the parking lot. Please be aware that if the event is full, we will NOT be accepting any email request to join.

Waiver: Yes.

Contact: Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/GrE-AP> to sign up and reserve your spot!

Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Foothills Park

Date & Time: 2nd and 4th Sunday every month; 9:00am to 12:00pm

Address: Route to Foothills Park Interpretive Center, but once in the park, follow the signs with the Grassroots Ecology logos to find where we are working that day.

Description: Join us for a morning outdoors. Enjoy hands-on activities such as weeding, planting, and creating habitat structures that will enrich our environment and leave you with a smile! Prior online registration is necessary; please visit <https://tinyurl.com/GrE-FHP> to sign-up.

Waiver: Yes. Waiver must be approved during online registration by parent/guardian for all volunteers under the age of 18.

Contact: Prior online registration is necessary; please visit <https://tinyurl.com/GrE-FHP> to sign-up.

Palo Alto Kiwanis Club: Duck Pond Service Project

Date & Time: Saturday, September 8th from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Address: Palo Alto Duck Pond (contact coordinator for more information)

Description: Kiwanis does this project regularly to maintain the Duck Pond area for local families. We will repair two planter-boxes, spread mulch, clean the deck with a power washer, probably do some removal of non-native plants, and other tasks to help the Rangers.

Waiver: Yes

Contact: Jim Phillips: 650-823-4319 or jimp482@comcast.net

Coastal Clean Up: Cooley Landing East Palo Alto

Date & Time: September 15th, 9:00am to noon

Address: 2100 Bay Road, East Palo Alto

Description: Participate in the California Coastal Clean Up Day!

Waiver: Yes

Contact: To register visit: www.smchealth.org/ccd, questions contact: Kathryn Cooke pollutionprevention@smcgove.org or 650-339-9526

Coastal Clean Up: Cordilleras Creek/ Redwood High School Redwood City

Date & Time: Sept. 15th, 9:00am to noon

Address: 1968 Old County Rd., Redwood City

Description: Participate in the California Coastal Clean Up Day!

Waiver: Yes

Contact: To register visit: www.smchealth.org/ccd, questions contact: Kathryn Cooke pollutionprevention@smcgove.org or 650-339-9526

Coastal Clean Up: Matadero Creek 1 & 2

Date & Time: Sept. 15th, 9:00am to noon

Address: Matadero Creek 1: 752 Greer Road, Palo Alto;

Matadero Creek 2: Trail head at East Bayshore

Description: Participate in the California Coastal Clean Up Day! Please bring a refillable water bottle, a bucket for trash, hat and gloves.

Waiver: Yes

Contact: Kirsten Struve Kirsten_struve@hotmail.com 650-799-0064

Coastal Clean Up: San Francisquito Creek Menlo Park

Date & Time: Sept. 15th, 9:00am to noon

Address: Corner of Alma St. & East Creek Drive, Menlo Park

Description: Participate in the California Coastal Clean Up Day! Bring a bucket or reusable bag, work gloves if you have them, and a personal water bottle. Dress in layers and wear closed-toed shoes. You may also want to bring a hat and sunscreen.

Waiver: Yes

Contact: To register visit: www.smchealth.org/ccd, questions contact: Kathryn Cooke pollutionprevention@smcgove.org or 650-339-9526

Coastal Clean Up: San Francisquito Creek Palo Alto

Date & Time: Sept. 15th, 9:00am to noon

Address: 3921 East Bayshore Road. Meet at the park at 1 Alma Street, Menlo Park

Description: Participate in the California Coastal Clean Up Day!

Waiver: Yes

Contact: To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ccd-2018-site-14-san-francisquito-creek-tickets-48861891232> , questions contact: Junko Bryant junko@grassrootsecology.org

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

