

YCS Service Shout Out

May 2017



Summer of Service 2017:

YCS offers 2-week camps for middle school youth, as well as a Freshman Leadership Camp for entering ninth-graders. Campers develop leadership skills, have fun, and meet lots of new friends while helping out in the community.

Register for a session through the **City of Palo Alto Enjoy** catalog!

**Attention volunteers and partners:
Service Shout Out – Summer Edition coming on June 1st.**

YCS will only be distributing one Service Shout Out over the summer.
Monthly distribution will resume on September 1st.

So plan your summer volunteering now, and partners please get your requests in by May 15th for volunteer opportunities through August 31st.

<p>Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Foothills Park When: May 14 & May 28 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Where: 3300 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto Meet in the Interpretive Center Description: Help us improve habitat for native insects, birds, fish and other animals as we work to help restore the "bottom of the food chain" - our native plants that support all other native life. Please bring a reusable water bottle, and dress for outdoor work (sturdy shoes and long pants recommended). We provide gloves, tools, and snacks. Ages: All are welcome. Those under 18 must bring a signed waiver Waiver Needed: Yes http://www.grassrootsecology.org/s/minor-waiver.pdf Contact: Alisa Kim alisa@grassrootsecology.org</p>	<p>Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula: Summer Internship When: You will be placed at one of our two different summer programs: Redwood City (June 19 - July 21) or Ravenswood (June 26 - July 28) and must commit to at least 3-5 weeks within your program to qualify. Where: 401 Pierce Road, Menlo Park Description: Assist in managing a class of 20 or fewer students with the assistance of BGCP staff and a credentialed teacher. Designing and running engaging, hands-on enrichment activities. Being innovative and open to learning and experimentation. Helping to tailor the program to support the students' efforts and coordinate academic efforts regarding individual members. Performing other administrative tasks as needed. Ages: High School Age, 14 years and up Waiver Needed: No Contact: Jenny Saba jsabba@bcgp.org Apply: https://www.volgistics.com/exportal.dll/ap?ap=1606227065</p>
<p>Gardening at Common Ground When: Ongoing: Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Where: 687 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto</p>	<p>City of Palo Alto Open Space: Non Native Weed Pulling When: Ongoing</p>

<p>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.</p> <p>Ages: All ages</p> <p>Waiver Needed: Yes</p> <p>Contact: Paul Higgins, paul@commongroundgarden.org</p>	<p>Where: Byxbee Park, 2375 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto</p> <p>Description: Hand-pulling and digging up of non-native weeds. After a very short training to learn a few plants that we would like removed, our volunteer crew will be able to come out from time to time</p> <p>Ages: 12 years and older *this is an unsupervised opportunity.</p> <p>Waiver Needed: Yes</p> <p>Contact: Richard Bicknell, Richard.bicknell@cityofpaloalto.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.</p> <p>Waiver needed: Entry forms due April 19th Contact: Sharon.Eva@CityofPaloAlto.org with questions or visit the Website at (http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/dept_s/csd/events/parade.asp).</p>	<p>Palo Alto Humane Society: May Fete Parade When: May 6, 9:30-11:30am Where: Parade route downtown Palo Alto Description: March with Palo Alto Humane Society (adult) staff and other volunteers. Help move the small float along the parade route. Ages: middle and high school age Waiver Needed: Yes Contact: Leonor Delgado Leonor.delgado@paloaltohumane.org</p>
<p>Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve When: May 13 & May 27 From 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Where: 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto Description: Volunteers help with habitat restoration work such as removing invasive plants, mulching, or installing native plants. Plus, this is a good opportunity to do a bit of</p>	<p>Grassroots Ecology: National River Clean-up Day When: May 20, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Where: 3803 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto Description: Volunteers will be protecting and supporting the creek, bay, and ocean by coming together to collect garbage that ends up in these sensitive habitats. We will also be documenting</p>

wildlife watching and learn about our local native plants! Please bring a reusable water bottle and dress for outdoor work (sturdy shoes and long pants recommended). We provide gloves, tools, and snacks.

Ages: All are welcome. Those under 18 must bring a signed waiver

Waiver Needed: Yes

<http://www.grassrootsecology.org/s/minor-waiver.pdf>

Contact: Avi Starr-Glass

Avi@grassrootsecology.org

and counting all of the different types of trash that are pulled out of the creek, so as to create a mindful record of pollution sources. Bring your own pick-up sticks, reusable water bottles, and gloves. All youth under 18 need supervision and transportation to cleanup site.

Ages: All are welcome. Those under 18 must bring a signed waiver

Waiver Needed: Yes, download waiver form at www.cleanacreek.org

Contact: Valerie Lee

Valerie@grassrootsecology.org

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, CA

Description: This is a developmental pre-school program designed for children 3-5 years, Monday through Friday. Hours available are between 8:30-5:30. This is an integrated classroom for children with and without disabilities. The assistant would help set up various areas and keep materials clean for use by the students, and at times, assist the teachers with specific students or small groups. While this is a teacher-led program, as the volunteer becomes accustomed to the class format, he/she may lead small group activities with teacher guidance. This is a program designed to meet each child's individual needs, with the volunteer serving as a key support for the teacher to accomplish this goal. 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

Abilities United: Adult Day Activities Assistant

When: M-F 10am to 4pm, 3 hours per day, 1 day per week

Where: 525 East Charleston Road
Palo Alto, CA

Description: These individuals particularly enjoy and benefit greatly from one-to-one or small group interaction. Volunteers share in the activities; they are always in the presence of a qualified staff person. Work with instructors and adult participants in various settings. You will join them on walks, tutoring, helping in the garden or cooking in the kitchen. Also help with feeding the participants in the recreation room or outdoors in the courtyard. The program is open Monday through Friday hours available are between 10am-4pm. 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.

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<p>Reading Partners: After School Tutoring for Elementary When: Ongoing 9am-5pm Where: Redwood City, Menlo Park, Atherton, Mountain View Description: Reading Partners is a nonprofit organization that mobilizes community volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring to elementary students who are falling below grade level in reading. We are 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>	
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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

