

# YCS Service Shout Out

## September 2017



Dear YCS Community,

Welcome back to the Service Shout Out! We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for the new school year. Check out some of the fun service opportunities in the community this fall. There are a lot of great things happening in the community and we hope you are able to connect with them.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org).

Sincerely,  
The YCS Team

### **YCS Action Team—After School Leadership Club**

Make an impact on issues that matter most to you! Join this fall's Action Team, an after school leadership club for middle school students. Action Team will study a community issue then design a service project to address that issue. Some past projects include; mental health awareness, socializing shelter animals, and rain water storage. Action Team meets on Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Mitchell Park Community Center. Please contact Lori Patton ([lori@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:lori@youthcommunityservice.org)) to register and to find out more information.

**Canopy: 2-Part Training**

**When:** Part 1: Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm OR Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Part 2: Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**Where:** Part 1: Peninsula Conservation Center – 3921 East Bayshore Rd. Palo Alto. Part 2: Location TBD, but a park in Palo Alto

**Description:** Want to volunteer outside, meet neighbors, and make a visible difference in your community? Join our team of planting leaders! Part 1 is a classroom session offered on Tuesday or Thursday (pick one). During this session, you'll learn proper tree planting and tree techniques, meet your fellow tree planters, and discuss volunteer engagement strategies.

Part 2 is a Saturday field session where you'll gain hands-on practice planting trees in a local school, park or neighborhood. After training you'll be ready to help lead Canopy volunteers during tree planting events throughout the 2017-18 season and beyond!

**Ages:** 13 and up

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Uriel Hernandez, [uriel@canopy.org](mailto:uriel@canopy.org)

**Common Ground: October Digging Day**

**When:** October 7, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** 687 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto

**Description:** Digging and preparing beds for planting. This is one of our more physically active volunteer days, it's satisfying and a great work out! Please bring sturdy shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. We provide water and bathroom access.

**Ages:** youth under 13 need a parent or guardian with them

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Emily Danko, [education@commongroundgarden.org](mailto:education@commongroundgarden.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.

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<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)

**Common Ground Garden**

**When:** On going, Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** 687 Arastradero Rd. Palo Alto

**Description:** Weekly gardening includes; planting, weeding, composting, pruning, harvesting, processing seeds, and digging. Please bring sturdy shoes, sunscreen, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. We'll provide water, bathroom access, and gardening gloves.

**Ages:** Youth under 13 need a parent or guardian with them

**Waiver Needed:** Yes

**Contact:** Emily Danko, [education@commongroundgarden.org](mailto:education@commongroundgarden.org)

**Grassroots Ecology: Coastal/Bay Cleanup Day—East Palo Alto**

**When:** September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** 2100 Bay Rd., East Palo Alto. The park is located at the end of Bay Rd.

**Description:** Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD) is an annual waterway and land cleanup held on the third Saturday of September. It's California's largest volunteer event and brings community awareness to cleaning up and protecting our marine environment. San Mateo County coordinates CCD in conjunction with the California Coastal Commission, Ocean Conservancy, and many statewide and local partners. Cleanups are held all over San Mateo County at beaches, creeks, waterways, parks, and neighborhoods. This family-friendly event is a great opportunity to educate residents about litter and how to stop it from ending up in our local streets and waterways.

**Ages:** All welcome. Minors under 18 require a parent to approve both a printed San Mateo County waiver AND a Grassroots Ecology online waiver form before participating

**Waiver Needed:** Yes, 2 forms

**Contact:** Sara Witt,  
[sara@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:sara@grassrootsecology.org)

**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)

**Moonlight Run**

**When:** Friday, Oct. 6, 5:30 to 10:00 pm

**Where:** Baylands Sports Complex, 1900 Geng Rd., Palo Alto

**Description:** Help with water stations, cheering runners on, handing out shirts, and race bibs. Volunteers must register before the event.

**Ages:** Middle and High School Students. Parents also welcome.

**Waiver Needed:** No

**Contact:** Adam Howard,  
[adam.howard@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:adam.howard@cityofpaloalto.org)

**Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve**

**When:** On-going; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month from 9:00am to 12:00pm  
**Where:** 1530 Arastradero Rd., 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](mailto:Stacey@grassrootsecology.org)

**Fairmeadow Elementary School: Walkathon**

**When:** October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 3:00pm  
**Where:** 500 East Meadow Dr. Palo Alto  
**Description:** Volunteers can help with; registration, checking in families and directing them to the various stations, stamping cards for the laps the students walk, care station with cutting fruits and handing out water, face painting and tattoos, bake sale and cake walk.  
**Ages:** All  
**Waiver Needed:** No  
**Contact:** Nirmala Patni, [nspatni@aol.com](mailto:nspatni@aol.com)

**Palo Alto Art Center:**

**Play! Gallery Installation**  
**When:** Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, various times. Visit our website for specific times  
**Where:** Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd.  
**Description:** German artist Hans Hemmert’s work redefines the concept of sculpture. Using latex balloons, Hemmert creates both a sculpture and a separate enclosed world all his own.  
Installation volunteers must be able to kneel and sit on the floor for several hours at a time.  
**Ages:** 16 and up  
**Waiver Needed:** Yes  
**Contact:** Grace Abusharkh, [grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org)

**Save the Date! YCS Make a Difference Day October 21st**

Mark your calendars, Make a Difference Day is coming! Join us on October 21st for a day of service. Please check our website ([www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org)) for updates. If you have questions you can email [yca@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:yca@youthcommunityservice.org) or call (650) 858-8019.

**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)

