

YCS Service Shout Out

December 2017



Hello, YCS Community!

We hope you are able to check out some of the great service opportunities happening this month. This issue has a lot of ways to help you get more service in before the New Year!

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments by emailing us at volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org.

-YCS Team

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Join YCS and the City of Palo Alto in celebrating the life and 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 sign up to help make it happen through volunteer jobs like set up, guest services, and more! Please email ycs@youthcommunityservice.org for more information, or visit our website: www.youthcommunityservice.org

Gamble Garden:**The North Pole Review**

When: Sunday, December 17th
10:30 to 11:30 am

Where: Gamble Garden Carriage House,
1431 Waverley Street, Palo Alto

Description: Help support this year's
North Pole Review, a family holiday
variety show featuring "The Fratello
Marionettes"!

Ages: Middle and High School

Waiver Needed: Yes

Contact: volunteer@gamblegarden.org

Grassroots Ecology:**Volunteer at Foothills Park**

When: On-going: 2nd and 4th 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

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

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

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

Ages: 9th grade and older

Waiver Needed: Yes

Contact: Allison Bedford,
Allison@dreamcatchersyouth.org

Grassroots Ecology:**Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve**

When: On-going; 2nd and 4th 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

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

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

Grassroots Ecology: Arastradero Stewards

When: On-going: Every other Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm: December 12th, 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; 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

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

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

**Grassroots Ecology:
Redwood Grove 1st Saturdays**

When: On-going First Saturdays of the month! December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd, 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 1st Saturdays 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

Grassroots Ecology: Habitat Restoration at McClellan Ranch

When: On-going 3rd 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

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

Please complete the online volunteer interest for 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-12th 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

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

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

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
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

