

Service Shout Out



February 2019

Hello YCS Community,

We hope you're staying dry amidst all the rainy days! Make sure to check out some of the service opportunities happening this month.

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

- YCS Team

Featured Opportunity

YCS Summer of Service

When: 2-week sessions starting June 10th through August 2nd

Where: Ventura Community Center and offsite locations

Description: Each day campers travel in teams to local schools, senior centers, food banks, and parks to serve and learn about the community. We also enjoy games, a fun field trip, and a whole lot more! If you're entering 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade, be sure to join us for a summer of satisfaction, growth and fun!

Waiver: Yes

Ages: Incoming 6th - 9th graders

Contact: youthcommunityservice.org, or visit our website for more information at www.youthcommunityservice.org

Animals

Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA: Animal Service Club

Date & Time: Ongoing, last Monday of the month, 6:30-8:00 pm

Address: 1450 Rollins Rd. Burlingame, CA 94010

Description: A service club for high school students hosted at PHS/SPCA. This is a student-led club based on empowering youth to be animal advocates and creatively discover new ways to confront animal-welfare issues. RSVP to Klynn if interested in attending.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 9-12 graders

Contact: Klynn Pelkey, Kpelkey@phs-sPCA.org

Farm Discovery at Live Earth: Sheep the Shawl & Makers Faire

Date & Time: March 16, 2019, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Address: 1275 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Description: We host a variety of stations, as well as demonstrations of shearing sheep. This event has each step of turning hand-spun wool into sustainable textiles and toys. No experience is needed to volunteer. There will be vendors, food, live music, and is very family friendly.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 12 years and older

Contact: Simone, admin@farmdiscovery.org

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 5:30 pm

Address: 1313 Newell Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94303

Description: Teen Artists – Art 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 yearlong commitment that meets twice a month.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: High School

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

Community

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

Date & Time: Book Sorting: Mon. – Sat. 2:00 to 4:00 pm,

Book Sale: 2nd Weekend of each month

Address: 4000 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94303

FOPAL Portable by tennis courts

Description: Weekly: sorting books, greeting & thanking donors. Book Sale: Cashier, tabulator, floor person, line monitor, set-up & breakdown help.

Ongoing: Section manager, sorting, pricing and culling a specific book section. Book researcher/ lister for online sales/e-commerce.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 15+

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

Girls to Women: 8th Annual Margaret Wright Wellness 5k Run/Walk

Date & Time: March 2nd, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Address: Shoreline Park, 3160 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, CA 94043 (in the Kite Flying Area)

Description: Help with an assortment of tasks such as registration, running a water station, setting up the race course, helping with timing at the finish-line, taking pictures, or other awesome opportunities!

Waiver: Yes

Ages: Contact the coordinator for more information.

Contact: Muisi-kingo Malonga at info@girlstowomen.org; Patricia Foster at patricia@girlstowomen.org; Call the office at 650-326-6341, or visit their website at girlstowomen.org

Palo Alto Family YMCA: Kids Club Volunteers

Date & Time: Ongoing

Address: 3412 Ross Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303

Description: Volunteers support Kids Club Program Assistants in supervising and engaging with youth signed into the Kids Club. Types of activities volunteers will engage in are: arts and crafts, reading, Legos, playground activities, and the support of monthly family events.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 14+

Contact: ebony.beshears@ymcasv.org

Palo Alto Family YMCA: Parents Night Out Volunteers

Date & Time: Ongoing, 2 Fridays a month

Address: 3412 Ross Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303

Description: Volunteers support Kids Club Program Assistants in supervising and engaging with youth registered for Parent's Night Out. Types of activities volunteers will engage in are: arts and crafts, sports, jenga, physical activities, and movies.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 14+

Contact: ebony.beshears@ymcasv.org

Education

Boys and Girls Club: After-School Tutoring

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

Address: 2086 Clarke Avenue, East Palo Alto 94303
(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+

Contact: Jenny Saba, jsaba@bgcp.org

Boys and Girls Club: Academic Tutoring and Summer Internships

Date & Time: Ongoing, applications for tutors now available, summer intern applications open February 2019 (early interest for summer is available now).

Address: 701 Charter St., Redwood City, CA 94063
(Additional locations in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto)

Description: BGCP is seeking academic tutoring during the school year and volunteers for summer internships (rising 9th – 12th graders) during the summer. Applications now open for school year, with summer application available late February 2019. Accepting early interest for summer now.

Waiver: No

Ages: 14+

Contact: Jenny Saba, jsaba@bgcp.org

Buddies4Math: Tutor Recruitment

Date & Time: Ongoing, Fridays 4:00-6:00pm

Address: Mountain View-Whisman District Elementary Schools

Description: Buddies4math is an award winning program staffed by students, come join us to teach elementary students Math through games and play. Volunteer hours count towards community service.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 11-18

Contact: Noah Tesfaye, volunteers4buddies4math@gmail.com

DreamCatchers: High School Tutor Volunteers

Date & Time: Mondays 4-6pm, 6-8pm, Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesdays 4-6 pm, Wednesdays 6-8 pm, or Thursdays 6-8 pm.

Location: Paly Science Building, 50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94301

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

Waiver: No

Ages: High School students (9th-12th)

Contact: If you are interested in volunteering please contact our Program Manager Micaela Flores at micaela@dreamcatcheryouth.org, or fill out our volunteer form here: tinyurl.com/DCtutor18-19.

For more information visit our website: dreamcatcheryouth.org

Stanford Hass Center:

Buena Vista Homework Club Tutoring

Date & Time: Ongoing, Mondays & Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 pm

Address: Buena Vista Mobile Home Community in Barron Park Palo Alto, CA 94306

Description: The Homework Club is a place of support, care, happiness, and academic and personal growth for children Pre-K to 6th grade. Access the volunteer registration form online at <https://goo.gl/forms/SgXrMPTHQk8qttd52>.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 14 and older

Contact: Deborah Farrington, Deborah.bv.hmwk.club@gmail.com

Project READ Redwood City: Volunteer Tutor

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

Address: 1044 Middlefield Rd. Redwood City, CA 94063

Description: Each Project READ volunteer will be matched with a young child in grades 1-5 working on reading, writing, and homework.

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 8:30 am and 5:00 pm

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. Their program runs in 14 schools. 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+

Contact: Sign up here: <https://siliconvalley19.my-trs.com/> for more information to be sent. Email: volunteersv@readingpartners.org

Environment

Canopy: Tree Care Workday – Ravenswood MS

Date & Time: February 16th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Description: Help maintain young trees and keep our urban forest happy and healthy! Join Canopy as we do some tree care work at Ravenswood Middle School. We will be refreshing mulch, removing weed cloth, and digging out trees to ensure they continue to thrive. All tools and equipment will be provided, along with a snack.

Location of Service: 3291 East Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 6+

Contact: info@canopy.org

Grassroots Ecology: Byrne Brigade Habitat Restoration

Date & Time: Ongoing, Mondays 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Address: 27210 Altamont Rd. Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Description: Support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Byrne Preserve by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures, and more.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: All

Contact: valerie@grassrootsecology.org

Grassroots Ecology: Coyote Creek Clean-up

Date & Time: February 3rd, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Address: Selma Olinder Dog Park, 1117 Woodborough Dr., San Jose, CA 95116

Description: Volunteers will be working to restore a section of Coyote Creek in San Jose by collecting, bagging, and documenting trash as well as learning about the natural history and ecology of the area.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 13-18

Contact: Email emma@grassrootsecology.org, or call (540) 848-4144

Grassroots Ecology:

HS Youth Stewards at Arastradero Preserve

Date & Time: Ongoing, every other Tuesday, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Address: 1530 Arastradero Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94304

Description: Explore environmental topics, collect field data, and work towards ecological restoration while connecting with new friends! [Required to sign-up on website.]

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 13-18

Contact: rachel@grassrootsecology.org

Grassroots Ecology:

HS Earth Stewards at McClellan Ranch

Date & Time: Ongoing, Fridays from 2/1/19 to 5/17/19, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Address: 22221 McClellan Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014

Description: Explore environmental topics, collect field data, and work towards ecological restoration while connecting with new friends! [Required to sign-up on website.]

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 13-18

Contact: jeremy@grassrootsecology.org and sign-up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/high-school-earth-stewards-at-mcclellan-ranch-preserve-registration-50239047343>

Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Foothills Park

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

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.

Ages: All

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

Grassroots Ecology: First Saturdays at Redwood Grove

Date & Time: Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Address: 482 University Ave., Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Description: Join us in working on habitat restoration through weeding, sheet mulching, willow staking, and installing native plants.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: All

Contact: valerie@grassrootsecology.org; Sign-up at <https://firstsatrg.eventbrite.com>

Midpen Regional Open Space District: Outdoor Service Projects

Date & Time: Ongoing

Description: Be on the front lines and get involved in restoring and maintaining District trails and preserves. Each year the District hosts over 65 fun, educational, and productive outdoor service projects. Work on habitat restoration in removing invasive plant species and planting native plants. Click on the following link to view and register for projects online:

<https://www.openspace.org/outdoor-service-projects>.

Location of Service: Various Midpen Preserves

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 14+

Contact: egartside@openspace.org or clau@openspace.org

Human Services

Ecumenical Hunger Program: Volunteers Needed

Date & Time: Ongoing

Address: 2411 Pulgas Ave. East Palo Alto, 94303

Description: Volunteer help is needed in EHP food pantry to sort, stack, prepare and distribute emergency food boxes to families in need. Help is also needed in the Community Closet to sort, organize and maintain gently used clothing and household goods. Other help: data entry, special projects, etc.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: 12+

Contact: Charlotte Brown, outreach@ehpcares.org

Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen: Meal Serving

Date & Time: Ongoing

Address: Multiple Locations

Description: As a volunteer, you will be asked to prep fruits and vegetables, serve hot meals, pour beverages, wash dishes, and tidy-up the facilities. To sign up for a job, please visit <http://loavesfishes.org/volunteer>.

Waiver: Yes

Ages: All; Under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: Hyru Gau, hyru@lovesfishes.org

Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health: Champions for Children

Date & Time: Ongoing

Description: Champions for Children are community members who host fundraising events, assemble patient kits, and organize toy drives to raise funds and awareness for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford and the child health programs at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Waiver: No

Ages: All

Contact: Caitlin Burns, champions@lpfch.org 650-498-7633

Magical Bridge Foundation: Kindness Ambassador Program

Date & Time: Ongoing

Address: 600 E. Meadow Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94301

Description: First attend a 1 hour Kindness Ambassador Program workshop to learn about Magical Bridge and it's mission. Help at special events on the playground (face painting, craft activities, game) and off the playground (community events, festivals, etc).

Waiver: No

Ages: 13

Contact: Deborah Gatz, deborah@magicalbridge.org, 415-725-1596

National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy: Side Walking

Date & Time: Ongoing

Address: 880 Runnymede Road, Woodside, CA, 94062

Description: Session volunteers walk beside the patient on the horse for the entire therapy session. Their primary job is maintaining the safety of that patient at all times.

Waiver: No

Ages: 15+

Contact: Debra A. Whitelock Lax, volunteers@nceft.org

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Waiver: Yes

Ages: 12+

Contact: ebony.beshears@ymcasv.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

