

January 16th Announcements

January 30th Facilitator: Adam Creighton January 30th Refreshments: Kristin, Daena, Anthony

General Announcements:

- ☑ **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE** We will be celebrating and participating in the KING Day of Service on Monday January 21st. All volunteers are to meet at the Arcata Community Center at 8:30am for breakfast and kick-off event. Please sign up for a project on the clip board TODAY. If you have questions see Derek or Meredith.
- ❖ **PAPERWORK DUE!** Activity Reports, Volunteer Record, Capacity Building Logs, IDP monthly goal worksheet, & Success Stories due January 31st. Be sure to check the STAR CHART before you leave to find out if you have any paperwork missing.
- ☑ **Looking for Extra Hours?** If your site is closed during President's Week consider signing up to help staff one of our partner's Day Camps. Locations include: Washington Elem. Feb 20-22, and Arcata Elem. 19-22. *Sign up on the clip board*
- ❖ The Straight Up AmeriCorps office will be closed this Monday, January 21st. Derek will continue staffing 6:30 office hours on Mondays until 6:30 on January 28th. Feel free to drop in to, take care of paperwork, discuss issues or concerns, or just unwind from your day. Coffee, Tea, and Hot Chocolate will be provided.

Training Opportunities

- ❖ **TONIGHT! JANUARY 16TH LOCAL GANG CULTURE:** Why are kids attracted to gangs and how do we recognize signs of gang activity in our community and the resources available. Presenter Simona Keat, Gang Resistance Intervention Program (GRIP) ALL trainings will be held on Wednesday evenings at the Humboldt County Office of Education, 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, in the Madrone Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Joyful Productivity (Barbara Browning)** Productivity consultant and trainer Barbara Browning will provide you with simple techniques to help you improve focus, reduce stress, and increase effectiveness at work. **January 17** at the Humboldt County library from 6:30-7:30pm.
- ❖ **Office à la Carte (Sandy Westfall)** will show you how to create a fully functional home office on wheels. This cart can then be tucked away in a closet when not in use, and easily rolled out for work time. Office à la Carte can be put together easily and will have the supplies, tools, and filing system that will support your home office. **January 24** at the Humboldt County library from 6:30-7:30pm.
- ❖ **Simple and Sustainable Organizing:** Organization *is* about living simply and consciously. Join professional organizer and author Claire Josefine, a pioneer of simplicity-based organizing, as she demonstrates how to be organized in an earth-friendly fashion **January 31** at the Humboldt County library from 6:30-7:30pm.
- ☑ **REGIONAL SERVICE LEARNING CONFERENCE** *Brining Life to Learning: Service learning and You!*: Friday Feb 1, 2008, 8:30am-2:30pm @ HSU. *See handout for more details. Sign up on the clipboard.*

Service Opportunities:

- ❖ Raven Project is a youth led street outreach program and drop in center that provides peer-based services. Raven is a 4-H club and has a garden space to play in. Every Friday and Sunday from 1-4p Raven has opened its garden to AmeriCorps members looking to Straight Up have some fun! For more information call the Raven Project at 443-7099 and talk to Anna or Karen.

Other Announcements:

- ❖ The Volunteer Coordinators are looking for one time, sustained service volunteers or people interested in helping out with National Service Day. If you know of someone that would like to volunteer than encourage them to call 269-2026 or email: straightupvolunteers@rcaa.org
- ❖ **The Disney Minnie Grants for Global Youth Service Day 2008 (U.S. and International Applicants)** The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America are excited to announce grants of up to \$500 to support youth-led service projects. These grants support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Teachers, older youth (15-25), and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply, if they engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementing the project. Email MinnieGrant@ysa.org. Deadline: January 21, 2008. We are excited to introduce an electronic application, now available online at www.YSA.org/awards.

Interesting Tidbits: January is National Poverty Awareness Month and National Mentoring Month!