



October 17th Announcements

October 24th Facilitator: Johnny Bassett October 24th Refreshments: Lynn, and need 2 more. Please sign-up)

General Announcements:

- ❖ **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!** We will be celebrating and participating in Make a Difference Day on Saturday October 27th. All volunteers are to meet at the Manila Community Center at 8:00 am for breakfast and kick-off event. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for a project on the clip board. If you have questions see Derek or Meredith.
- ❖ **Youth Leaders for Literacy** is an initiative of the National Education Association and Youth Service America to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. The NEA will be awarding 20 grants of \$500 each to youth-led literacy projects that begin March 3, Read Across America Day and end April 25-27, Global Youth Service Day. Go to www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/index.html for more information and to access the application. **Deadline: October 26, 2007.**
- ❖ **Pennies For Pakistan:** For the global community, people, and children living in extreme poverty. Contact Rabia Sher: 707-826-7123 or email thelostcaravan@yahoo.com if you want to help or get your school involved.
- ❖ The Straight Up AmeriCorps office will resume being open til 6:30 on Monday October 22nd. Derek will continue staffing office hours on Mondays. 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:

- ❖ **HELPING MENTEES STAY HEALTHY:** Julie Oakes of the Northcoast Children's Center discusses child and family issues with eating nutritiously, food insecurity, and appropriate responses by mentors to mentees' food-related behaviors. OCT 24th from 6-8 pm in the Madrone Room at HCOE.

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.
- ❖ Volunteers are needed for the 26th **Northwest Inter-Tribal Gathering & Elders Dinner "Praying for the River"** at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. Positions are available in multiple areas from Nov 7th-11th. Volunteer one day or multiple. If you would like to volunteer contact Lou Moerner at NCIDC (707)445-8451. For more information about the event or volunteer opportunities please see handout.

Other Announcements:

- ❖ Volunteer Coordinators Tasia and Amanda are looking for volunteers for Make a Difference Day. If you know of a friend, family member, significant other, neighbor, or casual acquaintance that would like to volunteer then encourage them to Contact Tasia or Amanda at 269-2026 or email: straightupvolunteers@rca.org
- ❖ Sign-ups are needed for refreshments for the October 24th Meeting. See the sign-up sheet on the clip board.

Interesting Tidbits:

- ❖ In Latin, October is called Octubre, or VIIIber (where VIII is the Roman number 8, in Latin "octo"). The name is due to the fact that it was the 8th month in the early Julian calendar beginning in March.
- ❖ More October observances include: National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Health Literacy Month, National Physical Therapy Month, National Sexuality Education Month, National Arts & Humanities Month