



# October 24th Announcements

October 31<sup>st</sup> Facilitator: Jessica Chimes    October 31st Refreshments: Dillon, Will, Tasia

## General Announcements:

- ❖ **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!** We will be celebrating and participating in Make a Difference Day this Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>. All volunteers are to meet at the Manila Community Center at 8:00 am for breakfast and kick-off event. If you have questions see Derek or Meredith.
- ❖ **PAPERWORK DUE!:** Volunteer Records, Activity Reports, Capacity Building Logs, and October Success Stories are due October 31, 2007.
- ❖ **Youth Leaders for Literacy** is an initiative to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. 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](http://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](mailto:thelostcaravan@yahoo.com) if you want to help or get your school involved.
- ❖ The Straight Up AmeriCorps office will continue to remain open til 6:30 pm on Mondays. Derek staffs 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" has been changed to "Dreamworlds - Desire, Sex & Power in Music Videos". Join Beth Chaton, Ed.D. and other mentors for a discussion about how our mentees are being influenced through music videos and what we might do to provide positive influences in the shaping of individual and cultural attitudes. TONIGHT Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 in the Madrone Room at HCOE.
- ❖ **Putting the "OM" Back in Communication:** Ronnie Swartz, Social Work instructor at HSU, invites participants to construct alternative ways of thinking about relationships with youth, and develop ways to have meaningful communication with each other. Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> **Northwest Inter-Tribal Gathering & Elders Dinner "Praying for the River"** at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds from Nov 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer contact Lou Moerner at NCIDC (707)445-8451

## 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 a friend, family member, significant other, neighbor, or casual acquaintance that would like to volunteer then encourage them to call 269-2026 or email: [straightupvolunteers@rcaa.org](mailto:straightupvolunteers@rcaa.org)
- ❖ **Straight Up AmeriCorps seeks Members:** We are hiring for ten PT/ 900hr positions. The term for these members will be 1-14-08 to 7-11-08. If you know someone that may be interested in a position with StraightUp AmeriCorps please encourage them to call Derek 269-2023 or visit [www.rcaa.org/straightup](http://www.rcaa.org/straightup)

## Interesting Tidbits:

- ❖ The Irish used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns" originally. But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollowed-out pumpkin, lit with an ember.