

October 31st Announcements



November 14th Facilitator: Danny Ballentine November 14th Refreshments: Anthony, Amy, (need one more)

General Announcements:

- ❖ **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!** Thank you for all of your efforts everyone! We were out in full force and made did some positive work for our community. If you have pictures from your site we would love to get copies for our AmeriArchives.
- ❖ **PAPERWORK DUE!:** Volunteer Records, Activity Reports, Capacity Building Logs, and October Success Stories are due TODAY! October 31, 2007.
- ❖ **REMINDER:** Our next Wednesday Member Meeting will be Nov 14. We do not meet next week. From Nov-April we will meet every other Wednesday. Check the training schedule online and stay tuned to the announcements for details.
- ❖ **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 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 continue to remain open till 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:

- ❖ **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 7th 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 from Nov 7th-11th. 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
- ❖ **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 Straight Up AmeriCorps please encourage them to call Derek 269-2023 or visit www.rcaa.org/straightup

Interesting Tidbits:

Halloween originated from the Pagan festival *Samhain*, celebrated among the Celts of Ireland and Great Britain. *Samhain* is the word for November in the Gaelic languages. The Festival of Samhain is a celebration of the end of the harvest season in Gaelic culture, and has come to be generally regarded as 'The Celtic New Year'. Irish and Scottish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America in the nineteenth century.