

THE VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

News for Volunteer Managers from *HandsOn NUNC*



Connection OPPORTUNITIES

We're happy to share these items of interest from around our local network. Please e-mail us any opportunities you would like to be featured in future editions! (The *Connection* is usually sent the first week of the month.)

+ Hurry! KA-BOOM! wants to build a playground for your organization! KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in North America. Since 1995, KaBOOM! has used its innovative community-build model to bring together business and community resources to construct over 1,300 new playgrounds and skate parks and renovate over 1,600 nationwide.

They currently have a corporate sponsor that would like to cover the majority of the funding as well as provide volunteers to help build a playground in the Winston-Salem area! They are looking for a community organization that can do the following:

- **Fundraise \$7,500 towards the cost of equipment.** The playground area will include equipment from Playworld Systems, safety surfacing, and various side projects including park benches, murals and green elements like rain gardens and tree plantings.

- **Provide at least 2,500 sq. feet in available land** and complete any needed site preparation, i.e. removing old equipment, asphalt, grading the land.

- **Provide logistic support for Build Day**, such as breakfast and lunch, tools, restroom facilities, and

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Dear Amy,

Even though we've all been digging out this week, we here at HandsOn are definitely thinking Spring! One of the sure signs of Spring, along with the blooming daffodils and forsythia, is the increase in request for group volunteer opportunities, as schools, churches and others make plans for their Spring and Summer gatherings. **It is crucial that I hear from you in order to give these groups access to high-quality opportunities!** These short-term opportunities can be valuable introductions between your organization and these groups, and can be the beginning of long-term relationships. When submitting project ideas, **please include the group for which you are submitting in the subject line!**

Another sign of Spring is our **NC Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service!** Scheduled for **Thursday, April 23** during National Volunteer Week, this awards breakfast helps spread the meaning of service to our wider community. **Nominations are now open!** You'll find more details below.

Stay warm,

Amy Lytle

Executive Director

Nominations for NC Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service Due Monday, March 17th!

Date of event: Thursday, April 23

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This year, HandsOn Northwest North Carolina is pleased to organize and present **Forsyth County's NC Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service** awards breakfast. Scheduled for the morning of **April 23, 2009**, we will be mailing invitations with further details closer to the event.

Right now, **we need to know about your outstanding volunteers!** You'll find we've revised the [application](#) for the

a dumpster.

- **Recruit 75 volunteers for Build Day** and recruit parents who are excited about serving on planning committees for an 8-10 week period.

- **Be responsible for the playground upon completion.**

In order to be considered, please complete and submit the [application](#) via **e-mail to [Laura Martini](#)** or fax to 202-659-0210 by **TOMORROW, Thursday, March 5th!**

+ **Plan to attend the 2009 NCAVA Conference in Boone, May 13-15th!** Our local PRAVA group has been integrally involved in the planning of this conference, helping to pull together a fantastic line up of session presenters and other speakers. This conference is a **fantastic value** and you are sure to come away with new skills, ideas and connections that will directly benefit your program. Click [here](#) for registration and hotel information (the conference is at the Broyhill Conference Center, with many rooms onsite.) You can also download a complete registration packet [here](#). **Early bird registration ends March 27th! Register today!**

+ **Do you have a local student volunteer who needs help paying for college?** The Winston-Salem Foundation offers merit-based scholarships, financial need-based grants, and loans. They were able to award over \$955,000 in student aid in the 2008-2009 academic year. More specific information and online applications are available on their [website](#). But time is of the essence! The application deadline for most scholarships is **March 31st!** (The deadline for most grants and loans is August 15th.)

+ **Scholarships Available for the 2009 National Conference on Volunteering and Service!** Thinking about attending the 2009 Conference on Volunteering and Service **June 22-24th at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California?** Doesn't California sounds like a good idea right about now? The Conference Host Committee is pleased to announce that a limited number of [registration scholarships](#) are available to nonprofit and service organizations. **Application deadline is April 9th, 2009!**

Co-convened by Points of Light Institute and the Corporation for National and Community Service, the annual gathering will provide more than 3,000 volunteer and

awards, with a streamlined [process](#) that will still serve to recognize members from all parts of our community. **Please nominate only one individual and one group/company per organization!** You, as the nominator, are the one positioned to know who among your volunteers shines the brightest.

Nominations are due by **5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16th**. Submissions by **e-mail** are preferred; they can also be mailed to Amy Lytle, HandsOn NWNC, 690 Coliseum Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Have questions? Don't hesitate to **e-mail** them or call us at 336-724-2866.

Thank you and we look forward to reading these stories of your outstanding volunteers!

Group Opportunity Needed for NC A&T Presidents' Club Members!

Saturday, March 14th

Location: Yours?!?

North Carolina A&T State University has approximately 54 students who are looking for a service project in Winston-Salem on Saturday, March 14th. (Yes, it's short notice-sorry!) They are very flexible about the kind of service, but as they will all be coming in on one bus, they are requesting that they stay more or less together or at least in the same area (i.e. doing multiple projects with one organization.)

As always, **submit possible projects along with contact information via e-mail**. Because of the tight turnaround involved with their date, I need to have a few ideas to them by **this Friday, March 6th! Please get back to me ASAP! Thank you!**

Offsite Group Opportunity Needed for 4-H Youth!

Saturday, March 21st

One hour

Location: Forsyth County Extension Center

The District Teen Retreat will be held in Winston-Salem on March 20-21st. **They are looking for an on-site service project for the approximately 150 youth registered for the retreat.** These are projects that could be picked up from a location and then completed on site by the youth at the retreat, and then transported back to a designated location once completed. They have access to several rooms and plenty of space in order to divide youth into teams to work on various projects if needed. Please let me know if you have projects that would meet this criteria (stuffing envelopes, putting together packages, writing notes, sorting, or anything else you might have). They want to give

service leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to learn from, connect with, and be inspired by some of the leading thinkers and practitioners in the volunteering and service field. [Click here](#) for registration information, hotel accommodations, highlights from 2008 and more.

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the youth a chance to do some direct service in our community while they are here!

As always, **submit possible projects along with contact information via e-mail**. All projects will then be sent to the organizers for final selection. Deadline for project submission is **Monday, March 9th! Thank you!**

Group Opportunity Needed for Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship!

**Wednesday, April 1st
8 a.m.- 2 p.m.**

Location: Yours?!?

This group is flexible in terms of what an opportunity could be. It will be part of their 40th anniversary celebration. They can also break this time up into different shifts at different locations, if needed. Approximately 10-15 volunteers would be available. While they have an initial interest in health--assisting with things like blood pressure screening, HIV/aids screening, breast cancer screening, or presentations about healthy living and healthy eating--they are open to any community service projects available.(Many of their members are health professionals.)

As always, **submit possible projects along with contact information via e-mail**. All projects will then be sent to the organizers for final selection. Deadline for project submission is **Friday, March 13th! Thank you!**

Volunteer Fair and Presenters Needed for Nurses Association Meeting!

**Saturday, April 18th
Brunch**

The Triad Regional Director for the North Carolina Nurses Association is planning a brunch meeting for Saturday April 18th entitled, "Spring into action with community service." They have reserved space and are trying to arrange for two speakers to talk about volunteerism and community service. Additionally, they are looking for organizations to set up tables and share with their membership about how these nurses can serve.

If you are interested in having a table, or in being one of the speakers, please let me know. Obviously, this will be more attractive to those of you who actively seek skilled nurses as volunteers. Deadline is **Monday, March 16th!**

Group Opportunity Needed for Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints!

Saturday, May 2nd

8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Location: Yours?!?

This church group is planning a large-scale "Day of Service" for their members. **They expect 300-400 to participate!** These would be family groups, so the activities should be appropriate for all ages. Of course, they will be looking for opportunities all across the community.

As always, **submit possible projects along with contact information via e-mail.** All projects will then be sent to the organizers for final selection. Because the number of people involved is so large, they are hoping to get projects nailed down soon! Deadline for project submission is **Monday, March 9th!**

Group Opportunity Needed for Student Life Youth!

Tuesday thru Thursday, June 16-18th

10:45 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Location: Yours?!?

Student Life is hosting camp for 7-12th graders in Winston Salem again this summer and are looking for volunteer opportunities for their students and adult leaders. They anticipate that **500 students and adults will participate!** Obviously, we really need to hear from you!!

They generally look to fill volunteer needs in 4 different categories:

- **Children** (housing projects, boys and girls clubs, children's homes, etc.)
- **Basic Needs** (soup kitchen, food bank, homeless shelters, donation centers, etc.)
- **Elderly/Disabled** (nursing homes, assisted living centers, etc.)
- **Light Construction/Painting** (painting, landscaping, building homes, basic facility maintenance, etc.)

They also enjoy hosting "**Kid's Camps**" (putting together their own stories, games, crafts, songs, etc.) and they hope they can find a location do this again this year. (They've done this with the Housing Authority in the past, but their contact is no long there.)

Typically, **they have groups of anywhere from 10-80 that will volunteer together.** Obviously, they will break up the larger groups and divide them into

a few different projects.

As always, **submit possible projects along with contact information via e-mail**. All projects will then be sent to the organizers for final selection. Deadline for project submission is **Friday, March 20th! Thank you!**

IN THE NEWS

National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2009



The theme for National Volunteer Week, commemorated April 19-25th, is "**Celebrating People in Action.**" The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week - honoring the individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities. HandsOn Network is orchestrating several milestone events that will converge during this week to focus attention on celebrating those who have strived to renew our national commitment and culture of service that has shaped America. [Click here](#) to read on.

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