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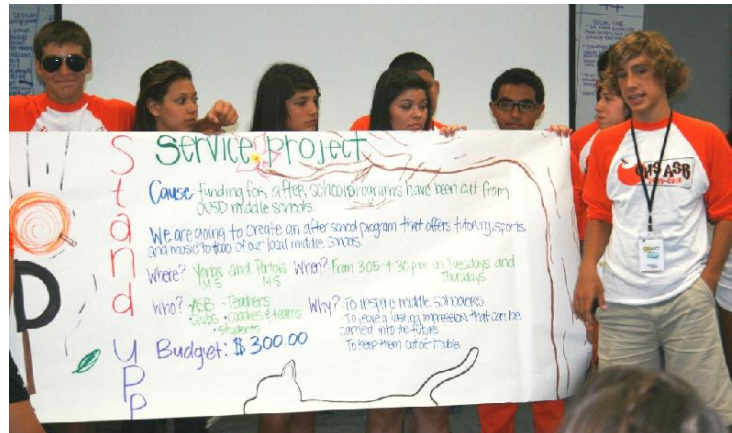
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Our Service Learning Sponsors:



Inspiring Leadership through Service and Learning...

by Kim Hayashi
Hayashi Events & Inspirations



The Leadership Academy emphasizes natural and potential leadership abilities in order to foster students' success as leaders, now and in the future. The Leadership Academy is unlike other leadership camps in the surrounding areas. This program creates a specialized experience and custom curriculum based on a school's specific needs. This ensures that each school's strengths & weaknesses are met with a curriculum that builds on the strengths, targets the weaknesses, and provides tools to effectively transform the weaknesses into strengths. As a result, the experiences of the participating schools are quite different from each other. [To read the entire article, click here](#)

Can you dig it?

by Marci Weinberg, Parent and Garden Coordinator
Tustin Memorial Academy

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The TMA can you dig it consortium has accomplished in one short year what takes most organizations several. A team of enthusiastic students, dedicated parents, generous local businesses, engaged community members, and supportive TMA teachers and staff have created a one-third acre Organic Garden and Nature Center that's teeming with life and possibilities. TMA's garden offers an experiential curriculum tailored to teachers' needs and students' abilities. Math, science, social studies, language arts, nutrition, health and fitness are all taught in our garden. The garden provides a fun environment in which learning becomes so much more than books and quizzes. Learning becomes an adventure. [To read the entire article, click here](#)

Certified Trainers/Coaches and Model Practitioners

by John Butler

Youth Service California identifies, trains, and promotes qualified people willing and able to facilitate high quality service-learning professional development events for teachers, administrators, community-based educators, and others. Here is a list of these Certified Trainers/Coaches, click on their names to learn more about their role in Service-Learning promotion. [To learn more about our Certified Trainers/Coaches and Model Practitioners, click here.](#)

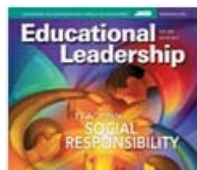
Service-Learning Resources



2010 Census in Schools

Resources for K-12 teachers working on lesson plans, maps, teaching guides, and influential materials to help teachers and students learn about the importance of the Census.

[Click here for more info](#)



K-12 Service-Learning Project

Planning toolkit help educators understand how to design and implement high quality Service-Learning activities. [Click here for more info](#)



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Service-Learning curriculum support. [Click here for more info](#)

Service-Learning Toolkit

Service ideas for primary grades (K-3) focusing on helping animals and learning how to be an engaged citizen. FREE Service-Learning curriculum kit on animals. [Click here for more info](#)

Service-Learning Grants

Youth Leaders for Literacy Grants Available to Young Volunteers Who Inspire and Encourage Reading Grant

Youth Service America is partnering with the National Education Association to once again offer Youth Leaders for Literacy grants to children and youth, ages 5-25, who offer innovative ways to increase literacy skills and appreciation for reading among their peers. Youth Leaders for Literacy will award 30 young people from across the U.S. each with \$500 grants and \$500 in books from the Pearson Foundation.

Deadline Extended: October 30th

[Click here for more info](#)

Do Something Awards to Honor Young Social Change Activists Grant

Young people age 25 or under will be honored for their leadership in community improvement and concern for the lives of others with grants of up to \$100,000 to the cause of their choice....

Deadline Dec. 15th

[Click here for more info](#)

DonorsChoose.org Grants

DonorsChoose.org is a simple way to provide students in need with resources that our public schools often lack. At this not-for-profit web site, teachers submit project proposals for materials or experiences their students need to learn. These ideas become classroom reality when concerned individuals, whom we call Citizen Philanthropists, choose projects to fund.

Deadline Running

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Days of Service

Kids Care Week

October 19th-24th

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Make a Difference Day

October 24th

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National Family Volunteer Day

November 21st

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MLK Day of Service

January 18th

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Great American Bake Sale

Fall 2009

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***SAVE THE DATE:**

Annual Teen Summit March 12th

National Service-Learning Conference

San Jose

March 24th-27th

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