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Online Service Opportunities



Please check out our website at www.volunteercenter.org. This website lists all the current service opportunities available through Orange County and allows you to sign up for them on the spot!

Quick Links...

- [Youth Service California](#)
- [California Department of Education](#)
- [National Service Learning](#)

Greetings!

Welcome to our online newsletter!

Volunteer Center Orange County is pleased to offer its winter online newsletter. We look forward to continuing to offer quality service-learning information in this new environmentally friendly format.

Service-Learning at Sage Hill



By Christopher Ward Ellsassar, Ed.D *Director of Curriculum*

Too often young people in our society are told they must wait until they are older to change the world. This message frames learning as something you do before you become engaged. Consequently,

many students emerge from their schooling thinking of life as something to be witnessed. Years of waiting to be old enough to participate can foster apathy. Service-learning has the potential to transform schools into places where students learn by doing.

At Sage Hill School service-learning is founded on a vision of a world where education and youth social entrepreneurship co-exist. Service-learning is more than volunteering. Service-learning is about students putting their expertise to work in collaboration with others, creating something where there was nothing, and joining with others to bring about change.

Learn more about Sage Hill's service-learning program [Service-learning projects](#)

[Clearing House](#)

- [National Youth Leadership](#)
- [Center for Civic Education](#)
- [Generation Earth-Tree People](#)
- [Veterans History Project](#)
- [Institute for Global Education & Service-learning](#)
- [Facing the Future](#)

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California Service-learning Conference March 3-5, 2008



The 2008 California Service-learning Leadership Institute, taking place March 3-5, 2008 in San Jose.

It is designed to serve all people in California who are engaged in service-learning and youth service. Workshops will integrate principles of high-quality youth development.

Early-bird registration ends December 28, 2007
[Service-learning Conference](#)

Winter Service-Learning



Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Monday, January 21, 2008
 Make it a day on, and not a day off by joining hundreds of volunteers in celebration of the legacy of Dr. King.
[MLK Day of Service](#)

Souper Bowl of Caring

During the week leading up to Super Bowl Weekend (January 28-February 1), schools across the country will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is launching its new National Schools of Caring campaign to engage students in service and philanthropy. To register, visit [Souper Bowl of Caring](#)

Teen Summit - Take the Lead

Join us for the 12th annual Teen Summit, at Cal State Fullertong on Friday, February 29, 2008. Learn how to promote volunteerism, develop leadership skills, and increase your awareness of social trends at local, state and national levels.

The largest youth conference of its kind in Southern California, the 2008 summit will feature keynote speaker Wing Lam, Co-Founder of Wahoo's Fish

Taco, who has impacted his community through service in remarkable ways. Students will choose from over 20 workshops geared toward inspiring them to "take the lead" in making change, taking social action, and positively influencing the world around them.

Take the Lead

Grant Information

Project Ignition

Project Ignition, a national service- learning grant program that promotes safe teen driving.

Applications for the 2008-09 school year due May 16th. The first 100 applicants receive a copy of Getting Started in Service-Learning and a Project Ignition T- shirt!

High schools, classrooms, clubs, teachers, students, and organizations can apply to participate. Apply on line to become part of this important national effort to save lives [Project Ignition](#)

Disney Minnie Grant GYSD 2008 (U.S. and International Applicants)

The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America are excited to announce the Disney Minnie Grants of up to \$500 to support youth-led service projects. These grants support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community.

Teachers, older youth (15-25), and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply if they engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementing the project. A significant part of the service must take place on GYSD 2008, April 25-27.

Questions? Email MinnieGrant@ysa.org. Deadline: January 21, 2008

[Disney Minnie Grant](#)

Service Learning Calendar

January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
[Marting Luther King Jr.](#)

January 21-25 - No Name Calling Week [No Name Calling](#)

February - National Black History Month [Black History Month](#)

February 11-17 - Random Acts of Kindness Week - [Randome Acts of Kindness](#)

February 29 - Teen Summit, Cal State Fullerton
[Take the Lead](#)

March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning [Cesar Chavez](#)

April 8-12, 2008 - 19th Annual National Service-learning Conference in Minneapolis, MN [National Service-learning Conference](#)

April 25-27 - Global & National Youth Service [Global & National Youth Service](#)

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