

Service Learning Opportunities May 2017

These are some helpful web sites if you want to look for more volunteer opportunities:

<http://ballardhs.seattleschools.org/> <https://volunteer.uwkc.org/> <http://volunteermatch.org> <http://www.phinneycenter.org/>
<http://www.seattleymca.org/> <http://www.earthcorps.org/> <http://nordicmuseum.org/> <https://www.thesca.org/>
<http://www.spl.org/about-the-library/support-your-library/volunteer-opportunities/service-learning-volunteer-opportunities-for-high-school-students> <http://www.wta.org/> <http://cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/> <http://mtsgreenway.org/volunteer>
<http://trailvolunteers.org/> <http://forterra.org/events> <http://www.seattle.gov/trees/events.html> <http://www.volunteer.gov/>
<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/volunteer/volunteer-calendar> <http://www.groundswellnw.org/> <http://www.kingcd.org>

The **Phinney Neighborhood Association (PNA)** needs volunteers for their **annual auction---Starry Night---** happening on Sat., May 6th. There are many tasks/shifts you can sign up for on the day of the auction and on Sun., May 7th. Learn more and sign up at http://phinneycenter.org/volunteer/volunteer_auction.html

West Woodland Elementary School (58th and 4th NW) has a **Bike Skills Rodeo on Sun., May 7th from 1-4pm** on the playground. Jobs are set up, including chalking the stations (12pm-1pm), take a shift at a skills station (training provided), check-in/check-out students, helmet sales, help with bike safety checks and quick tune-ups and clean up (4pm-4:30pm). Sign up ASAP with Jane at seejanebike@msn.com or 206-459-4875 to help kids learn to ride a bike safely. There will be lots of free Top Pot donuts, too.

The annual **LUNG FORCE Walk** is a fundraiser happening on Sat., May 6th at Woodland Park Zoo. Volunteer are needed 5:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Volunteer jobs include set-up, registration, water stations, cheerleaders, and clean up. Sign up or learn more at [LUNG FORCE WALK](#). The link takes you to the home page then choose the tab at the top that says 'register.' Once you click that, it will allow you to choose if you want to register to participate in the walk or sign up as a volunteer.

On your 2-hour early release day, Wed, May 10th from 2:30 – 4 p.m., you can sign up for a **tech mentoring work party**. You will help teach seniors how to use their smart phones, tablets and laptops at the **Greenwood Senior Center** (525 N 85th St.). It is a fun & fulfilling volunteer job. Sign up online at http://phinneycenter.org/volunteer/volunteer_special.html#tech

North Beach Elementary (9018 24th Ave. NW) is looking for volunteers for their Movie Night on Friday, May 12th. You will be helping with set up and food service from 6-9:30 p.m. Contact Robyn Hallonquist at robyn@atomicdl.com to sign up.

A **Latina Women's Symposium** is happening on Sat., May 13th at North Seattle College (9600 College Way N.). They need volunteers from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to set up, help serve food, and provide childcare support for kids 4-10 years old. You can sign up for a 4-hour morning or afternoon shift or be at the entire event. Being a Spanish speaker is a plus, but it is not essential. Lunch and snacks provided. To sign up to help, contact Guillermo Carvajal at gcarvajal@seattleschools.org / 202-770-1555 or 206-252-4180. Learn more at www.simposiomujereslatinas.com

Be a **One-on-One Technology Mentors on a regular basis in Greenwood/Phinney**. Help a senior learn how to use his or her smart phone, tablet, laptop or e-reader. Requests range from setting up an email account to attaching a photo to downloading an app. They are looking for teens comfortable with their skills and able to communicate well with a confused user. You decide what types of equipment you can help with and when you are available. Sign up: leannec@phinneycenter.org.

Green Lake Elementary School has a school garden that always needs volunteers. They are having a garden workday on Saturday, May 13th from 1-3pm. Contact Mary Pearsall at mary@maluma.us or olalliegarden@greenlakedragons.org to sign up.

*The **Haring Center Auction**, benefitting the Experimental Education Unit on the UW campus, needs many volunteers after the event to get the school ready for students. Volunteers will take down decoration, breakdown tables, collect recycling and set up classrooms on Sat., May 13th from 9-11 p.m. and/or Sun., May 14th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Jen Rogers at jrogerseeu@gmail.com to sign up.

Volunteer at the **Nordic Heritage Museum** in May! Your help is needed at the Museum's Nordic Culinary Conference on Saturday and Sunday, May 6th and 7th (event support/runners 9am-1pm; 1-4pm); and during the Syttende Mai parade on Wednesday, May 17th (meet at 5:30pm to march with the Museum). Contact Michael to learn more and sign up at 206-789-5707x12, or michaeli@nordicmuseum.org.

Ballard Community Center (6020 28th Ave. NW) needs volunteers on Fri., May 12th from 5:30-9:15 to help at **Parents Night Out**. You would help supervise children during play time, dinner and a craft or movie and help with clean up. Contact TomiJo at 206-684-4093 or tomijo.mccarrier@seattle.gov to sign up.

Mountains to Sound Greenway has work parties on Sat., May 6th, 13th, and 20th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Go to <http://mtsgreenway.org/> to find out more and sign up.

Join **SCA-Northwest** as they work to create healthy forests at **Maplewood Playfield** (4801 Corson Ave S.) on Sat., May 13th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wear long pants and closed-toe sturdy shoes and bring a reusable water bottle. The event will take place rain or shine so dress for the weather. SCA will provide coffee, hearty snacks, project materials and gloves. Volunteer alongside the current cohort of SCA's Conservation Leadership Corps (School-Year) members as they work to restore healthy habitat. There will be a celebration barbeque after the work party. Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/create-healthy-forests-with-the-sca-northwest-end-of-season-bbq-registration-31110185402?aff=es2>

Ballard NW Senior Center (5429 32nd Ave NW) invites you to join the Wednesday Night Volunteers from 3-6 pm (every Wednesday for 1-3 hours) to sort and price donations for their June Rummage Sale. They are also having Rainbow Bingo on May 5th and June 2nd – with evening event volunteer shifts available. Data Entry and Office Assistant volunteer shifts are available Monday – Friday from 3pm-5pm. If you would like to volunteer, contact Kristina at Kristinaw@seniorservices.org or 206-297-0403 to sign up.

Do you like to fish? Are you good with children? If so, consider helping out at a **fun kids fishing event** on Sat., May 13th from 7:30 - 2:30. You can sign up for a shift if you cannot help all day. The **Green Lake Chamber of Commerce** organizes this event. They install a net in the swim area by the Bathhouse Theater at Green Lake and stock it full of hungry trout. The kids, who are with their parents or guardians, receive a new fishing pole and event T-shirt and a chance to catch two trout. They get to keep everything. Volunteers will help bait hooks, land fish, and support the kids, ages 5-14, in the whole experience. Go to <http://lovegreenlake.com/fishingkids/> to learn more and register to volunteer.

The **American Diabetes Association** needs volunteers for the **Tour de Cure/Walk** fundraising event happening on Sun., May 21st at Chateau Ste. Michelle (1411 NE 145th Street, Woodinville.) They need help with set up on Sat., May 20th too. Learn more and sign up for at least a 2-hour shift at <http://signup.com/go/cmGgiR> no later than Fri., May 12th. Volunteers get snacks and a t-shirt. Contact Magan Denis at 206 282 4616, ext. 7356 or Brenda Wright at 206 282 4616, ext. 7220 if you have questions.

Earthcorps has Saturday projects from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: May 6th at Cheasty Greenspace (Beacon Hill), Terminal 105 (Duwamish River) and Frink Park (Central Seattle); May 13th at Lake Washington Boulevard (S. Seattle); and May 20th at Jackson Park (N. Seattle). Dress warmly; bring water & food. Sign up at www.earthcorps.org.

On Fri., May 26th from 4-6 p.m., you can help with **Bingo Karaoke set up** at the **Greenwood Senior Center** (525 N 85th St.) Sign up at http://www.phinneycenter.org/volunteer/volunteer_bingo.html

Childhaven, a local nonprofit that provides support and services to ensure all children and their families are safe, healthy and able to reach their full potential, is recruiting members for their 2017-2018 Youth Board. The **Childhaven Youth Board** gives high school students the opportunity to learn about serving on a nonprofit board, learn nonprofit fundraising strategies and gain leadership experience. The deadline for submitting applications is Tues., May 30th. Learn more and apply at: <https://childhaven.org/the-childhaven-youth-board-2/>

Licton Springs (97th and Ashworth St.) has a work party on Sat., May 13th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn more and sign up at <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/10980/>

St. Mark's Greenbelt work party is happening on Sat., May 20th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn more and sign up at <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/10788/>

A **Supermarket Saturday Food Drive** is happening on Sat., May 20th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Wallingford QFC on 45th St. The purpose of doing Supermarket Saturday food drives is to receive much-needed donations of food for the **FamilyWorks food bank**. These events involve interacting with community members, handing out flyers indicating the types of canned food needed and receiving food donations from shoppers. Sign up for one or more hours at <http://www.familyworkseattle.org/vol-opp>

Nature Consortium has forest restoration work parties in the West Duwamish Greenbelt every Saturday in May from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Get the waiver form completed by your parent/guardian and sign up at least 24 hours in advance at <http://www.naturec.org/volunteer/>

The **Outreach Program for Soccer, TOP Soccer**, is a community-based soccer program for boys and girls who have a cognitive and/or physical disability. **TOP Soccer** is looking for teen volunteers who are interested in sports, education, or people with disabilities to be buddies to assist players on the field. Students do not need to be soccer players themselves to help. The spring season runs through mid to late June with practices on Sundays from 3:00—4:00 PM (younger kids and/or less able bodied) and from 4:00 – 5:00 PM (older kids and more able bodied) indoors at Arena Sports at Magnuson Park, Seattle (7751 63rd Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115). Buddies can help with one or both groups. If you are interested, contact Kathleen Kindred at kmkeenan@msn.com. There is no fee for buddies, but you must register online at <http://wys-topsshoreline.affinitysoccer.com/reg/index.asp?sessionguid=>

Camp Patterson runs an integrated summer day camp for children (5+) with and without special needs on Silver Lake in Everett. They need volunteers (14+) for a minimum of two weeks for their camps that run from July 5th through August 8th. Contact Monica Cook at (425) 923-5629 or MCook@everettwa.gov and she will send you the information and application.

Ravenna Park (NE Seattle) has a work party on Sat., May 20th from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up at <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/11287/>

Spend time outside, gain valuable professional skills and have fun at **The Center for Wooden Boats**, located on South Lake Union. High School Program Assistants work directly with wooden boats and the people who use them. You will receive training and mentorship, learn about traditional sail and rowboats, help teach youth sailing, assist with renting boats, help maintain the fleet, or volunteer in visitor services. Volunteers commit to 20 hours per week, for a minimum of three weeks during the summer. Applications are available, <http://cwb.org/join-support/volunteer/youth/highschool-program-assistant/>. The application deadline is Sat., May 13th for summer positions. There is no cost for this program. Contact: the Center for Wooden Boats at 206-382-2628 or youthsailing@cwb.org

Are you interested in volunteering with preschool-aged children in an outdoor setting? **Tiny Trees Preschool** is looking for teens to volunteer at Carkeek Park after school during the school year and/or next summer. You can work from 3:30-4:30 M-F during the school year or 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. or 1:30p.m.-4:30p.m. in the summer. A commitment of 4-8 weeks is preferred. A background check through Tiny Trees Preschool is required for all volunteers. Contact James Robinson, the Volunteer & Training Coordinator, at james@tinytrees.org or 206 701 0245 x 3 Tinytrees.org

Northwest Folklife needs volunteers for their annual festival at the Seattle Center on Memorial Day weekend, Fri., May 26th through Mon., May 29th. There are many different volunteer jobs available; experience is not required. If you need service learning hours and want to learn more about event operations or the music industry, sign up online at <http://www.nwfolklife.org/volunteer-festival/> no later than May 5th. It takes 2-3 weeks to get your volunteer assignment. Teens under 18 need to bring a form signed by a parent/guardian. If you have questions, contact Cheyanne Warren at volunteers@nwfolklife.org

Volunteer on Sunday, June 11th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at **Klippan Lodge's Midsummer in the Park** at Vasa Park on Lake Sammamish. You will help with the information booth and/or bingo and other activities. Klippan Lodge business meetings, followed by a free meal, happen at the Swedish Club (on Queen Anne) once monthly on the second Sunday from 1:30-3 p.m. The next one will be on May 14th. This is primarily a Scandinavian organization that welcomes all who want to get involved in the lodge. Contact Arthur Rosengren at arosengren@yahoo.com to learn more and sign up.

HELP OTHERS READ! **Washington Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL)** (2021 9th Ave. at Lenora in South Lake Union) sends out 2,000 talking books each day to those who cannot access standard print. WTBBL needs volunteers to do book inspection, shelving and other circulation-related tasks. Training is provided. WTBBL is open M-F 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. and until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Complete an application online at www.tinyurl.com/wtbbl-volunteer. For more information, email david.junius@sos.wa.gov. Minimum age to volunteer is 15. Sign up with a group of friends. There is free parking.

The **University Family YMCA** (5003 12th Ave. NE) has many volunteer opportunities for teens. 1) **Kids University Mentor** – Be a strong role model and assist in the facilitation of Kids University---an after-school program offering educational and sports oriented classes to elementary age children. 2) **Family Program Assistant**-- Assist in supervising and facilitating activities for children 6 months-5 years in a positive, fun, safe environment. 3) **Lake City Tutor**-- Volunteers would offer homework help and tutoring in math and language arts and enrichment services to youth, ages 6 -11, on Tuesdays from 4:45 pm - 7:15 pm and youth, ages 12 – 18, on Wednesdays from 4:45 pm - 7:15 pm at Lake City Court Apartments 4) **Administrative Assistant** - Help in the YMCA administration office. You need to be detail oriented and proficient with computers, the internet and Microsoft Office applications. You can also help with sports, summer camps, childcare, theater, language, arts and crafts, and more both at the Y and other sites such as at the Phinney Neighborhood Center. For more information and to sign up for any of these opportunities, contact Holly Reichmann at hreichmann@seattleyymca.org or 206.524.1400.

Teen Link provides emotional support and resource referrals to young people ages 12-20 through their peer-to-peer telephone and chat helpline. You can be a phone worker (15+) and answer calls and chats and provide emotional support or be an outreach worker (13+) and spread awareness about Teen Link, mental health, and other youth issues. Training is provided. Contact teenlink@crisisclinic.org or call 1-866-833-6546 to learn more and get an application.

Volunteer at the **Magnolia Summer Fest!** It is happening the weekend of Aug. 5th - 6th and they need more volunteers to help the event be successful. Volunteer jobs are to help with set up on Fri., Aug. 4th from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., help with kids' crafts and grounds clean up on Sat., Aug. 5th and Sun., Aug. 6th from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and take down on Sun., Aug. 6th from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. You can sign up for a 2 and 1/2 hour shift or all day shifts. Bring lunch or money to buy something to eat if you sign up for all day. Contact Kim Thibaux at jktebo3800@sbcglobal.net to learn more and sign up.

DebateAble is a debate program for elementary students that needs volunteers for its Annual Interschool Debate Tournament on Sat., June 10, 7:30am-11:30am at **Catherine Blaine K-8** in Magnolia. You would help with set up and break down debate rooms, assist debate judges during rounds, interact with kids. No debate experience necessary for this fun opportunity! Free donuts, bagels and other breakfast items thrown in. If you are interested in helping, email elizabeth@debateablekids.com.

Do you like the outdoors and working with kids? The **Wilderness Awareness School** is now recruiting teens to volunteer as summer camp assistant instructors. Teens need to be enthusiastic about sharing appreciation of nature with kids and willing to learn and grow as mentors and naturalists. After a one day training, you can sign up for one or more weeks in parks in the greater Seattle area. You can find more information at <http://wildernessawareness.org/support/volunteer> or contact Sam Bowman at samb@wildernessawareness.org or 425-788-1301

Discover Washington: Youth Heritage Project (YHP) is an annual 5-day (overnight) heritage field school that engages high school age youth and teachers by connecting them to historic, cultural, and natural resources in Washington. YHP's purpose is to introduce historic preservation to students and excite the next generation of leaders that will advocate for historic places. This is happening in downtown Tacoma from July 11-16. Deadline to apply is Wed., May 31st. To learn more and apply go to <http://preservewa.org/DiscoverWashingtonYHP.aspx>

You can complete some of your service learning hours by having fun in the outdoors this summer! **Outdoors for All** offers kayaking, cycling, rock climbing, day camps, and more to children and adults with disabilities, and they need volunteers to assist with these activities. Come to a new volunteer orientation session to learn more. Orientations are on the second Wednesday of every month from 6:00-8:00pm at the Outdoors for All offices in The Brig at Magnuson Park. Their next orientation is on Wed, May 10th. Questions? Contact Rebecca at volunteer@outdoorsforall.org or 206-838-6030x208.

The Northwest Tandem Rally (NWTR) is seeking several energetic volunteers to help operate their first rest stop at Smith Cove in Magnolia on Sun., July 2, 7am to noon. The job will include set up, serving and cleanup of the rest stop that services tandem teams along the route. To learn more about the rally, checkout the website: <https://nwtr.org/2017>. Contact the rest stop captain, Kim Moskowitz, kim@sja.com to sign up or to learn more. Groups/teams are encouraged to sign up as well as individuals.

The **Muscular Dystrophy Association** has a weeklong summer camp for kids (6-17 year olds) with neuromuscular disease. They are looking for teens (16 by June 2017 or older) to be summer camp volunteers. You will help kids discover new interests, build self-confidence and experience the independence of being away from home in a safe environment where barriers do not exist. Volunteer counselors work one-on-one with campers, providing around-the-clock care. The MDA Summer Camp will be June 24th – July 1st. Apply at <http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=521&campCode=md4&idSession=133207> by June 9th. Email RBurris@mdausa.org or call the local MDA office at (206) 283-2183 if you have questions.

Join the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** at the **2017 Rock 'n' Roll Seattle Marathon** on Sun., June 18th! LLS' Team In Training will once again be hosting a cheer stop (near Stan Sayers Memorial Park on the corner of 43rd Ave S and Lake Washington Blvd South from 7 -11 a.m.), and they need some enthusiastic volunteers (16+) to come help us cheer on participants as they go by. Fill out the online sign-up form to volunteer at: <https://www.llsform.org/0510FS01/form101/index.html?1461776352790> If you have questions or need assistance, contact Charmaine Dipola (charmaine.dipola@lls.org, 206-957-4580).

Here is another opportunity to help at the **2017 Rock 'n Roll Seattle Marathon**. See what shifts are available and sign up on-line at <http://www.runrocknroll.com/seattle/the-weekend/volunteer/> If you have questions, contact Apolonia Ross at Seattle@RNRRaceCrew.com

Seattle Parks and Recreation is accepting summer applications for **Youth Engaged in Service (YES)** until Wed., May 17th. Go to <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/teens/programs/teenjobs.htm> to apply. Email teen.programs@seattle.gov if you have questions.

Seattle Audubon's Young Birders, a birding and conservation program for high school students, is recruiting teens interested in birds and nature. Young Birders brings together students from all over the Puget Sound region to participate in birding trips, scientific research, and conservation projects – as well as learn from environmental professionals and develop leadership skills. Young Birders meets monthly at Seattle Audubon Society offices. Participants also have the option of participating in monthly birding field trips and service-learning projects. All of the activities happen in a fun, supportive environment. They welcome students of all backgrounds and experience levels. Students can learn more about Young Birders at <http://www.seattleaudubon.org> Contact Melissa Melloy, the Environmental Education Coordinator at melissam@seattleaudubon.org or 206-523-8243 ext. 11 if you have questions.

Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit organization and fair trade retailer (6417 Roosevelt Way NE) run primarily by a diverse and dynamic team of volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of the fair trade movement and have a passion for their people-driven mission and the products that they sell, consider signing up. They welcome motivated people, with a friendly attitude and a desire to help. Many of their positions require no previous experience, and with extended store hours, there are opportunities that fit any schedule. Go to their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ttvseattle/>) for upcoming volunteer orientations. If there are none listed or the existing ones will not work with your schedule, contact them at seattle@tenthousandvillages.com or call 206-524-9223 and they will schedule one for you.

Beaver Pond Natural Area on Thornton Creek (across from Northgate Mall) has work parties on Sat., May 13th and/or Sun., May 28th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Learn more and sign up at <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/11300/>