

January - February 2008 Training News



Greetings National Service Partners!

*This bi-monthly training newsletter provides information you will need for planning ahead to attend upcoming trainings and conferences to support your professional development. Selected training resources and grant deadlines are also listed. This issue contains a comprehensive National Service Calendar and timely information on the upcoming **2008 Volunteer Florida AmeriCorps Program Directors Meeting in Orlando on March 5 - 7, 2008**. I look forward to seeing you there!*

Please note: If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any Volunteer Florida-sponsored training, please contact Dee Wilder with your request at 850-410-3452 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

Training News and Upcoming Deadlines & Events

January 15, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. EST – Linking Youth to Employment and Education through Community Service - Hosted by WorkForce3ONE through the U.S. Dept. of Labor, this Webinar will examine how community service programs can link disconnected youth to education and the workforce through service to community. <http://www.workforce3one.org/public/webinars/details.cfm?id=257>

February 7, 2008 - Regional Disaster trainings for AmeriCorps will be held in Orlando at the Heart of Florida United Way, 1940 Traylor Blvd. On **February 8, 2008**, disaster trainings will be held at the **University of South Florida – Lakeland** campus, 3433 Winter Lake Road. Sign up now to attend Shelter Operations or Volunteer Reception Center trainings, and other required trainings for your AmeriCorps members. Please contact Dee Wilder at dee@volunteerflorida.org for information.

February 14, 2008 - Regional Disaster trainings for AmeriCorps will be held at NOVA Southeastern University in Davie, FL from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Shelter Operations, Volunteer Reception Center training and other required trainings for AmeriCorps members will be offered. Contact Dee Wilder at dee@volunteerflorida.org for information.

March 5 - 7, 2008 - Save the Date! AmeriCorps Program Directors Meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn UCF in Orlando. This meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7. Online registration will be available by January 23, 2008. For more information, contact Anitra at anitra@volunteerflorida.org.

April 9 - 12, 2008 -The 19th Annual National Service-Learning Conference in Minneapolis, MN, brings together an estimated 3,000 educators, state and federal officials, youth leaders, program coordinators, policy-makers, and community-based organizations from around the world. To learn more about opportunities for you to attend the conference, visit <http://www.nylc.org/conference>.

June 1 – 3, 2008 - National Conference on Service and Volunteering in Atlanta, Georgia. This year's conference will offer opportunities to enhance professional skills, explore new technologies, share best practices, and get the latest news from AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service. Volunteer Florida plans to offer scholarships to assist AmeriCorps Program Directors with the registration fee for this conference. If you are definitely interested in attending and plan to request a scholarship, please send an e-mail to Dee Wilder at dee@volunteerflorida.org. For more information on the conference, see <http://www.volunteeringandservice.org>.

2008 Volunteer Management Training Series offered at VOLUNTEER CENTERS: *AmeriCorps programs that wish to participate in any of these trainings and need assistance with registration fees, please contact Dee Wilder at Volunteer Florida at 850-410-3452 or e-mail dee@volunteerflorida.org.*

Nature Coast Volunteer Center/Citrus County Resource Center/RSVP of Marion County

State of Florida Volunteer Management Training Certificate Program courses will be offered on six consecutive Wednesdays, **January 9, 16, 23, & 30** and **February 6 & 13 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon**. Call 352-527-5950 for Citrus County and 352-291-4444 for Marion County for registration information and site directions.

Friendship Volunteer Center, Ft. Myers

January 23 & 30, 2008 Volunteer Management Training Series: Participant fee is \$200 for those who register for this inaugural class in Lee County. Contact Kim Berghs at 239-275-4427 for more information. Classes will take place in Ft. Myers at Lee Co. Parks & Recreation, 6490 Southpoint Blvd. 33919, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily. For information, visit www.volunteerlee.org <<http://www.volunteerlee.org>>.

Volunteer Services of Manatee County

Register for trainings listed below by calling Volunteer Manatee at 941-761-3207:

Friday, January 25, 2008, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, **Volunteer Management Training** - Full Day, interactive course designed for Volunteer Managers in Bradenton FL. \$275 registration fee includes lunch, materials and Certificate of Completion.

Friday, February 29, 2008, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, **Grassroots Leadership Training** for Program Managers, Volunteer Coordinators, and AmeriCorps VISTAs. Learn how to build essential skills and knowledge of new and emerging leaders, especially those from low income communities, to lead and engage in community activities. Synovus Bank Community Room, 2520 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton FL. Cost: \$40 (includes box lunch and materials). Contact Adraine LaRoza at adraine@volunteermanatee.org or call 941-761-3207

Friday, March 28, 2008, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - **Volunteer Management Training Series in One Day!**

Join this intensive, one day course to learn essentials in understanding, recruiting, supervising, training and evaluating volunteer programs. Hosted by Adraine LaRoza, Volunteer Manatee at Synovus Bank Community Room, 2520 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton FL - \$275 registration fee includes lunch, materials, and Certificate of Completion. Contact: adraine@volunteermanatee.org or call 941-761-3207.

Volunteer LAKE, Lake County's Address for Volunteering at www.lakecountyfl.gov.

January 19, 2008 "Neighboring" workshops for (individuals) and again on January 26 for (agencies).

February 13 and 14, 2008 – Volunteer Management Training Series (VMTS). For information please contact Helena E. Osborne-Ponsi, Director of VolunteerLAKE, at 352-742-6590 or hosborne@lakecountyfl.gov

Volunteer Jacksonville

Thursday, February 7, 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.- Roles and Responsibilities for Nonprofit Boards will be held at Volunteer Jacksonville, 6817 Southpoint Parkway, Suite. 1902, Jacksonville, FL . Cost is \$90.00.

February 21, 28 and March 10 - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteer Management Training Series to be held on consecutive Thursdays. Registration fee is \$265.00. Call Kim Bomberger at 904-332-6767, ext. 105, for more information or to register, or visit the website, www.volunteerjacksonville.org.

United Way of Tampa Bay

The Volunteer Management Certificate Program will be held at the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida office, 5002 W. Lemon Street, Tampa, FL 33609:

Session 1 - Understanding Volunteers: **January 23, 2008**; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 2 - Planning Your Volunteer Program: **January 30, 2008**; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 3 - Recruiting and Placing Volunteers: **February 6, 2008**; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 4 - Orienting and Training Volunteers: **February 13, 2008**; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 5 - Supervising Volunteers: **February 20, 2008**; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 6 - Evaluating Your Volunteer Program: **February 27, 2008**; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants must register with the Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay - 813-287-8779 or visit www.nlctb.org.

AmeriCorps Program Directors are encouraged to participate in the trainings listed above and learn to build essential skills and knowledge of new and emerging leaders for Florida's communities!

Upcoming Seasons of Service Days include:

January (month) 2008 - National Mentoring Month; <http://www.mentoring.org/>
February 11 -17 - Random Acts of Kindness Week - <http://www.actsofkindness.org/>
March 3 - Read Across America Day; <http://www.nea.org/readacross/index.html>
March 3-6 - Newspapers in Education Week; <http://nieonline.com/>
March 20 – Absolutely Incredible Kid Day; <http://www.campfire.org>
March 22 - World Water Day; <http://www.worldwaterday2007.org/>
March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning; <http://www.chavezfoundation.org>
March 31 - April 6 - Act! Speak! Build! Week; http://www.habitat.org/ccyp/act_speak_build

Grant Opportunities, Contests and Announcements:

February 1, 2008. Deadline for applications for **Learning Opportunities for Urban Youth** - The mission of the Tiger Woods Foundation is to empower young people to reach their highest potential by initiating and supporting community-based programs that promote the health, education, and welfare of America's children. Visit the website [Tiger Woods Foundation](http://www.tigerwoods.org) to fill out the eligibility worksheet.

February 5, 2008. Deadline for [Dollar General: Youth Literacy Grants Program](http://www.dollargeneral.com/youth-literacy-grants-program) to help with the implementation or expansion of literacy programs for new readers, below-grade-level readers, and readers with learning disabilities. Applying organizations must be located within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store. Visit the website above to download the application guidelines.

February 15, 2008. Application deadline for Funds for K-12 School-Community Projects through [Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Program](http://www.lowes.com/education-grant-program), supporting schools and school parent teacher groups that develop projects to encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Grants of up to \$5,000 are provided to K-12 public schools or parent groups. Visit the website listed above.

Ongoing - Grants To Help Teach Tolerance – Tolerance.org invites preK-12 classroom teachers to apply for grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to support projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools, and/or support educator professional development in these areas. To learn more, visit <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

Ongoing - Volunteer Florida can help if you need FUNDING FOR A MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY who needs a reasonable accommodation to successfully complete his or her term of service. Contact Paul Martell at 850-414-0093 or paul@volunteerflorida.org.

Resources:

EnCorps is a set of online resources for AmeriCorps and VISTA program staff targeting **member recruitment, placement, orientation, ongoing training, and transitioning beyond their year of service**. EnCorps is a collection of The Resource Center at www.nationalservice.gov/resources. Contact EnCorps at encorps@nwrel.org or 1-877-250-1615 for more information.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF.....

Volunteer Florida wants your help identifying **Best Practices** in national service programs that can be shared to help other programs learn from your experiences. Please submit best practices along with articles, web sites, or other innovative resources to me or contact me at dee@volunteerflorida.org.

This training newsletter is available in alternative formats, i.e., Braille, audio formats, large print, and computerized formats. Contact Paul Martell at 850-414-0093 with your request.