

## Sept – October 2009 Training News



### **Greetings National Service Partners!**

*This bi-monthly training newsletter provides information for AmeriCorps and national service programs in Florida to help you plan ahead to attend upcoming trainings that should support your professional development. If you are a new AmeriCorps program and receiving this newsletter for the first time, I look forward to seeing you at the NEW AmeriCorps Program Directors Orientation in Tallahassee on September 23 - 25, 2009!*

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

### **Training News and Upcoming Deadlines & Events**

**September 11, 2009** - the First-Ever Federally-Designated "9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance" ---see the New Web Site using Twitter and Facebook to encourage millions to Post 9/11 Service Plans and Good Deeds Worldwide – <http://911dayofservice.org>

#### **UPCOMING TRAININGS:**

**September 23 – 25, 2009 – NEW AmeriCorps Program Directors Orientation** at the Doubletree Hotel, 101 S. Adams Street, Tallahassee. This is a mandatory meeting for all new Florida AmeriCorps program directors. Persons who have Fiscal responsibility for the AmeriCorps program in lead organizations are encouraged to attend the Budget Training on Thursday, September 24. Volunteer Florida will provide training, lodging and meals for new AmeriCorps programs. Programs are responsible for their own travel expenses and should **arrive at the hotel by 12:00 NOON on Wednesday, September 23**. The meeting will conclude after lunch on Friday, September 25. REGISTER by the deadline of Friday, September 4, 2009, by clicking on this link: [www.regonline.com/acnewpdorientation2009](http://www.regonline.com/acnewpdorientation2009). The Volunteer Florida staff look forward to seeing all of you at this informative training!

#### **AMERICORPS MEMBER LAUNCHES SCHEDULED FOR THREE FLORIDA REGIONS:**

**October 22, 2009** – All-day **AmeriCorps Member Launch** and official swearing-in ceremony for AmeriCorps members in North and South Florida. Programs interested in attending should contact Carolyn Lynn in Jacksonville (North) at 904-354-5918 or Jennifer Sanders (South) at 786-888-4775.

**October 23, 2009** – **Central Florida AmeriCorps Member Launch** and official swearing-in ceremony for Central Florida AmeriCorps programs in Lakeland. Contact Rebecca Davis at 727-562-4142.

## **October 28-29, 2009 - SAVE THE DATE!**

### **Joint AmeriCorps programs and Disability Organizations Meeting in Orlando –**

“Partnering with local organizations to create a Winning Team!” Watch the Volunteer Florida website for registration details in the coming weeks.

**September 14th, 2009** at 5:00pm EST - Deadline to submit your design for a new AmeriCorps Alums logo & slogan! Your amazing piece of artwork could end up being used on brochures to online marketing materials - an amazing opportunity for the chosen designer! See the link at <http://americorpsalums.yourmembership.com/?designforchange> for a submission form.

**Interested in bringing AmeriCorps to your community?** See the announcement on page 4 for AmeriCorps Planning grant applications to operate an **AmeriCorps** program – due October 27, 2009.

## **2009 Volunteer Management Training Series (VMTS) and other trainings to be offered at Florida Volunteer Centers:**

*AmeriCorps Program Directors are encouraged to participate in the trainings listed below to build skills and knowledge for recruiting, orienting, training, supervising and evaluating volunteers. If you would like to participate and need assistance with registration fees, please contact Dee Wilder at 850-410-3452 or e-mail [dee@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:dee@volunteerflorida.org).*

- **September 3 & 17 – Hands On Jacksonville** offers Volunteer Management training from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at University of Phoenix. Contact Nancy Knight at 904-332-6767.
- **September 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2009 - Martin Volunteers** will offer the Volunteer Management Certificate Program at Barry University in Port St. Lucie. To register see [www.martinvolunteers.org](http://www.martinvolunteers.org), or call Dianne Young, Associate Director, at 772-220-4472, Ext. 228.
- **October 1, 2009** – Volunteer Management Conference at Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, Roosevelt Community Service Center, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater. This conference, sponsored by the **Volunteer Directors Association of Pinellas County**, features Wendy Spencer, Chief Executive Officer of the Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida). Registration for the one-day conference is \$45 including Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Register by September 18 by contacting Lise Fields at (727) 767-8166, [lfrmh@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lfrmh@tampabay.rr.com).

**Hands On Manatee** will offer the following trainings - to register call 941-761-3207:

- **September 18, 2009 - CPR, First Aid, AED** training from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm in Bradenton, Fl. Participants earn CPR/AED - Adult Certification for 1 year and Standard First Aid Certification for 3 years.
- **September 25, 2009 - Business Emergency Planning** from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **September 28, 2009 - Social Media - My SpaceBook....What?** 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Participants will learn to effectively utilize social media tools such as MySpace, Facebook, Twitter.
- **October 16, 2009 - Volunteer Management Training**, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - One day interactive course to assist Volunteer Managers in understanding, planning, recruiting, training, supervising, and recognizing volunteers. Participants receive a certificate of completion.
- **October 3, 2009 - Aging Sensitivity Course**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Interactive course to better understand challenges faced by senior citizens.
- **October 31, 2009 - Mouth to Snout CPR**, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Dog and Cat first aid course for conscientious pet owners.



day off” by delivering meals, refurbishing schools, reading to children, signing up mentors, and much, much more. What will your Corps do to help your community during 2010 MLK DAY? **Volunteer Florida will provide planning grants to AmeriCorps State programs** who demonstrate evidence of partnering with community agencies to provide service to their community on this special day. See [www.mlkday.org](http://www.mlkday.org) for planning assistance and tools.

### **Grant Opportunities, Contests and Announcements:**

**September 30, 2009** – Deadline for [Share Our Strength to Offer Great American Bake Sale Grants to Help Fight Childhood Hunger](http://www.gabs.strength.org/) - Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to nonprofits, schools, and local government agencies working to ensure children have access to after-school and summer meal programs. See <http://gabs.strength.org/> for the complete application.

**October 27, 2009** – Deadline for Volunteer Florida planning grant proposals to operate an **AmeriCorps** program. AmeriCorps programs support local community efforts to address education, environmental, homeland security, public safety or other human needs. Planning grants are provided a year before an organization actually applies for an AmeriCorps program to provide an organization with resources to build the capacity of the organization to effectively operate an AmeriCorps program. **Grant Applications will be available on the Volunteer Florida website at [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org) beginning September 4, 2009. Proposals are due in eGrants by October 27, 2009.**

**November 13, 2009** – Deadline for proposals to conduct 2010-2011 AmeriCorps State programs. Watch the Volunteer Florida website for the RFP to be posted September 11, 2009.

**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](mailto:paul@volunteerflorida.org).

### **RESOURCES:**

EnCorps is a set of online resources for AmeriCorps and VISTA program staff targeting AmeriCorps member recruitment, placement, orientation, ongoing training, and transitioning beyond the year of service. View this collection at The Resource Center, [www.nationalservice.gov/resources](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources), or contact EnCorps at [encorps@nwrel.org](mailto:encorps@nwrel.org) or 1-877-250-1615 for more information. Currently featured on Encorps is, “**3 Steps to Success on Facebook.**” Check it out!

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 innovative resources to Dee Wilder at [dee@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:dee@volunteerflorida.org) or 850-410-3452.

This training newsletter is available in alternative formats, i.e., Braille, audio, large print, and computerized formats. Contact Paul Martell at 850-414-0093 or [paul@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:paul@volunteerflorida.org) with your request.