

Service Learning Opportunities November 2017

To look for more volunteer opportunities, click on these web sites:

<http://ballardhs.seattleschools.org/> <https://www.uwkc.org/volunteer/> <http://volunteermatch.org> <http://www.phinneycenter.org/>
<http://www.spl.org/about-the-library/support-your-library/volunteer-opportunities/service-learning-volunteer-opportunities-for-high-school-students> <http://nordicmuseum.org/> <https://www.seattlemca.org/> <https://www.volunteer.gov/index.cfm>
<https://www.earthcorps.org/> <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/> <http://mtsgreenway.org/> <http://www.wta.org/>
<http://forterra.org/events> <https://outdoorsforall.org/> <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/volunteer/volunteer-calendar>
<http://www.friendsofspl.org/> <http://www.groundswellnw.org/> <http://www.seattle.gov/trees/events.html> <http://www.naturec.org/>

The annual **Day of the Dead Festival** at the **Phinney Neighborhood Association** needs volunteers on Sat, Nov 4 from 1:30-8 p.m. Help kids decorate sugar skulls, make tissue paper flowers, paint faces and more! Check out shifts online at <http://phinneycenter.org/volunteer/events/#dia>

MathFest is a free celebration where children ages 3 - 11 and their families play carnival-like math games, win prizes and have fun. It is happening on Thurs., Nov. 2 from 4-8 pm at the Rainier Community Center (4600 38th Ave. S.) Volunteers will receive instruction on their volunteer assignment, ranging from how to play math games and activities with elementary students, to registering guests, to hospitality tasks. Washington State Patrol background check required. Contact Lesly Cristino, Development Coordinator, at lesly@zenomath.org and fill out the volunteer application at <http://zenomath.org/volunteer/vol-app/>

A **Supermarket Saturday Food Drive** is happening on Sat., Nov 4 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.familyworksseattle.org/vol-opp> If this is your first time volunteering with Family Works, and you are doing so without a parent or guardian present, contact Kat at kathrynj@familyworksseattle.org for an application form.

The **Winter Pineapple Classic** is a family-friendly 5k obstacle course race held in Marymoor Park on Sunday, November 5. Climbing tire walls, skimming down giant slip n' slides, and more - our racers compete while striving to keep their pineapple in-hand. Participants join together to celebrate at the finish line luau for tasty food, music and more. Join the fun this year as a volunteer by filling out the form here - <http://www.llsform.org/0510FS01/form88/index.html?1420651687567>. Let's have some fun, get dirty and saves lives! For questions or assistance, email lls.was@lls.org.

Plant a tree! Saturday Nov. 4 is **Green Seattle Day** is Seattle's biggest planting party of the year, and they want you there! Join hundreds of volunteers planting thousands of plants in parks throughout The Emerald City. The event runs from 9am-noon at Jefferson Community Park, and at 21 other parks across Seattle. No experience necessary. Tools, gloves, plants, coffee, snacks, and instruction provided. Learn more and sign up for one of the locations still available at <http://www.greenseattle.org/get-involved/green-seattle-day/>

Ballard Community Center (6020 28th Ave. NW) needs volunteers on Fri., Nov. 17 from 5:30-9:15 p.m. to help at Parents Night Out. You will help supervise and play with children (3-10 years old) during gym time, dinner, a movie and a craft. Contact TomiJo at TomiJo.Mccarrier@seattle.gov or 206-684-4093 to sign up.

The **Student Conservation Association (SCA) Conservation Leadership Corps Program** offers service learning, outdoor recreation, and environmental education opportunities. Crew members attend one evening meeting and one weekend project each month from January through May. They learn about local environmental issues, as well as complete service and recreation projects in local parks and green spaces. By the end of the school year, participants will earn up to 90 hours of service learning. SCA programs are free. They provide gear, transportation, and excellent field leadership. Students 15-19 can learn more and apply now at <http://thesca.org/serve/program/northwest-seattle>. The application deadline is November 19, all spots filled first-come-first-serve. After you apply online, contact Michael Helms at mhelms@thesca.org.

Madrona Elementary (1121 33rd Ave. Seattle) is building a brand new playground for their school and community with the help of the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, King County, and the Madrona Community Council. They are looking for volunteers to help them dig wood chips and install the equipment. Work parties are happening on these dates and times: Sat., Nov. 4, 8.30-4 (Wood chip removal), Sat., Nov. 18, 8.30-4 (Equipment installation), Sun., Nov. 19, 9-1 (New wood chip installation). Sign up for a shift or two at <https://www.madronaptsa.org/playground-project/>. If you have questions, email Adam Rakunas at playground@madronaptsa.org.

The **Seattle Turkey Trot**, which benefits the Ballard Food Bank, is a 5K walk/jog/run that starts in Sunset Hill (NW 85th St and 32nd Ave NW) and ends at Golden Gardens on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 23. They need volunteers to help with checking people in, handing out t-shirts and directing the runners and walkers along the route. Shifts are approximately 2-4 hours each. Sign up for shifts at <http://signup.com/go/vejrvLm>. Contact Erin Tierney erint@ballardfoodbank.org with any questions.

Merrill Gardens in Ballard (2418 NW 56th Street) is looking for teen volunteers to come play an instrument, sing, read, play games, or do arts and crafts with the residents on their small memory care unit, catering to the elderly that have advanced dementia and Alzheimer's. The time commitment is flexible and can work around your schedule. You would be there between one-half to one hour each visit. If you are interested in earning service learning hours in a fun environment, while also providing joy to the elderly, contact Lauren Carroll at laurenc@merrillgardens.com or (206) 838-8589 Ext: 111.

Join Forterra and Seattle's Tree Ambassadors in **Interbay** on Sat. Nov. 18 from 10-noon for a work party to protect trees. Learn more and sign up at <https://forterra.org/event/spread-love-interbays-trees/>

Hamomi Children's Centre is a nonprofit based in Nairobi, Kenya whose mission is to improve the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children there with education and holistic support. There is a **Hamomi Youth Advisory Board** in Seattle that will work on outreach and fundraising, creating social media content and blog posts, designing and programming the website, and writing to the students at Hamomi. They are looking for interested high school students who could commit to meeting once a month with the option of additional projects outside the meeting times. Members of the committee will have the flexibility to choose how many hours they spend working on additional projects. Learn more at www.hamomi.org or on Facebook as Hamomi Children's Centre.

Email info@hamomi.com with questions. The application form is here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdb83kulQFDsND8w0SMuR1Yv8gw0-hExpHgrog2SkWIQTZXOQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Carkeek Park STARS work party is happening on Sat., Nov. 18 from 9 am to noon. Learn more and sign up at <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/10483/> Make sure to bring the completed youth waiver form.

Golden Gardens forest restoration is happening on Sat., Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. Get details and sign up at <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/10554/>

Mary's Place has been a strong resource for families experiencing homelessness since 1999 because of the amazing support they receive from their valued volunteers. They have eight shelters throughout the greater Seattle area, which means they have plenty of volunteer opportunities that fit busy schedules. For 97% of families experiencing homelessness, it is a one-time occurrence. That is why volunteering with us could be anything from playing with or helping the kids with their homework, sorting and organizing all of the donations that the community provides, or helping prepare meals. To get started as a volunteer, create an account on our volunteer site www.marysplaceseatle.volunteerhub.com. Once you have created your account, you can sign up for some of their entry-level volunteer roles such as Administrative Support or Mary's Market Stock Clerk. If you would like to support them in a more interactive way, you can sign-up to attend an orientation. After attending an orientation, you will gain access to all of their volunteer roles including Kids Club, Tutoring, Evening Support, and much more. A parent or guardian must accompany volunteers under age 16. For questions, visit their website www.marysplaceseatle.org or e-mail volunteer@marysplaceseatle.org

The Nordic Heritage Museum needs your help! Volunteer at their last **Yulefest** in the current Museum, Sat-Sun, Nov. 18th and 19th between 9 am -5 pm: help greet guests, serve cookies, bus tables, run supplies, direct traffic, and help with Santa photos at our annual holiday festival. They are also seeking administrative interns to help in our Development Office. Weekly commitment is required, and training provided. Contact Michael at (206) 789-5707 x12 or michaeli@nordicmuseum.org to sign up for either opportunity.

If you are a high school girl, age 16 or older, looking for service hours and/or leadership development opportunities, consider volunteering as a **Practice Partner for Girls on the Run of Puget Sound**. Girls on the Run is an after-school program designed to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. 3-5th grade girls attend practices twice a week for 10 weeks and train for a 5K while learning about important topics such as nutrition, standing up for themselves, setting goals, and contributing to their community. Practice Partners support a team of 8-15 girls by assisting the coaches with the lessons and workouts. Practice Partners are asked to volunteer for a minimum of six practices and attend the end-of-season 5K, a minimum of 15 volunteer hours. The GOTR spring program runs from March 5th through May 22nd, with the end-of-season 5K on May 20th. Visit <http://girlsrn.org/> to learn more or contact Vivian Syme, Program Coordinator, at (206) 528-2118 or vivian@girlsrn.org

Are you looking for a fun and creative way to get your service learning hours done? Well, look no more! Come rock those gift-wrapping skills and volunteer your time at the **YMCA Holiday Gift Wrap table at Northgate Mall**. They will be operating during mall hours beginning Nov. 24 through December 24, with all proceeds benefitting The University Family YMCA and Simon Youth Foundation; providing financial aid for academic support programs, summer camps, meals for homeless youth and so much more. Whether you are a gift-wrapping expert or in need of lots of practice, all are encouraged to join in the fun. Online volunteer signups are here: <http://signup.com/go/DEecguo> Contact Nicole Derr at nderr@seattleymca.org with questions.

Earthcorps has a lot of planting parties going on this fall! One of them is at **Discovery Park on Nov 4 9am-1pm** and another one at Kincaid Ravine at UW on Fri., Nov. 10 when you do not have school. They have work parties on Saturdays from 10 am-2 pm---Nov. 4, 11 and 18. Learn more and sign up for one or more at <http://www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php>

Ballard Corners Park (17th Ave NW & NW 63rd Street) is having a work party on Sat., Nov. 25 from 10am-1pm, rain or shine. They will be weeding, cleaning up debris and possibly spreading wood chip mulch. Some tools and refreshments will be provided. If you have your own gloves and tools please bring them. Contact Gabriella: gabriella@seanet.com or (206) 782-3238 if you have questions.

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust believes that when we connect with nature, our lives are better. Volunteers restore important wildlife habitat and build recreation infrastructure to join communities. Help them plant trees, remove invasive species, and maintain trails across the Greenway at work parties on weekends. Sign up and complete the waiver at <https://mtsgreenway.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Join **Nature Consortium** for work parties in the West Duwamish Greenbelt on Saturdays—Nov. 4, 11 or 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign up at <http://www.naturec.org/volunteer/> Volunteers must RSVP at least 24 hours in advance in order to get the location of the work party. Volunteers under 18 need to fill out and bring the youth waiver form.

Washington Trails Association has work parties on Saturdays—Nov. 4, 18 and 25 and Sundays—12, 19 and 26 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. They also have a work party on Fri., Nov. 10 when you are out of school. To learn more and sign up, go to <https://www.wta.org/volunteer/schedule>

Ballard NW Senior Center (5429 32nd Ave NW) is having its **Holiday Bazaar** on Sat., November 18 from 9-3. You can help with the event and clean-up between 8:30am-4:30pm for 1-8 hours. Join us Wednesday evenings to work on a variety of projects including event planning, newsletter editing, office management and data entry, sort donations, create and design decorations, and prepare for holiday celebrations at the center. To sign up, go to <http://ballardseniorcenter.org/SupportUs/Volunteer.aspx> or stop by to see Kristina on Wednesdays from 3pm-6pm.

Would you like to help people with disabilities ride horses? **Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center** is looking for volunteers to groom and tack horses before class, support riders in class, lead horses, and put them away after class. Flexible volunteer hours are available Monday through Saturday between 8 am - 8 pm. No horse experience or knowledge of working with people with disabilities is necessary because they provide training. A six-month commitment to a 2-hour weekly shift is required. Little Bit is located in Redmond, so consider signing up to volunteer with a friend and carpooling. Go to www.littlebit.org to complete an application. Contact danal@littlebit.org or call 425-882-1554 for more information.

Reading Partners is a literacy nonprofit that mobilizes community volunteers who provide one-on-one tutoring to struggling elementary student readers. No experience is required to volunteer. If you are a Running Start student or do not have a full day of classes, consider volunteering during the school day for a minimum of 1 hour/week for the school year. Tutors are paired to work with the same student and are provided with an easy-to-follow curriculum. Volunteers make an enormous impact: on average, students DOUBLE their rate of learning while enrolled in the program. Contact them at volunteersea@readingpartners.org or (206) 992-4484 to learn more and sign up.

Imagine the stories that a 100 year old can share about their life! **Columbia Lutheran** is home to 116 folks who range in age from 51-102 and they would love to visit with you. Join them for planned activities like bingo or bowling, music programs or dance classes. Or just make a new friend! Contact Beth Hartman 206-633-6177/ bethhartman@columbialutheranhome.org to learn more.

Join **Pacific Science Center** this summer at their Camps for Curious Minds as part of their Science Educators in Training program (SETs). You will learn what it takes to lead hands-on interactive science lesson with kids aged PreK-8th grade in many different classroom settings. Application will open from January 2 through February 25, 2018. For more information, go online to, <https://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/science-educators-in-training/>.

Skully Serves has three volunteer opportunities this month: Mon., Nov. 13 from 5-7 pm----Sort and Package Food Donations at Ballard Food Bank; Sat., Nov. 18 from 10am-1pm----Bake Sale at Ballard Senior Center; Sun., Nov. 19 from 6:30-9pm----Movie Night at Ronald McDonald House. To register for any of these events, go to www.SkullyServes.com under the Calendar tab.

Soulumination, located within walking distance from BHS, celebrates the lives of children and parents facing life-threatening conditions by providing professional photographs of these special individuals and their families, free of charge. They can always use volunteers who are responsible, focused, detail-oriented, familiar with Microsoft Office, and good at arts & crafts to help with these tasks: creating handmade cards, assembling photo gifts for families, assisting with mailings & data entry, organizing & updating files, and working on art projects. Contact: kellie@soulumination.org (206)297-0885 to learn more. <http://www.soulumination.org/>

Applications for the **Woodland Park Zoo's ZooCorps 2018 Cohort** will be available at <https://www.zoo.org/zoocorps> beginning in December. If you are in 9th or 10th grade and are interested in engaging in conservation action through learning, teaching and connecting with other teens from around the city, then ZooCorps is for you. ZooCorps offers teens a unique opportunity to increase their knowledge of animals and habitats, expand their conservation awareness, and develop useful job skills in a collaborative and fun learning environment at the Zoo and in the community. Contact zoocorps@zoo.org if you have questions.

Kids Company, a local nonprofit childcare organization, needs volunteers to help in their admin office (on Market & 22nd – in the old Ballard Building) to stuff envelopes with a direct mail letter. Contact Amanda Bakke at AmandaB@kidscompany.org to learn more and see if the timing works for you and a friend.

Join **Outdoors for All** at the Summit at Snoqualmie or Stevens Pass on the weekends this winter and help teach downhill or cross-country skiing, snowboarding, or snowshoeing to individuals with disabilities. For more information, contact Rachael DeGraffenried, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@outdoorsforall.org or 206.838.6030. To register to volunteer, visit their website www.outdoorsforall.org.

The Dirt Corps (Duwamish Infrastructure Restoration Training) has work parties on Sat., Nov. 11 and Sat., Nov. 18. Learn more and sign up at www.thedirtcorps.com

Interested in finance? Good people skills? Organized? Possibly know another language such as Spanish, Amharic, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian, and Tigrinya? You can volunteer to help during the **2017 United Way Free Tax Campaign**. Each year, United Way volunteers help thousands of low-income people prepare their taxes. From January through April, United Way volunteers offer free, walk-in tax preparation assistance at libraries, Goodwill stores, and other public sites across King County. They will provide training to all volunteers. You can be an intake and benefits specialist or a tax preparer for 3-4 hours each week. Learn more and register at <https://www.uwkc.org/volunteer/free-tax-prep/> or contact freetax@uwkc.org.

Plus One Foundation funds life-changing experiences for people with neurological disorders. They are looking for teen volunteers to get involved. Learn more at <https://www.plusonefoundation.org/> Apply to volunteer at <https://www.plusonefoundation.org/volunteer>

Seattle Musical Theatre (in Magnuson Park) needs a volunteer 3 hours/week to help with various tasks in sales and marketing, data entry, phone calls and/or ticket sales. You can make the difference in providing our patrons with a great theatre experience. You do need to know how to type and have a positive attitude. Contact Kathleen Spaulding, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@seattlemusicaltheatre.org www.seattlemusicaltheatre.org

The **Amica Insurance Seattle Marathon 2017** needs volunteers (16+ or with adult supervision) on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 25 and 26. There are also opportunities to do prep work before the marathon. Learn about the volunteer jobs and shifts and sign up online at <http://www.seattlemarathon.org/become-a-volunteer/>

Madrona Park has a work party on Sat., Nov. 25 from 10 am-1 pm. Learn more and sign up at <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/12192/>

Little Brook Natural Area, in NE Seattle, is having a work party on Sat., Nov. 25 from 10 am-3 pm. Learn more and sign up at <http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/12183/>

The **Ugly Sweater Run** is happening on Sat., Dec. 2 at Marymoor Park in Redmond. They are looking for volunteers, called the Ugly Elves, who will help with checking in participants, handing out swag and hot chocolate and more. Sign up soon at <http://theuglysweaterrun.com/> As a volunteer, you will get a free beanie and hot chocolate.

Volunteers are needed for **Seattle Parks and Recreation's "Pathway of Lights at Green Lake"** on Saturday, Dec 9. Luminary set-up is from 3-5pm. The event itself is from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Break down/clean-up starts at 7:30 p.m. You can volunteer for a specific shift or the entire event. Sign up with Carl Bergquist carl.bergquist@seattle.gov. When emailing indicate the shift you want to work, if you have a preference of where on the lake and if you want to be with a particular friend or as a group. You can also call the center and leave a message at 206-684-4764 for Carl. You will get an assignment of where to check in for your shift. To guarantee a specific assignment location, please respond by December 6. Wear warm, weather appropriate clothing; event happens rain or shine, wind or snow!

Make popcorn, staff the bake sale (and bake for it), set up/clean up and more at the **PNA's annual Winter Festival**, Sat., Dec. 2 and Sun., Dec.3 at 6532 Phinney Ave. Job and shift info and sign up online at <https://www.phinneycenter.org/volunteer/events>