



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."
~ Oprah Winfrey

February 20, 2013

Runs, Walks & Biking Events

Beautiful Indiana spring and summer weather will be here before you know it! Get outside and get active while raising funds and awareness for local organizations! A new listing of spring and summer charity runs, walks and biking events is now available on the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network website. Sign up to be a participant or volunteer to make the event go smoothly. All are welcome! For more information contact Lucy Schaich, Volunteer Network, at (812) 349-3433. (www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org)

Circles Initiative Volunteer Information Night – Feb. 28

Have you ever wondered how people break the cycle of poverty? Do you want to be part of the solution? Are you interested in partnering with a family that is working to break the cycle and move toward success? If so, then come and visit a Monroe County Circles Initiative meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2013 at St. Marks United Methodist Church to learn more about this innovative program. Dinner is included. Minimum age is 21. Please contact Doug Wilson at (812) 339-3447 ext. 262 or doug@insccap.org. (www.insccap.org)

Science Olympiad State Tournament at IU – Mar. 15-16

Nearly 200 volunteers are needed on March 15 and 16 to make this youth science competition a success. There are approximately 26 science competitions in both the middle and high school divisions. The competitions are in all areas of science, including Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Geology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Physics. They absolutely cannot do this without you! Volunteers are needed to serve as judges, timers, score keepers, etc. Register as a volunteer on their website. Please contact Tina Gilliland at (812) 855-5397 or mgillila@indiana.edu. (<http://college.indiana.edu/science/state2013/volunteer/index.shtml>)

PALS Volunteer Training – Mar. 2

People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) offers regular trainings for new volunteers throughout the year. The next one will be from 1-4 p.m. on Sat., March 2. Volunteers help children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking riders during lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. Volunteers must be over the age of 16, but no horse experience is necessary. A commitment of 3 to 4 hours per week is requested. Please contact Taryn Lyman at (812) 360-1342 or taryn@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org)

Bike to Barns Volunteers – Mar. 30

Volunteers are needed for the Local Growers Guild 'Bike to Barns' event on March 30. Cyclists of all ages and skill levels will bike to farms in Monroe, Owen, and Brown counties during this day-long event. Participants will meet the growers and producers, and have a chance to ask questions. Many volunteers are needed to make this event run smoothly! Register online at www.localgrowers.org/b2b. Duties include bike repair, registration, support, refreshments, cleanup crew, and signage. A celebration party will be held afterwards, with refreshments and entertainment! Minimum age is 15; 6 if with an adult. Please contact Megan Hutchison at (812) 391-2190 or localgrowers@localgrowers.org. (www.localgrowers.org)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Fairview Elementary School

In partnership with families and the community, provides a supportive, safe, positive, productive, child-focused environment which challenges all children to become successful lifelong learners. To grant a wish, contact Trudy Litz at tlitz@mccsc.edu or (812) 330-7732 (500 W. 7th; www.fairview.mccsc.edu)

Wishes: 3-fold display boards, paper plates, styrofoam trays, 5 oz. Dixie Cups, paint brushes, white cardstock, AA & D batteries, dry erase markers, Sharpies, construction paper, glue sticks, Elmer's glue, disposable cameras, poster board, self-stick Post-it chart

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.