



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say 'Why not?'" ~ George Bernard Shaw

May 28, 2014

Hoosier to Hoosier Initiative (now through Aug. 24)

All hands are needed to sort, move and organize donated items for the August H2H sale! Hoosier to Hoosier is looking for volunteers to sort donations as well as help with donation pick-ups all summer. Strong backs are welcome for the latter position! Upcoming volunteer days are: June 12, 27, 28; July 14, 21, 25; Aug. 23, 24. Minimum age is 16. Sign up for a shift at <http://bit.ly/H2HVolunteer2014> or contact Jacqueline Bauer at (812) 349-3837 or h2h@indiana.edu with questions or if there is another way you would like to be involved. (www.indiana.edu/~sustain)

National Trails Day - June 7

A wide variety of recreation, fitness, stress-relief and transportation goals can be achieved with a good trail system, plus hiking allows us to keep in touch with the natural world. Celebrate National Trails Day by improving the trails at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve from 9 a.m. to noon on June 7. Minimum age is 14, unless accompanied by an adult. Click <http://bit.ly/NationalTrailsDay2014> to sign up or contact Kim Ecenbarger, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Share Your Cooking Skills

Stepping Stones hosts a once-weekly required group meeting with all of their residents and staff and start the meeting off with a meal for the whole group prepared by a resident paired with a volunteer. The volunteer coordinates the meal with the resident in advance, purchasing food on the Stepping Stones account. These meetings are held every Tues. evening, with the meal ready by 6 p.m. Minimum age is 21. Please contact Alysia Fornal at (812) 339-9771 or afornal@steppingstones-inc.org. (www.steppingstones-inc.org)

Touch a Truck – June 11

Do you enjoy seeing amazement on the faces of small children? Experience it firsthand during 'Touch a Truck' on June 11 (rain date June 12), at Twin Lakes Sports Park. Preschoolers will look at, climb on, and explore the inner workings of their favorite big rigs - fire engines, school buses, police cars and dump trucks! Volunteers assist with event setup, monitor stations, and distribute refreshments. Shifts are from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and noon-3 p.m. Minimum age is 16. Click <http://bit.ly/TouchATruck2014> to sign up or contact Kim Ecenbarger, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Arts Fair on the Square - June 21

The Bloomington Playwrights Project's Arts Fair on the Square will bring visual artists and craftspeople together with the local and regional buying community on June 21. This juried art show features over 80 regional and national artists and craftspeople on the picturesque grounds surrounding the Monroe County Courthouse. Arts Fair on the Square also includes interactive arts activities for children and entertainment from local artists for the whole family. Flexible hours for a variety of volunteer positions are available, including check-in and set-up, traffic control, information desk, children's art center, check-out and tear-down and photography. Minimum age is 16; 12 if with an adult. You can view position descriptions and shifts online or contact Sarah Pearce at (812) 334-1188 or manager@artsfair.org. (artsfair.org and www.newplays.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

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program

Matches adults 55 years old and older with meaningful volunteer opportunities in any area, based on their interests, passions, experiences and abilities. To grant a wish, contact Rebecca Nunley at rnunley@area10agency.org or (812) 876-3383. (631 W. Edgewood Dr., Ellettsville; www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Wishes: fabric, fiberfill stuffing, greeting cards, gift certificates, colored paper, external hard drive, large wall clock, locking 2-drawer filing cabinet, grab bars, shower benches, 50-100 quart wheeled coolers, 4x8 foot enclosed trailer

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.

