



Volunteer Bloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu

Feb. 26, 2014

Step Team Instructors

If you love working with young people, whether you are a community person or an IU student, you are welcome to serve as a Step Team instructor! Step Teams instill a great sense of discipline and attention to detail in young people. The precision and boldness that come with Step gives them pride and a sense of fulfillment. They learn to carry themselves with a little more presence and they learn how to act when they have eyes on them at all times. It also teaches youth the importance of respect and refines their overall bearing and responses to direction. Please contact Dellsie Boddie at (812) 361-4059 or cryofthechildren@gmail.com. (cryofthechildren.com)

PALS Volunteer Training – Mar. 8

People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) offers regular trainings for those interested in becoming involved as volunteers in PALS therapeutic riding, which helps children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses. The next training will be from 1-4 p.m. on March 8. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking riders during lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and assist with barn chores. Volunteers must attend a training and 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 Jennylynn Vidas at (812) 336-2798 ext. 15 or jennylynn@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org)

Case Management Training for Disaster Volunteers– Mar. 20

The Monroe County Community Organizations Active in Disaster group (MoCOAD) is seeking volunteers to be trained as case managers in the event of a local disaster. Case managers help survivors determine the best course of action for short and long term recovery, providing crisis intervention, advocacy and resources for food, shelter, medical, and re-construction needs. Volunteers must be organized, with good communication skills and knowledge of local resources. No previous experience is required. A free training, conducted by Catholic Charities, will be offered on March 20 at the Van Buren Township Trustee's office at 2130 S. Kirby Rd. Registration is at 6:15 p.m.; the course is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This course complies with American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Emergency Management Agency standards. Please contact Bob LaGarde at vbtbob@bluemarble.net or 812-825-4490 or Monica Clemons at Monica_Clemons@usc.salvationarmy.org or (812) 336-4310. (www.monroecountycoad.org)

Leonard Springs Nature Days – Mar. 25-Apr. 15

Leonard Springs Nature Days will be on Tuesdays, March 25, April 1, April 8 and April 15, with April 22 as the rain date. Up to 18 volunteers per day will teach sixth grade students about our natural heritage through multiple stations including karst, creeks, wetlands, forests, and soils. If you have an interest in the outdoors and enjoy working with children, sign up to volunteer! The program is from 9:15 a.m.-2 p.m. Register at: <http://bit.ly/Spring2014NatureDays> or contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Lemonade Day Workshop #1 – Mar. 29

Lemonade Day Bloomington empowers today's youth to become tomorrow's entrepreneurs. It is a free, fun program that empowers young people, through the experience of operating lemonade stands, to learn entrepreneurship, to build financial literacy and to trust in their ability to make a difference in their own lives and in their community. Volunteers will assist at the first educational workshop for children and their families from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 29 at the Lincoln Street Boys and Girls Club, helping with set-up, registration, guiding children to stations, and clean-up. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Jill Steiner at 332-5311 or lemonadeday@bgcbloomington.org. (www.bloomington.lemonadeday.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

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra

Inspired leadership has brought new energy and creative passion to this all-volunteer orchestra, now in its 44th season. To grant a wish, contact Donna Lafferty at bs.o.donna@gmail.com or (812) 327-5056. (718 N. Walnut St.; www.bloomingtonsymphony.com)

Wishes: grocery gift certificates for post-concert receptions, instruments for Children's Instrument Recovery Program.

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.

