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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

One-Time

1. Alternative Spring Breaks
Location: Kaufman Auditorium, Goldwin Smith
Time: Oct 27 & Oct 29 @ 5pm
Description: Interested in volunteering during Spring Break? Come hear about the diverse opportunities available through Cornell Public Service Center's Alternative Breaks program! Some of the sites student volunteers will be working on over the Spring Break include: NYC, Boston, Philadelphia, West Virginia, Florida, and Cape Code.
Contact: For more info, visit psc.cornell.edu or email altbreaks@cornell.edu or stop by 200 Barnes Hall Public Service Center.
2. Fall Harvest Festival
Location: P&C Foods on Hancock St.; Sciencenter
Time: Oct 13 @ 1:30-5pm
Description: Help the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County give back to their neighborhood and community during their annual Fall Harvest Festival for Kids The Sciencenter will be contributing a fun fall themed activity to share with the community. A two hour shift anytime from 1:30-5 is available, volunteers would need transportation to the site (P&C Foods on Hancock Street, behind the Sciencenter).
Contact: For more info, contact BJ R. Siasoco at 607-272-0600 x10 or bjciasoco@sciencenter.org.
3. Bookfest
Location: Sciencenter
Time: Nov 8 @ 10am-4pm
Description: Lead an Adventure through reading with the Sciencenter! This year's Bookfest theme is "Adventure by Book" and we'll be reading some great stories and assisting children with fun hands-on activities. There will be 3 shifts (10am-12, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm) and volunteers would need their own transportation to the site.
Contact: For more info, contact BJ R. Siasoco at 607-272-0600 x10 or bjciasoco@sciencenter.org.
4. Spin Opening Weekend
Location: Sciencenter
Time: Oct 10-13
Description: Help welcome our new exhibit Spin! Experience the human centrifuge, create your own mini laser show, and race various objects along tracks as you explore the fun-and science-of rotation at the Sciencenter's new fall exhibition, "Spin." Special activities include creating beautiful "Spin Art" by dripping paint on a spinning platter, making a mini boomerang, designing spinning tops from recycled materials, and creating a miniature kite that spirals through the air to take advantage of the blustery fall weather.

Contact: For more info regarding time & shifts, please reach BJ R. Siasoco at 607-272-0600 x10 or bjciasoco@sciencenter.org.

5. Spooky Science!

Location: Sciencenter

Time: Oct 23 & 24

Description: Volunteers are needed both the night before (Thursday, October 23) to help "Spookify" the Sciencenter and the evening of (Friday, October 24) to staff the event. This year's Spooky Science is filled with Ghastly Experiments, Creepy Crafts, and all kinds of family fun. Please email me if you are interested in volunteering for the setup night (Thursday, October 23, 5pm) or the Event Night (Friday, October 24, 4:45pm-8:30pm).

Contact: For more info, contact BJ R. Siasoco at 607-272-0600 x10 or bjciasoco@sciencenter.org.

6. Kids' Book Fest '08

Location: Boynton Middle School, Ithaca

Time: Sat, Nov 8 @ 10-4pm

Description: This annual event attracts about 2,000 people to experience the joy of children's books through activities, arts, bookmaking, read-aloud and performances. This is a free festival for families, held at an Ithaca Middle School and staffed by students and community members. **We need you!** We have many jobs open for volunteers, from working in the kitchen, reading to children, helping families with arts and crafts, or wearing a story book character costume. There are 2 shifts: morning (9:15-1:15pm) and afternoon (12:45-4:45pm).

Contact: For more info and if interested, please email Katrina Morse, Katrina@familyreading.org.

On-Going

1. Habitat for Humanity

Location: Tompkins-Cortland

Description: Habitat strives to eliminate substandard housing by building simple, decent homes for hardworking families in need. We rely on volunteer labor as well as donations of money and materials from the community to make our work possible. Once complete, our houses are sold to a partner family for a fair price with a no-interest, low-rate mortgage. Families who may not be eligible for a bank mortgage often meet Habitat's requirements for homeownership.

Contact: If you, or someone you know, would be interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity or applying for homeownership, please send an email to: tompkinscortland@habitatnys.org (or simply reply to this message). Also, feel free to visit www.tchabitat.com to see pictures of our current project and learn more about us.

2. Church Relations Committee

Description: We at Tompkins Cortland Habitat for Humanity are looking to expand our Church Relations committee - will you join us? Volunteers on this committee will work to establish ties and regular communication with local religious institutions and their networks. The church relations team also encourages religious institutions to actively collaborate with us, and other faith groups, to support Habitat for Humanity via activities such as fundraisers, volunteering, partner family recruitment and support, etc. Good candidates for this committee will have an interest and willingness to learn about Habitat and the ability to commit to Habitat's mission. These committee members should also be active in the local religious community. We are open to working with volunteers of any and all faith denominations.

Contact: If interested, please contact Shannon at tompkinscortland@habitatnys.org.

INTERNSHIPS

1. Foundation for Sustainable Development

Description: The Foundation for Sustainable Development works directly at the community level to support the empowerment and capacity of grassroots organizations and the individuals they serve. Rather than supporting government and international entities, FSD partners with locally managed, locally founded community-based organizations (CBOs) who understand and represent the voice of their communities. Through building solid relationships and working side-by-side with local community leadership, FSD produces collaborative solutions that offer the greatest chance for sustainable results. In all, FSD works with over 200 CBOs in **Asia, Africa, and Latin America** to supply capacity, training, funding, and human resources for projects addressing **Microenterprise/ Microfinance, Environment, Appropriate Technology, Women's Empowerment, Human Rights, Health, Youth & Education, and Community Development**. FSD offers volunteer and intern abroad programs for university students, professionals, and retirees. Whether you are looking to gain development training and experience or want to share your own expertise, we are happy to speak with you about how FSD's programs can help you reach your goals.

Contact: For more info, visit www.fsdinternational.org or call 415-283-4873 x12 for Andie Anderson.

JOBS

1. Young Program Manager

Location: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County

Description: Implement innovative year-round youth development activities during out-of-school hours for the Joint Youth Commission (Town of Ithaca and Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing) and Town of Danby. Plan & deliver school and community based programs where pre-

teens and teens develop critical life skills. BA/BS & experience in youth development programming. Full-time, grant funded, with benefits.
Contact: Cover letter, resume & application to Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County, 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca NY 14850 by 10/9/08 or until suitable candidate found. For more details www.ccetompkins.org or reach Theresa Emerick at 607-272-2292 or tee1@cornell.edu.

2. Coordinator of Deaf Services

Location: Regional Center for Independent Living and Center for Disability Rights (Rochester)

Description: Bachelor degree preferred. Previous management experience desired. Candidate must be fluent in ASL and MSL. Deaf culture knowledge required. Reliable transportation and flexibility a must. Excellent written and communication skills. Supervise all staff that provides deaf services. Ensure that all staff is helping a person learn skills and get the support needed to pursue personal interests.

Contact: For more info, please visit <http://www.rochestercdr.org/Employment.php>.

3. Deaf Communication Specialist

Location: Regional Center for Independent Living and Center for Disability Rights (Rochester)

Description: Develop and implement strategies to improve the participant's activities of daily living. Assist individual with expanding language & communication knowledge base. Assist treatment professionals to facilitate communication and reinforce treatment activities. Provide support for appropriate recreational outlets and activities. Complete paperwork necessary to chart progress of persons served. Assist staff members in communication using sign-language and deaf-related issues. ASL/MSL and minimum 6 months job related experience. Availability must include evenings, weekends, and overnights. Deaf or Hard of hearing preferred. Achieve and maintain SCIP-R certification and First Aid/CPR.

Contact: For more info, please visit <http://www.rochestercdr.org/Employment.php>.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS (GRANTS)

1. Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program

Deadline: Mon, Nov 3

Description: The Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program, organized by Sustainable Tompkins, benefits small projects that encourage sustainable community initiatives. The program was established with \$5,500 in seed funding through a grant from a local foundation and will be awarding mini-grants quarterly.

Contact: For more info, call 607-275-0249 or email elan@sustainabletompkins.org. Donations can be sent to Sustainable Tompkins, PO Box 596, Ithaca, NY 14851.

MORE IDEAS!

1. Making Books Exciting for Pre-K Children

Description:

This is a skills-based training co-sponsored by the First Book, Cornell Chapter. Get kids excited about reading! While it may seem simple, there's a real art to reading out loud effectively to toddlers and pre-schoolers. Come learn at one of the training sessions on how to be a captivating story-teller while promoting a culture of literacy!

Thurs, 10/16 @ 5-6:30pm in Duffield Hall Conference Room 254 OR

Fri, 10/17 @ 3-4:30pm in Duffield Hall 340

Contact: For more info, please contact Amy Somchanmavong at 607-254-8072 or ayk3@cornell.edu.

2. Bereavement Support Group

Location: Nina K. Miller Hospicare Center, 172 E. King Rd, Ithaca

Time: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 5:30-7pm

Description: These groups offer a warm, supportive and confidential environment in which to meet and share with others who are grieving the death of a loved one. They're open to all people 18 or older regardless of whether or not their deceased loved one had received hospice services. Registration is not required but prompt arrival is encouraged and appreciated.

Contact: For more info, please call 607-272-0212.

3. Sustainable Health Care for All

Location: Unitarian Church Annex, 306 N. Aurora St

Description: Are you concerned about the lack of affordable health care? Do you wonder what local options and resources are available? Can we envision more comprehensive solutions together? Having healthcare options is a concern to most people, especially at a time of diminishing resources and rising medical costs. Join a panel of healthcare activists and experts in a discussion about current choices and those being developed by various groups who aim to have an influence on healthcare policy.

Contact: For more info, email Bethany@sustainabletompkins.org or visit www.sustainabletompkins.org or call at 607-277-1241.