
Youth Service California (YSCal)

January Affiliate Update

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YSCAL NEWS

Get Ready For The California State Conference!!!!

The 1996 California Service & Volunteerism Conference

Parc Oakland Hotel, Oakland California

March 17 - 19, 1996

Fees

\$150 Early Bird Rate - Full conference registration, per person, if payment by check and postmarked **before January 31, 1996**

\$150 YSCal Affiliates, per person, if payment by check

\$175 Full conference registration, per person, if payment by purchase order or payments postmarked after **January 31, 1996**

\$120 Full conference youth registration (under 25 years), per person

Conference registration fees include: conference sessions, refreshment breaks, and all meal functions shown on the attached conference schedule.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to meet with other leaders in service! Come showcase your business or organization at our exhibitor tables! Come listen to Harris Wofford, CEO of the Corporation for National Service give the keynote address! Experience service first hand at the site visits and service projects! Share your insight with others on curriculum and learn from others at the Curriculum and Program Exchange! This is the conference for you. We'll see you in March!

Deadline: Registration and fees must be received by **March 1, 1996** to receive confirmation packet. Space is limited and the conference is expected to sell out. Register early to avoid disappointment!!! No purchase orders will be accepted after March 1, 1996. If you have not yet received a conference brochure from us, please call **Nicole at 415-723-8749.**

Summer Currents

Do you want your organization or program to be highlighted in our Summer Currents? Turn in all articles before April 1, 1996 to feature your program. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole.

Youth CAN Update

National Youth Service Day celebrates what young Americans are doing to restore a sense of service and civic responsibility across the country. National and community service is the best investment that Americans can make in our country's future and one of the best solutions to our country's social and environmental problems. This year, National Youth Service Day is April 23 and the Youth CAN's theme for the day is "BEAUTIFY CALIFORNIA: Transforming Our Community Landscape Through Youth Service." If you have questions about planning National Youth Service Day in your community, please call Jenny Girard at 415-723-3803.

THE NATIONAL SCENE

Donations to Nonprofits Increase

Many charities throughout the country saw an increase in giving last year. Overall giving climbed to 6.3%, well ahead of the inflation rate of 2.7%, according to *The Chronicle of Philanthropy's* annual philanthropy 400 survey. The largest increases in donations were felt by community foundations with a 29.2% increase; public affairs groups, 14.8%; museums, 11.2%; and universities at 10.6%. Only the United Way experienced a decrease, but the drop was relatively small—less than one percent.

THE STATE SCENE

Announcing the CalServe Coaches Program

December 7th and 8th, the California Department of Education - CalServe sponsored a two-day training for participants in the CalServe Coaches Program, a new cadre of service-learning coaches who will provide training and technical assistance to schools and school-community partnerships across the state. The CalServe Coaches program is a joint endeavor of the California Department of Education (CDE), the National Service Learning Cooperative, the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), and the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF), a regional partner of the National Service-Learning Cooperative and Clearinghouse. The state effort is a part of a national peer consultant initiative to connect experienced service-learning professionals with those who are new to the field and to those needing additional support and technical assistance.

Through the CalServe Coaches Program, CDE will be able to add to the depth of service-learning in California by building a greater understanding for the pedagogy of service-learning and advancing it as an educational teaching and learning strategy. Coaches will work at the state, regional and local levels with community-based organizations to develop service-learning projects with teachers and students; support teachers who are utilizing service-learning as effective educational reform strategy; and will develop opportunities for youth to assume leadership roles within service-learning programs. For more information about this program, please contact Nelda Brown, CalServe Assistant Coordinator at (916) 657-5442 or Lisa Friedman, Constitutional Rights Foundation, Director of Civic Participation Outreach at (213) 487-5590.

Mark Your Calendar: California Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the California Commission on Improving Life Through Service will be held on Thursday, February 8th, 10-4 pm in Sacramento. For more information call Peggy Gorton (916) 323-7646 ext. 24.

RESOURCES

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants Available

The *DO Something* BRICK for Community Leadership will be awarded to ten outstanding young Americans under the age of 30 who are solving problems and doing great things to build their communities. The national grand prize winner will receive a grant of \$100,000 to continue his or her work in the community and the nine other winners will each receive a \$10,000 grant. For more information, contact Claudia Jackson at 212-523-1175 or fax *DO Something* at 212-582-1307.

CONFERENCES

1996 Nonprofit Conference: Nonprofits in the New Millennium

The Volunteer Center Management Assistance Program (MAP) is proud to present *Nonprofits in the New Millennium*, the 1996 third annual Nonprofit Conference held at the Luther Burbank Center, Santa Rosa, CA on Friday, February 2. This one day session will include a keynote address by Kim Klein, the author of *Fundraising for Social Change* and publisher of the *Grassroots Fundraising Journal*. For more information, please call the Volunteer Center at 707-573-3399.

CAPPS' 1996 Statewide Peer Helping Conferences

California Association of Peer Programs presents its 5th Annual Middle School Peer Helping Conference on Friday, March 1 at the Glenkirk Presbyterian Church in Glendora, CA and its 12th Annual Peer Helping Conference from Friday, March 22 to Saturday, March 23, 1996 at the Parc Oakland Hotel in Oakland, CA. The middle school conference is for California middle school and junior high school students, grades 6-9, and their program advisors. Workshops and activities for this one day event are specifically designed to meet the needs of this age group and their program advisors. The March 22-March 23 conference is for California high school students (grades 9-12), college students, and peer helping professionals. Workshops and activities for this two-day event cover issues and skills of general interest as well as those of specific interest to one of the three participant groups. For more information, please call 818-564-0099.

COOL National Conference on Student Community Service

COOL supports student involvement in community service and social change by helping students start and strengthen campus-based community service programs. Their 12th Annual National Conference makes its way to the urban campus of The George Washington University in Washington, DC and will be held March 21-24, 1996. If you are a student addressing illiteracy, homelessness, racism, hunger, health care, HIV/AIDS, urban violence, drug abuse, domestic violence, and other pressing social problems, this conference is for you! For more information, please contact the COOL National Office at 202-637-7004.

Generations United Seventh Annual Conference

The Generations United Seventh National Conference will address ways in which policy and fiscal changes will affect intergenerational programs, and how individuals as well as intergenerational networks and coalitions can have an impact on the emerging policies. This year's theme, "Connecting Communities: Building on the Promise and Potential," will focus on the connections among young and old, traditional and underserved groups, and between public policies and intergenerational programs. Through inspiring speakers, outstanding workshops and networking sessions, participants will learn how to forge new partnerships and work together to strengthen their communities. The conference will be held March 29-31, 1996 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, DC. For more information, please call 202-326-5263.

1996 National Service-Learning Conference

The 1996 National Service-Learning Conference will be held April 17-20, 1996 at the Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center of Detroit, Michigan. It is sponsored by the National Youth Leadership Council and will provide a thematic, developmental experience based on the core elements of service-learning. For more information please call 616-947-9457.

The National Community Service Conference

The National Community Service Conference will be held June 8-11, 1996 in San Francisco, CA and is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation. The audience for this conference is people who work with nonprofits, businesses, government agencies, communities of faith, member organizations, service clubs, healthcare organizations, educational institutions or youth organizations that utilize volunteers. For more information, please call the Points of Light Foundation at 202-223-5001.

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