

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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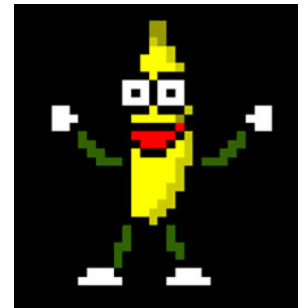
The Early Bird Gets the Worm

The Early Bird deadline to register for the 2008 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism is only three weeks away! Those wishing to take advantage of this discounted rate must register by **February 29th**. To register, simply go to <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2472.htm> and click on "Register Now".

2008 Conference Highlights: It's Peanut Butter Jelly Time!

Participants at this year's Governor's Conference will have the opportunity to take part in a service project to benefit homeless Hoosiers from across the state. We have partnered this year with Horizon House in Indianapolis and Haven House in Jeffersonville to coordinate a "PB&J Drive". Containers of peanut butter and jelly are always needed to help homeless shelters meet the nutritional needs of the thousands of Hoosiers who utilize their services every year.

You don't even need to attend the conference to participate in this year's service project. If you would like to help us fight hunger in Indiana, you may bring donations of peanut butter and jelly to the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives or to the Sheraton during the conference. We encourage conference participants to collect donations in their communities and bring them to the conference as well. If you would like more information on this service project or would like to sponsor a local PB&J drive, send an email to conference@ofbci.in.gov.



2007 Governor's Award Spotlight: Jodi Rodriguez



Jodi Rodriguez was a recipient of the 2007 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service in the National Service category. She was nominated for her instrumental role in the development of future programs and services at Esperanza En Jesucristo, a resource center for the Hispanic community in the Greenwood area. Jodi far surpassed her 450-hour AmeriCorps service requirement with the center where she organized educational opportunities, wrote grants, and made presentations to the community about Hispanic culture. During Jodi's first year of service, she was a full-time student at Franklin College, and successfully balanced classes, sorority life, student government and other extracurricular activities with her full-time volunteer schedule. She is now pursuing certification to become a home parenting trainer who will work with young mothers in the Hispanic community.

Her nominator wrote, "Jodi sees beyond the material benefits and wants to change the world so that all people have opportunities. [She] is a very talented and intelligent young woman who could pursue a career in many areas and be successful. She has already been an incredible influence on others."

You only have two weeks left to nominate a deserving volunteer for the 2008 Governor's Awards for Volunteer Service. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of a volunteer, national service participant, or service-learning program. To submit a nomination, go to

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2509.htm>

Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 11-17, 2008

Random Acts of Kindness Week is just around the corner. According to the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, "Random Acts of Kindness Week is designed to give those who are not currently aware of Random Acts of Kindness a chance to experience the joy of passing along kindness. The week's purpose is to raise awareness about kindness and to invite people to give and receive kindness daily."

So, start practicing your thoughtful behavior and polite words now. Show some tolerance the next time someone in front of you pays for their gasoline with quarters.

A little patience goes a long way. Every kind act you perform promotes kindness and makes the world a better place. Visit www.actsofkindness.org to find ways to encourage kindness, activity ideas for individuals and groups, and other free resources to start planning and sharing your random acts of kindness. Remember, when someone does something nice for you... "Pass it on" to others.



Random Acts of Kindness Suggestions:

- ** When you purchase a snack or soda from the vending machine, leave enough money in the machine for the next person to get a free treat
- ** Allow another driver to merge into traffic in front of you during rush hour
- ** Donate blood
- ** Smile and say "hello" to someone you do not know
- ** After you have loaded your groceries into the car, return your shopping cart to the store
- ** Shovel your neighbor's driveway or mow their lawn
- ** Give a lottery ticket to a stranger
- ** Smile and say "Thank you" to everyone who assists you
- ** Hold the elevator door open for someone who is rushing to catch it
- ** Tape coins to a payphone with a note saying that anyone who needs it can use it

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Help is Here Express returns to Indiana - February 12, 13, 20 - 22

The Help is Here Express - the Partnership for Prescription Assistance's traveling education center - is returning to Indiana this month! Trained specialists travel the country on the bus helping the public find prescription assistance through PPA. The bus is equipped with computers and phones ready to search the PPA database. The upcoming Indiana tour schedule is below.

Tuesday, February 12 in Mishawaka

10 a.m. to noon

Location TBD

Wednesday, February 13 in Michigan City

10 a.m. to noon

St. Anthony Memorial Health Center

Wednesday, February 20 in Terre Haute

10 a.m. to noon

Location TBD

Thursday, February 21 in Indianapolis

10 a.m. to noon

St. Francis Neighborhood Health Center at Garfield Park

234 E. Southern Avenue

Friday, February 22 in Madison

10 a.m. to noon

King's Daughters' Hospital and Health Services



For specific information on a particular stop, including times and contact information, send an e-mail to Jennifer Mahoney at Jennifer.mahoney@borshoff.biz or call 317-631-6400.



"Let Your Voice Be Heard"

To celebrate Black History Month in February, NOAH, Inc. (Neighbors Organized to Assist Humanity) is providing an exciting opportunity for you to learn more about Indiana's African American history. Students from Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate in their 2007 Black History Essay Contest.

Students have a choice of four essay topics:

African American "firsts" in Indiana. What event in Black History do you think most influenced Indiana's way of life...and why? Does the event still have an impact today?

Indiana's Outstanding African Americans. Name one of Indiana's Outstanding African Americans: Past, Present and Future. Talk about how that individual overcame unprecedented adversity historically and have now arisen to a place of marvelous success and notoriety. Talk about their contributions to society and outstanding work they continue to do.

African American Organizations or Institutions in Indiana. What significant African American agency, organization or institution originated in Indiana? What is the significance? How are they making a difference for us today?

African American Historical Landmarks in Indiana. Describe a key African American landmark in Indiana. What is its significance? How is it being preserved to honor its origins or ties to African Americans?

Cash awards will be presented to the top three essay winners in each category.

<u>Grades K-5</u>	<u>Grades 6-8</u>	<u>Grades 9-12</u>
1st place: \$100	1st place: \$125	1st place: \$150
2nd place: \$50	2nd place: \$65	2nd place: \$75
3rd place: \$25	3rd place: \$35	3rd place: \$40

The deadline to submit essays is Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 5:00 PM. For more information and contest rules, please call Glenda Stewart at 317-926-8266 or visit: http://www.noahkids.org/noah_s_2008_black_history_essay_contest.doc

Volunteer Manager Basics Series

Central Indiana Association of Volunteer Administration will be hosting six informative sessions, over three days, which are designed for new volunteer managers. Participants will receive reference materials and resource information. These session schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 29th

9-11 AM -- Program Planning & Volunteer Development

12:30-2:30 PM -- Volunteer Recruitment

Friday, March 14th

9-11 AM -- Screening, Placement & Interviewing

12:30-2:30 PM -- Orientation & Training

Monday, March 31st

9-11 AM -- Supervision & Evaluation

12:30-2:30 PM -- Retention & Recognition

They will take place at the Children's Bureau—Family Place, 3801 N. Temple Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46205. For a map and directions visit: www.childrens-bureau.org/html/locations_family_place.cfm

The cost is \$20 per day for CIAVA Members (Members registering for all 3 days pay \$50); \$30 per day for non-CIAVA Members--\$90 for all three days. For further information or to register, please contact Donna Stutler at donnas@damar.org or 317-856-2330 x235.





UPDATE: The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's one-day Random Student Drug Testing Summit has been changed from February 13th (as indicated in last week's Friday Night Facts) to **February 19th**. For more information, visit <http://summits.csrincorporated.com>

Attention all nonprofit entities...

Many of the forms needed for the formation and continued responsibilities to the Secretary of State are available on their website at www.sos.IN.gov.

Articles of Incorporation – <http://www.state.in.us/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/04162.pdf>.

Articles of Amendment - <http://www.state.in.us/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/04161.pdf>.

Articles of Dissolution -- <http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/39080.pdf>

Continuing responsibilities with the Secretary of State – after its initial organization, a formal nonprofit business association must continue to meet certain statutory requirements. Business Entity Reports must be filed annually with a \$10 filing fee for nonprofit entities. You can now file this report online with a credit card when due at <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/sos-registration/landing.html>. Currently, a courtesy reminder letter is mailed to the entity address. Go to <http://www.in.gov/sos/business/berf.html> for more information.

Whenever the Registered Agent, Registered Agent's address (<http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/26276.pdf>), or Principal Office Address (<http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/50656.pdf>), or Principal Officer (<http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/50655.pdf>) changes a written notification must be given to the Secretary of State.



A recent study conducted as part of The Student PIRGs' New Voters Project showed that young people are 4.2 percent more likely to vote if they receive a text message reminding them to show up at the polls. To read the entire article, visit <http://www.nptimes.com/instantfund/08Jan/IF-080117-1.html>

The presidential primaries for both Republicans and Democrats are still a toss up and so far young voters have been the deciding factor, with record turnout in every early primary and caucus. Sign the ServiceVote pledge and help keep young voters front and center for both the politicians and the press. To learn more, visit <http://www.servicevote.org/>



girlshelpinggirls

Girls Helping Girls is a youth-led international nonprofit organization that partners girls in the United States with girls in schools and community organizations in developing countries to jointly identify problems in their communities and develop social change through micro lending projects to address those issues. To learn more, visit <http://www.empoweragirl.org/pages/page.php?pageid=1>

Parental involvement is a crucial factor for student success, but reaching out to parents can be a challenge for busy service-learning educators. Hot off the presses from Learn and Serve America's National Service-Learning Clearinghouse is a new resource to help with this challenge. To download the guide, visit

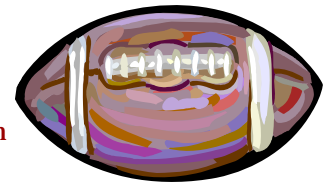
http://www.servicelarning.org/lssa/bring_learning/index.php#parents





The Community Relations Department for the Indianapolis Colts has a surplus of their first edition of Faith & Football DVDs from 2005. They feature Colts players Tarik Glenn (retired), Jeff Saturday, David Thornton (now with Tennessee Titans), Hunter Smith and Coach Dungy sharing their personal testimony of faith. If you are interested in receiving this DVD, visit www.colts.com under the community section and look under "Colts Programs" for the Faith & Football request form.

A national program that successfully teaches character, life skills and leadership through school and community sports programs is coming to Indiana. The "I'm In" program, developed by former NFL player Joe Ehrmann when he retired from the Colts, teaches effective youth development strategies for coaches, parents and volunteers. "I'm In" is hosting an info session in Whitestown, IN on Friday, March 7th at 7 PM. For more information, visit <http://www.im-in.org>



Did you Know...

On Election Day, it takes more than 30,000 poll workers to run Indiana's 5,500 precincts?
Recruiting volunteers is one of the biggest challenges of running an election?

This year, do more than vote on Election Day.

Donate for Democracy Basics:

Assist your fellow Hoosiers at the polls on Election Day and earn a few extra dollars for your favorite nonprofit organization. Donate for Democracy provides an opportunity for you to contribute to your organization's charitable goals, **AND** play an important role in the democratic process. There are two easy requirements in order to participate:

- You must be a registered voter and a resident of the county in which you wish to work; and
- You must be at least 18 years old.

You will earn at least \$70 for your charity and possibly more depending on your county. You will need to declare your political party preference in order to work on Election Day. Polling places are staffed by the political parties.

Contribute Your Time on Election Day & Contribute Money to Your Favorite Nonprofit

For more information, or to sign-up online, please visit www.donatefordemocracy.in.gov or call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE. You may also request a brochure (limit 10) by emailing jsimpson@ofbci.in.gov. Please remember to include your name and mailing address.



Click below to check out upcoming training opportunities on the OFBCI website.

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

If you have a training opportunity you would like considered for inclusion on the Training Calendar, please send the information to jgegell@ofbci.in.gov

The first 50 STUDENTS to register on-line receive an MP3 Player!

INDIANA SCHOLAR FAIR

PRESENTED BY:



Saturday, February 23, 2008 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Indiana Statehouse Rotunda – 200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

WORKSHOPS – 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

- Applying For College, Your Essay Says It All
- Trip to College/Drive Of Your Life
- Getting into the College of your Choice is One Thing;
Paying for it is Another
- From the High School Court to the College Arena:
College Sports Eligibility

**CALLING ALL
HIGH SCHOOL,
MIDDLE SCHOOL, &
NON-TRADITIONAL
STUDENTS!**

ATTENTION

Schools, Churches and Youth Organizations - bring a group of students and register to win an **IBE Prize Package!**
Need a way to get to the Fair? IndyGo bus passes are available while supplies last.

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