

## ***E-Newsletter from The Resource Center***

### **Headlines at a Glance**

- Everyone Can Become an Engaged Citizen
- Get Ready for Summer with Resources on Out-of-School Time
- *Coming Soon!* 2007 National Conference on Volunteering and Service
- Leveraging Volunteers: Two New Courses at the Online Learning Center



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### **Spotlight of the Month**



#### **Everyone Can Become an Engaged Citizen**

In recognition of Flag Day – June 14, 2007 – consider some of the following resources from the Effective Practices Collection that support our national ideal of civic engagement.

[Uniting college campuses to share civic engagement experiences](#)

Establish a forum of nearby colleges to communicate the commonalities of their work involving civic engagement, with the hope of accomplishing more together than they could alone.

[Improving neighborhoods with web-based community mapping](#)

Examples of both youth and senior community residents monitoring neighborhood conditions and mapping community assets to aid in beautification and crime abatement programs.

[Giving teens 100 ways to serve in the community](#)

From something as simple as "walk a neighbor's dog" to the more structured "become a peer counselor" this list has something all members can relate to; it is sure to generate thought, discussion, and activity.

[Blending service-learning and character education to promote strong citizenship](#)

Help students develop the efficacy they will need to further the democratic ideals of our society by becoming caring and ethical adults. Through service-learning, schools across the nation are creating approaches to character development that are formal, intentional, purposeful, and systematic.

For more information and history about Flag Day, visit these websites:

[The Library of Congress – American Memory](#)

[Wikipedia: Flag Day in the United States](#)

### **From The Resource Center**

## Get Ready for Summer with Resources on Out-of-School Time

Following are some valuable resources available at The Resource Center.

### [LEARNS Out-of-School Time Resources](#)

A variety of resources from LEARNS at the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, including "Beyond Fun and Games: Tips and Resources for Summer Programs," "Making an Impact on Out-of-School Time," and links to other useful information.

### [Ready-to-Use Activities for Before and After School Programs](#)

From our lending library, this book gives teachers and supervisors in extended day programs a store of high-quality, yet easy-to-do, activities for children up to age 12. Includes arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, songs and finger games, science and nature activities, and recipes for healthy snacks.

### [School-Age Ideas and Activities for After-School Programs \(Second Edition\)](#)

Also from our lending library, this book provides program-tested hints, tips, strategies, and activities for after-school programs serving children ages five to fourteen. Includes information on the profession, program standards, behaviors, snack times, and field trips.

### [After School Programs: Program Activities – Fostering the Development of the School Age Child](#)

The fourth video in a four-part series that explores how different programs meet the diverse needs of families and out-of-school time children within the context of their community. Presents examples of the variety of activities that out-of-school-time programs can provide to nurture the whole child and support children's "multiple intelligences." (28 minutes)

## Announcements



### **2007 National Conference on Volunteering and Service** EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 15!

The theme of this year's conference — The Power of We — proudly declares the capacity of collective action to solve serious social problems, a hallmark of America's character since its founding. Convened by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Points of Light Foundation, the [National Conference on Volunteering and Service](#) is the largest annual gathering of volunteer leaders in the United States .

The conference will be held in **Philadelphia, PA, July 16-18, 2007**. Highlights will include:

- Keynote addresses from prominent volunteer leaders, advocates, and experts, including former President George H. W. Bush and America's Promise co-founder Alma Powell
- Wide variety of workshops and forums that provide real-world, practical knowledge on improving your volunteer and service program
- Information sharing, both formally and informally, with national and community service participants from around the nation
- Awards presentations to celebrate successes
- Service projects
- Wide array of products and resources available to the national service field

Visit with staff from The Resource Center and others from the Corporation's training and technical assistance provider network. We look forward to seeing you there! Take a moment to review [the program](#).

## Leveraging Volunteers: Two New Courses at the Online Learning Center



### **Project Planning**

A high-impact, well-managed service project will keep volunteers coming back and simultaneously increase your program's capacity to deliver services. This course will help you learn to assess community needs, select a project, solidify resources, map logistics, and detail the project plan. Explore the steps to developing projects that put volunteers in the middle of the community and result in measurable community impact. (Created cooperatively by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Hands On Network, and ETR Associates.)



### **Managing Spontaneous Volunteers in Times of Disaster**



When disaster strikes a community, volunteers are essential in helping to rebuild lives and rebuild communities. It is important that volunteers are given meaningful and constructive opportunities to serve, while not overwhelming the affected community during the response and recovery. National service members can be a vital part of this volunteer effort by staffing volunteer reception centers (VRCs) after an incident. VRCs match volunteers unaffiliated with disaster agencies to opportunities at organizations already involved in the response or recovery. This training will help national service participants understand the function of a VRC and how to manage spontaneous volunteers in times of disaster. (Created cooperatively by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network, and ETR Associates.)

Take advantage of these FREE online courses by visiting the [Online Learning Center](#) at [my.nationalservice.org](http://my.nationalservice.org) today!

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