

THE JAN & BUD RICHTER CENTER  
FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING

# The Epicenter

*A twice-monthly email featuring community volunteer opportunities and other service news.*

## Make a Difference Day – A Centennial Day of Service

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> for Make a Difference Day. We will also use this national day of service to celebrate Fresno State's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the university's rich history of serving the community! Sign-up to volunteer from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and help build trails with [Sierra Foothill Conservancy](#) or refurbish displays at [Rotary Storyland](#). These two projects continue a partnership that started with last year's Make a Difference Day. By volunteering, you can add your time and skills to build on work that was previously completed by your fellow Fresno State Bulldogs to make an even greater impact! This is a great volunteer event to do with your club or a group of friends. Fresno State alumni and faculty and staff are also encouraged to volunteer.



Contact Renee Delpont for info and to register [rdelpont@csufresno.edu](mailto:rdelpont@csufresno.edu) or (559) 278-7063. Space is limited and is first come-first serve. Don't miss out on this fun service event!

## Fresno State Students Clean the San Joaquin

This last weekend, Fresno State students provided leadership and a much-needed service to our community by cleaning up the San Joaquin River. Dr. Mark Somma reported that 165 volunteers, of whom 120 were Fresno State students, cleared 13.5 tons of debris from the river (including 274 tires) from five separate sites. [Smittcamp](#)

[Family Honors College](#) students enrolled in Dr. Somma's PLSI 71H helped organize the event as well as provided on-site volunteer work.

We are so proud of all of the students, faculty, staff, and community members involved in this clean-up! Thank you for being such great stewards of our natural resources.

Check out this [video](#) created by Katie Johnson to hear from the students involved and see the great work they did!

## **American Red Cross Central Valley: Bowl for the Red**

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, put on your bowling shoes to support American Red Cross Central Valley: Bowl for the Red. [Bowl for the Red](#) is an opportunity to help the American Red Cross raise funds to provide support to our local community to provide relief to victims of disaster and empower people in the Central Valley to prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters and other life-threatening emergencies. Join the fun by creating a team of (4), and enjoy an afternoon of bowling at AMF Rodeo Lanes in Clovis. Each team's donation provides three Games of bowling, lanes, balls, and shoe rentals. Event participants will also have the opportunity to win trophies, and raffle prizes. Cost is \$30 per person, sign up as a team of 4, \$120.00 for the team. This is a family oriented event, where no child is too small and no adult is too old or out of practice (bumpers are available).

[Register online](#) or call (559) 445-1000 for more information.

## **Other Volunteer Opportunities**

### **San Joaquin River Conference**

Agency: San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust

Contact: Sarah Parkes

Phone/Email: (559) 248-8480 ext.107 or [sparkes@riverparkway.org](mailto:sparkes@riverparkway.org)

Number of volunteers needed: contact event organizer

Date: Wednesday, September 29 – Saturday, October 2, 2010

Volunteers are needed to help with conference set-up, check-in, assistance, clean-up, ushers, etc. Times and locations vary. Contact event organizer for details.

### **Light the Night**

Agency: The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Contact: Brandon Ruckman

Phone/Email: (559) 232-2431 or [bruckman@gmail.com](mailto:bruckman@gmail.com)

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Cobb Ranch

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up, carnival booths, registration, and decorating. Event planners welcome groups.

## **CoachingCorp (Volunteer Coaches and Referees)**

Agency: Boys and Girls Clubs of Fresno County

Contact: Reed Lyons or Jonquisha Damon

Phone/Email: (559) 266-3117 or [reedl@bgclubfc.org](mailto:reedl@bgclubfc.org) or [jdamon@bgclubfc.org](mailto:jdamon@bgclubfc.org)

More information: [www.joincoachingcorps.org](http://www.joincoachingcorps.org)

Number of volunteers needed: Contact event organizers for more information

Date: Flag Football starts the week of Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and last thru Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

This is an ongoing service opportunity for students. No coaching or athletic experience is required. Extensive training and support is provided. Academic credit can be arranged. The league takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The agency requires a 5 – 7 week commitment of 3-8 hours a week.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Scout Island Adventure Challenge**

Agency: Fresno County Office of Education

Contact: Aleiba Moreno

Phone/Email: (559) 265-3002 or [amoreno@fcoe.org](mailto:amoreno@fcoe.org)

Number of volunteers needed: Contact event organizers for more information

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers will assist at this event, which provides high school students with outdoor adventure, leadership, and teambuilding experiences. Volunteers will receive a free lunch and t-shirt.

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