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Educator Resource Newsletter

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Share Your Service-Learning Stories!

Do you have a service-learning story to share in our newsletter - a new project, partnership, grant or award? We would love to hear about it. Please contact [Kim Lesnau](#).

Check Out Our Webpage!

If you cannot find what you're looking for, please try our [Educator](#) page and our growing [Curricula Hub](#) with links to easy-to-use project ideas and lesson plans.

Quick Links

[Find A Project](#)

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Calling All Educators!

Nominate Your Students for the SAVY Leader Council TODAY!

Volunteer San Diego's youth leadership council is currently accepting [applications and nominations](#) for SAVY Leaders 08-09 school year. SAVY (Students Actively Volunteer for You) Leaders is Volunteer San Diego's youth leadership council that meets biweekly to create, plan and lead their own service projects for National Days of Service.

We are looking for high school students who want to make a difference in their community and are looking to plan, create and volunteer at their own service projects. **Applications are due June 12th**. Download an [application here](#). Email SAVY@volunteersandiego.org for more information.

New Service-Learning Resources

A New Tool from the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse: Service-Learning Ideas and Curricular Examples (SLICE)

It's never too early to start planning lessons for next year! This new tool, [SLICE - Service-Learning Ideas and Curricular Examples](#), is an easy-to-use database full of high quality service-learning lesson plans, syllabi, and project ideas.



- Search this database by using criteria such as Grade Level/Setting, Subject Area/Discipline, Area of Service, and State.
- Promote your curriculum example to become a part of this growing collection of quality service-learning lesson plans, syllabi, and project ideas and let others know about the successful approaches used in your program.

Hands on San Diego T-Shirt Art Contest

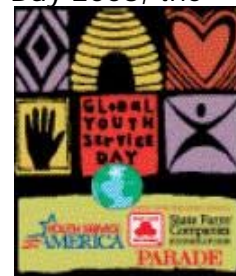
Volunteer San Diego is seeking unique and meaningful artwork from children grades K - 12 and adults 18+ years old, for the **Hands on San Diego** (HOSD) 2008 T-shirt Design Contest. Entrants should create drawings that portray the fun and rewarding experience of volunteering. Entries are due May 30th. [Click here to find out more...](#)



Global Youth Service Day

National City Head Start Received Make-Over for Global Youth Service Day!

On April 26th, 2008 for Global Youth Service Day 2008, the SAVY Leaders put on their signature event with the National City Head Start Program. With over 100 volunteers spread out between three different Head Start locations, they painted 5 murals, 5 classrooms, sanded and primed a playground, cleaned and disinfected cots, built a removable fence and built a bench platform around a tree. Head Start was so excited and pleased to have us out there that a few of their executives came out in support during the day. The event



was well organized and everyone kept "cool" even in the heat.

If your group put on an event for Global Youth Service Day, we want to hear about it. Please email jfeinstein@volunteersandiego.org with information about the event.

Curriculum, Grants and Resources

Remember to check out the Volunteer San Diego website for all of our resources that are updated regularly:

[Educators](#)

[Curriculum Support](#)

[Upcoming Grants](#)

Service-Learning Calendar

Mark your calendars, here are some events you don't want to miss!

Remember to check out the [Project Calendar](#) and the [Trainings & Courses](#) page.

[*Engaging Student Volunteers to Help Meet Your Mission*](#)

Thursday, May 22nd, 2008 1:30PM - 4:30PM

This workshop is for community organizations and nonprofits looking to partner with schools and better utilize student volunteers.

[*Service-Learning Council Meeting*](#)

Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Service-Learning is happening throughout San Diego County. Learn how others are using service-learning, collaborate and troubleshoot your projects with others, and share your stories. The Service-Learning Council serves as your local network of service-learning professionals and organizations while gaining valuable resources to implement high quality service-learning projects with ease.

[*Engaging Students in Service: The Comprehensive Service-Learning Training*](#)

Tuesday, June 24th, 2008 8:15 AM - 4:00PM

(Formerly Service-Learning All-in-One Training) This hands-on training is an "All-in-One." You will receive our introduction to service-learning, as well as two additional "In Focus" workshops exploring service-learning in the context of on-site

projects and character education.

USD's Character Development Center Summer Conference- Character and Peace Education/Safe School Environments

Monday, June 30th and Tuesday, July 1st, 2008

This year, for the first time, the conference will include a strand for Educators and their students. The theme of the conference is **Character and Peace Education in P-12 Education/Safe School Environments**. Educators include both college and university faculty, and school personnel working with new teachers in induction programs.

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