

# Service Bulletin

Volunteer Connection

This bi-weekly bulletin lists info about one-time and on-going service opportunities, special events, and nonprofit agencies that will help you get involved in the community!

If interested in volunteering, but aren't sure which agency might be a good fit, please contact the Volunteer Connection staff—drop by Atwood 139, call 308-3058 or email [volunteer@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:volunteer@stcloudstate.edu).

Please note that recipients may not post messages to the entire group. If you have comments or an item you'd like included in future newsletter, email information to [volunteer@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:volunteer@stcloudstate.edu).

SUBSCRIBE or UNSUBSCRIBE online by following the instructions on the Volunteer Connection website at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/volunteer/bulletins/archives.asp>.

## Earth Day Clean-Up: Make St. Cloud a Cleaner Place!

Help clean-up campus and the surrounding community at the Earth Day Clean-Up. Meet at Barden Park (across from Miller Center) **1-3 PM Saturday, April 21**. In case of rain, volunteers should meet in the Main Lounge of Atwood. Maps, gloves, garbage bags, and refreshments will be provided. This is a great opportunity for groups or individuals who want to celebrate Earth Day by making the campus and community beautiful. For more information, contact Mandy Murphy at (320)308-3058 or [volunteer@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:volunteer@stcloudstate.edu).



## Inspire by Example: Help us Celebrate National Volunteer Week!

Volunteer Connection will be hosting a table in Atwood Center from **11am-2pm April 16-19** to celebrate volunteers. Stop by the table to play volunteer trivia for a chance to win great prizes as well as make bracelets for troops and their families. There will be information about volunteering, free volunteer pride buttons, snacks, candy and pop. Come by to recognize and reward yourself or another volunteer you know! For more information, contact Mandy Murphy at (320)308-3058, or [volunteer@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:volunteer@stcloudstate.edu).

## **Community Quilt Project**

Is your student organization looking for a service project to participate in on campus? Learn how to make a simple 3'x5' Cultural Quilt panel to add to a community quilt for the Multicultural Center of Central Minnesota (MCCM). Make panels on site for free. This event will take place in the Atwood Theater Lounge on **Wednesday April 18 from 12-6 pm.**

For more information, call 320-492-3904 or visit [www.mccmonline.org](http://www.mccmonline.org).

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**No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.  
-Aesop**

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## **Volunteer at Carnival Cruise**

Carnival Cruise is a “mini-carnival” geared for children ages 3-9 taking place **April 21 11am—2pm** in Shoemaker Hall. They need volunteers to help set up 9am-3pm.

For more information, contact Ann Budig at (320) 308-4597 or [ajbudig@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:ajbudig@stcloudstate.edu).

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## **Bridging Needs Volunteers for Various Positions**

Bridging serves families in transition with furniture and household goods. They need volunteers to fill the following positions:

Office **Mondays 1-5pm and Wednesdays 10am-noon**

Warehouse (heavy lifting required) **Monday 1-5 pm and Fridays from 10am-5pm**

Residential donation pick up team **Wednesday and Friday 10am - 1pm**

For more information, contact Kara L. Good, Bridging, Inc. Volunteer Coordinator at (320) 229-7636, ext. 43 or [kara@bridging.org](mailto:kara@bridging.org).

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## **Service Tip of the Week...**

How much time are you willing to spend? When are you available?

Each organization has its own minimum commitment level as well as required trainings. If you cannot make a weekly commitment, consider one-time service projects that happen in the community and on campus.

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## Speed Volunteering

During National Volunteer Week, St. Cloud Area Volunteer Coordinators is sponsoring Speed Volunteering, an event for individuals to learn about volunteer opportunities in the community and find an appropriate match. This event will take place on **Thursday, April 19 7-8:30pm** at CentraCare Health Plaza in the Windfeldt Room. Cost of the event is \$6 with a \$5 refund at the event. Register by Friday, April 13 through your local community education departments: St. Cloud-Waite Park, Sartell-St. Stephen, or Sauk Rapids-Rice Community Education. For more information, contact Alison Dahlin (320)255-5638.

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## YMCA Healthy Kids Day

YMCA Healthy Kids Day is a free event to celebrate making fitness fun, and introduce kids to an array of YMCA programs that teach healthy behaviors and healthy ways to play. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, April 14 from 10am-3pm** for set-up, take-down, kids activities, etc. For more information, contact Michelle Dick (320)253-2664.

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## Summer volunteering in Appalachia

The Christian Appalachian Project is seeking volunteers to staff their two summer camps serving children from low-income families in Kentucky. Volunteers serve **3-9 weeks during camp season (May 29-July 27)**. Room and board provided. Grant available to volunteers able to serve the entire 9 weeks. For more information and to request an application, visit [www.christianapp.org](http://www.christianapp.org) or contact Amy Schill at [aschill@chrisapp.org](mailto:aschill@chrisapp.org).

## Dance Helper Volunteers Needed

The Dance SPOT in St. Cloud needs volunteers to assist children and adolescents with developmental and physical disabilities for a leisure dance class. Each child needs a dance helper. Practice starts **Saturday, April 14 and are held weekly through June 2**. For more information, call Debbie at (320)259-4151.

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## Give Tours for "Real" Real World

The "Real" Real World is a campus event taking place **April 18-19 from 8am-9pm** that showcases displays on anti-Semitism, heterosexism, sexism, body image, racism and empowerment. They need volunteers to greet people and lead groups through the event. Volunteers are not responsible for providing education or answering questions, only to direct students through the display and help students sign into the event. For more information, contact Carrie Hewitt at (320)308-4958 or [heca0201@stcloud-state.edu](mailto:heca0201@stcloud-state.edu).

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## Earth Day Campus Challenge

Outdoor Endeavors needs volunteers to help clean the route that runners will be taking for the Earthday Half Marathon. Volunteers should meet at Beaver Island Trail on **April 15 at 2pm**. There will be a BBQ and prizes afterward for volunteers from 6:30-7:30pm! Volunteers will also be needed to clean up the same areas after the marathon on April 20-21. For more information, contact Shari at (320)308-3772 or [rish0101@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:rish0101@stcloudstate.edu).

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**Additional volunteer information:** Volunteer Central MN is a service of the United Way of Central Minnesota that instantly links you to volunteer opportunities that match your interest, skills, and schedule. Visit [www.unitedwayhelps.org](http://www.unitedwayhelps.org)

Husky Helpers (formally known as Z-Club), a SCSU student club that promotes service opportunities, has weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in AMC, Voyageurs South. For more information, go to their website: [http://studentorg.stcloudstate.edu/z\\_club/](http://studentorg.stcloudstate.edu/z_club/) or email [z\\_club@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:z_club@stcloudstate.edu).

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