

A Day On, NOT a Day Off!

Seasons of Service

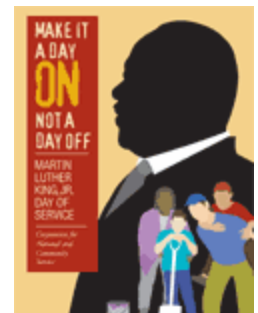
Seasons of Service, sponsored and promoted by the Points of Light Foundation, is a portfolio of national opportunities for people to volunteer for service projects and activities throughout the year. More than 20 million people volunteer each year to be part of the Seasons of Service—a year-round action plan to illustrate how a single day of service can grow into an ongoing habit of helping communities.

Each day of service is sponsored by a national organization and focuses on a theme that targets a specific group. Building each day of service into your program calendar can promote volunteerism in your community and provide opportunities for project-oriented problem solving, planning, teaching, researching, networking, and increasing community awareness. In addition, you can tap into the national media focus generated by the Points of Light Foundation. The idea is to turn people on to service so they will become life-long volunteers.

Visit <http://www.pointsoflight.org>
for more information on these and
other opportunities for service!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Theme:** Make it a day on . . . not a day off!
- Purpose:** To help keep Dr. King's legacy of service to others alive in communities across the country
- Dates:** January 19, 2004
January 17, 2005
- Sponsors:** Corporation for National Service
Points of Light Foundation
- Web site:** <http://www.mlkday.org>



National Volunteer Week

- Theme:** Volunteers Inspire by Example
- Purpose:** To recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state, and national levels
- Dates:** April 18-24, 2004
April 17-23, 2005
- Sponsors:** Points of Light Foundation
- Web site:** <http://www.pointsoflight.org/NVW/nvw.cfm>
- Contact:** 1-800-VOLUNTEER



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Make a Difference Day

- Theme:** A national day to help others!
- Purpose:** To inspire and reward volunteers. Everyone who helps others on this day and submits an entry form is eligible for a national or a local award and for a cash donation to a charitable cause. Every award recipient will appear in USA WEEKEND Magazine and on the Make a Difference Day Web site.
- Dates:** October 23, 2005
October 22, 2006
- Sponsors:** USA WEEKEND Magazine
Points of Light Foundation
- Web site:** <http://www.makeadifferenceday.com>



National Family Volunteer Day



- Theme:** My Family Matters — We Volunteer!
- Purpose:** To call families across America to work together in volunteer service to strengthen their families, communities, local businesses, and non-profit organizations
- Dates:** November 20, 2004
November 19, 2005
- Sponsors:** Points of Light Foundation
Alliance for Children and Families
- Web site:** <http://www.pointsoflight.org/organizations/nfvd.cfm>

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National Youth Service Day

Theme: The Power of Youth Serving Youth

Purpose: To empower young people, highlighting their on-going contributions to their communities and mobilizing their energy, commitment, and idealism through sustainable service

Dates: April 16-28, 2004

Sponsors: Youth Service America
National Youth Leadership Council
Parade Magazine
State Farm Companies Foundation
62 national partner organizations

Web site: <http://www.ysa.org/nysd>



Tennessee 4-H Youth Development was selected as a 2004 National Youth Service Day Lead Agency!

As a Lead Agency, Tennessee 4-H is committed to mobilizing 1000 volunteers in 30 service projects on National Youth Service Day, April 16-18, 2004.

4-H groups can partner with other organizations, businesses, schools, churches, civic groups, AmeriCorps members, Chambers of Commerce to mobilize young people and meet needs in the community. Also consider local affiliates of national partner organizations, such as Boys & Girls Clubs, Lions Club, March of Dimes, SADD, Special Olympics, Veterans of Foreign Wars, YMCA, and YWCA.

Tennessee 4-H needs to know about your planned projects for NYSD 2004. We will forward the plans to Youth Service America and SERVENet, so that they can be posted on a national database. People of all ages can search the national database to find projects in their area, so it's a great way for 4-H groups to recruit volunteers and receive recognition for their projects.

**For more information and to report your NYSD project plan,
visit the NYSD section of the 4-H Seeds of Service Web site at
www.utextension.utk.edu/4h/sos/nysd.**