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Disney's "Give a Day, Get a Day" Process Requires Training

Dear Volunteer Center Staff

As seen on TV, the **Disney Give a Day, Get a Day** national promotion has begun allowing volunteers who work with a registered project be eligible to claim a free one-day pass to Disneyland in California or Disneyworld in Florida.

The program is a collaboration between Disney Parks and the HandsOn Network, of which VCNT is an affiliate. While we are not directly involved in the program, we are the local portal and our staff has heard from agencies reporting that their projects are not appearing on the Disney calendar and from frustrated volunteers who are unable to access appropriate projects.

We want to help our agency members take full advantage of this program. Thus, if you would like a step-by-step guide through the registration process e-mail HandsOn Program Manager, Jess Cline, at jcline@vcnt.org

Sincerely,

Cathy Hurst
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VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE
FRIDAY MARCH, 5TH 2010

Registration now open

Volunteer Management Conference in Grand Prairie

March 5

Registration is now open for the 19th Annual Texas Volunteer Management Conference (www.texasvmc.org).

The low-cost, one day conference will feature many engaging and informative sessions. Max Fulfer will provide a keynote speech on the art of facial reading. His work has been featured on *CNN* and *Business Week* and is used by many national corporations. The conference will be Friday, March 5 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie.

For more information and to register, please visit www.texasvmc.org. Early registration at \$95 is limited and ends on February 26th.

The conference is sponsored by the Dallas Association of Directors of Volunteers (DADV), the Directors of Volunteers in Agencies of Tarrant County (DOVIA) and the Volunteer Center of North Texas.

Membership

Renew or upgrade your VCNT Partner Membership

We have begun to issue renewal notices for 2010 memberships. The Partner level fee remains at \$150. Please contact Cathy Hurst at churst@vcnt.org if you have any questions about your membership. **Partners who fail to renew will no longer be eligible to shop at Donated Goods, use veriFYI or receive their free training benefits.**

HandsOn Program

Volunteer Opportunity Postings Policy

In order to give you the best turnaround on your projects and opportunity postings we will follow this posting schedule:

- Opportunities, changes or revisions to existing opportunities, submitted by 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, will be posted within two business days.
- Opportunities, changes or revisions to existing opportunities, submitted after 5 p.m. Thursday will be posted by the following Tuesday.
- Exceptions:
 - Holidays: projects will be posted by the third working day after a holiday.
 - System Outages: projects will be posted within 24-hours of system restoration.
 - Disaster: opportunities submitted during a declared time of disaster will be posted as time warrants and in the order in which they are received. Any remaining projects opportunities at the end of the declaration will be posted within two business days.

Reminder: Ppportunities submitted with less than three weeks lead time will not be posted to the calendar.

If you have any questions please contact Jess Cline, Manager of HandsOn Programs at jcline@vcnt.org.

Submit your volunteer opportunities using the online submission form three weeks prior to the occurrence or need. Click here for the [Promote Your Volunteer Opportunities Form](#). Ongoing opportunities are automatically deleted after 12 months so check your posting to see what might need to be renewed.

Current HandsOn Projects

NBA Cares All-Star Event

HandsOn Programs is excited to announce a partnership with NBA Cares to completely renovate one lucky school in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area! Burnett Elementary was selected to receive this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to completely makeover a well deserving school!



ANNOUNCING: "LONE STAR SALUTE!"

Join us as we celebrate volunteerism in Collin County at the *Lone Star Salute!* beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at the Plano Centre located at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75074.

We invite your school, nonprofit agency or government organization to select one individual or group that you feel deserves special recognition for their volunteer service during the 2009 calendar year.

[\(PLEASE CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE SUBMISSION FORM\).](#)

Businesses can be honored by a Collin County nonprofit agency, but they cannot self-nominate.

Bring your staff and volunteers and join us at the Plano Centre! Tickets are \$25 per person, and the price of admission includes an extensive hot breakfast buffet. Complimentary parking is provided for all attendees.

Your honoree will receive one complimentary ticket for the event and other commemorative items. A slide show presentation including each honoree's name, photo and agency name will be shown at the event.

Please respond (via post mail, e-mail or fax) with your completed submission form no later than

Friday, March 12. Formal invitations will be mailed in March.

To learn more about the event and how to submit your honoree, contact Stacy Cooper, *Lone Star Salute!* Chair, at 972-365-3614 or email lonestarsalute2010@me.com.

Training News

Make plans for 2010 training

RE-ENERGIZE your volunteer program!
Register now for one of VCNT's upcoming professional development opportunities:

- Jan. 28 - Maximizing Partnerships - Dallas
- Jan. 30 - Disaster Response Call Center Training- Dallas
- Feb. 9 - Volunteer Managers Networking Roundtable on (Collin Co).
- Feb. 24 - Essential Elements of Volunteer Management (Dallas Co.)
- March 31 - Essential Elements of Volunteer Management (Tarrant Co.)

For more information, go to http://www.vcnt.org/nonprofits_nonprofit_training.html or contact Kim Smith, Training Manager at ksmith@vcnt.org.
To register for any training contact Cathy Hurst at churst@vcnt.org.

Days of Service & Awareness Months

Just for fun and to give you some ideas for promotions in your volunteer programs, this is a list of upcoming special days and months:

February

- **Monthlong Observation:** Black History Month; American Heart Month; National Time Management Month; Library Lovers Month; Plant The Seeds Of Greatness Month; National Parent Leadership Month; National Youth Leadership Month; Women's Heart Health Week
- **Feb. 2:** Groundhog Day
- **Feb. 14:** Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day
- **Feb. 15:** President's Day

March

- **Monthlong Observations:** American Red Cross Month; Irish American Heritage Month; National Women's History Month; Poison Prevention Awareness Month; National Ethics Awareness Month; National Umbrella Month; National Optimism Month; National Nutrition Month; National Craft Month; Save Your Vision Month; Patient Safety Awareness Month; Return The Borrowed Books Week; International Women's Day
- **March 10-16:** National Girl Scout Week
- **March 14-20:** National Poison Prevention Week
- **March 17:** St. Patrick's Day
- **March 22-26:** Youth Violence Prevention Week

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT) offers programs and services to more than 1,700 nonprofit agencies across North Texas. In addition, we provide customized services to nonprofit and government agencies and schools throughout Collin, Dallas, and Tarrant counties. Basic & Partner Members are the foundation of VCNT.

The Volunteer Center will continue to help *make volunteerism a part of everyday life.*

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