



MEDIA ADVISORY

TEENS IMPACT THE ALLEN COMMUNITY AND COLLIN COUNTY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Environmental service-learning project added to annual teen volunteer fair to benefit the community

WHAT: The Student Engagement Department of the Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT) will host the 6th Annual Collin County Teen Fair to educate students about ways they can impact nonprofit organizations throughout the Collin County community. More than 10 nonprofit organizations will be on hand to share information about volunteer opportunities and other ways teens can get involved with their agencies. Students who attend the fair will receive either a free game of bowling or laser tag from Strikz Entertainment Center.

The morning of the teen fair, up to 75 students will have an opportunity to volunteer at Connemara Conservancy in Allen, where they will clear two high-traffic community trails that connect to parks in Allen and Plano. Students will also have an opportunity to weed a sunflower garden and relocate trees to improve exposure to sunlight.

The service project will be led by the VCNT's Youth Volunteer Corps of North Texas, a service-learning program sponsored by State Farm Companies Foundation, which provides team-based, service-learning opportunities for middle and high school-age youth.

WHO:

- 10 nonprofit organizations
- Up to 75 service project youth volunteers
- Volunteer Center of North Texas
- **Event Sponsors: Strikz Entertainment Center, the Junior League of Plano, 106.1 KISS FM, and the Frisco Rough Riders.**

WHEN: *9:00 a.m. – Noon, Saturday, September 18, 2010 (Service-Learning Project)*

Directions to Service Project Location (From Highway 75)

- *Exit Bethany Drive and go west approximately 1 mile.*
- *Turn left (south) onto Alma Drive.*
- *Take the next left through the open gate. (If you reach Hedgcoxe and Tom Thumb, you have gone too far.)*
- *Park to the left of the entrance. (The service location is on the South East corner of Alma and Bethany and the entrance gate is about an 1/8 mile south of the intersection.)*

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Volunteer Fair)

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