



Michigan's AmeriCorps Week Project Descriptions

LOCATION	DATE(S)	TIME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	POINT OF CONTACT
Flint, MI	Friday and Saturday, May 15 th -16	Begins at 1:00pm on May 15 th and ends at 4:15pm on May 16 th	The Russ Mawby Signature Service Project has been named the national closing event for the 2009 AmeriCorps Week. The Signature Service Project will bring together more than 250 AmeriCorps members to assist with building and landscaping projects in Flint's Grand Traverse neighborhood. Members will also help construct a new play structure for area children in Memorial Park. This unique event is coordinated by Genesee County Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, and the Michigan Community Service Commission.	Michelle Mackie, MCSC (517) 241-3606 metzmakerm1@michigan.gov
Black River, North of Tower, MI (Northern MI)	Saturday, May 9 th	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Huron Pines AmeriCorps and Sturgeon For Tomorrow are combining efforts to repair a severe erosion site that is negatively impacting spawning habitat for the endangered lake sturgeon. Volunteers will have the opportunity to reduce erosion by planting native vegetation, see fishery biologists tag sturgeon, and participant in educational sessions. Local leaders are invited to attend the program and lunch will be provided for the volunteers.	Lisha Ramsdell, Program Director (989) 348-9319 lisha@huronpines.org
Marquette, MI (Upper Peninsula)	Tuesday, May 12 th		MARESA – Michigan's AmeriCorps will partner with Habitat for Humanity for homebuilding activities on May 12 th . MARESA will also host an MCSC Commissioner during that week for an educational program visit.	Jessica Murphy, AmeriCorps Member jmurphy@gwinn.k12.mi.us
Petoskey Public High School (Northern MI)	Saturday, May 9 th	8:30 am-12:30 pm	On May 9 th Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps will be hosting their first Spring Into Action Event that will bring together 3 rd -5 th grade students from Charlevoix, Emmet, and Northern Antrim Counties. Students will participate in physical activity and learn about healthy eating. Each participant will attend three different workshops focusing on topics such as golf, hockey, yoga, Pilates, Marital Arts, and more. Participants will also listen to a nutritionist speak about healthy eating and have a chance to win prizes. At the end of the day each student will take home a goodie bag full of information about healthy eating, opportunities to participate in physical activity, and plenty of fun worksheets to promote continued movement and a healthy diet.	Savanah Zednicsek, AmeriCorps Member & Sprint Into Action Chair (231) 330-0205 savanahz@charemisd.org

<p>Allegan, Kent Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Oceana, & Ottawa Counties (West MI)</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 12th</p>	<p>5:00 pm- 7:00pm</p>	<p>We are hosting an informal public open house to showcase AmeriCorps members and/or host sites in this region. Participants are invited to set up exhibit displays highlighting the programs and services they represent. This can include brochures and projects, photographs, and/or other visual aids showing AmeriCorps involvement in their communities. This event is open to the public, and media will be invited. The event will take place at the Ottawa County Fillmore St. Complex (12220 Fillmore St., Conference Room E, West Olive, MI)</p>	<p>Barb Brow, AmeriCorps Member Ottawa County Mentoring Collaborative (616) 994-4574 browb@msu.edu</p>
<p>Detroit Area (Southeast MI)</p>	<p>Monday, May 11th (primary)</p>	<p>10:00 am- 4:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Monday, May 11th</u> The southeast MI AmeriCorps Week Kickoff will take place at Gleaners Community Food Bank (2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207). The rally will begin at 10:00am and will feature several speakers who will discuss the importance of service. Local leaders, businesses, and members of the media will be present at the event as speakers, participants, and witnesses.</p>	<p>Joe Spain, Program Director Downriver CARES AmeriCorps jspain@iamtgc.net (734) 785-7705 ext. 7209</p> <p><i>Other programs involved: City Year Detroit Jumpstart Michigan Michigan AmeriCorps Partnership the readetroit Corps (CIS Detroit) Michigan AIDS Partnership</i></p>
	<p>Wednesday, May 13th</p>	<p>10:00 am- 6:00 pm</p>	<p>The second phase of the celebration is a large-scale service project, which takes place from 11:00am-4:00pm. The service project will be carried out in partnership with Gleaners Food Bank, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and the Heidelberg Project. Each participating AmeriCorps program is responsible for recruiting members, alumni, and volunteers. We anticipate participation from 200-300 metro-Detroiters. To showcase the power of AmeriCorps, we will be working on various projects to help fight hunger and homelessness. Additionally, All Detroit area AmeriCorps programs will come together to present the 3rd Annual AmeriCorps, Excellence in Service Award. This award highlights an outstanding service partner that has committed to working with the programs to provide a needed service to the community. Each year the award recipient coincides with the service project. This year's recipient is Capuchin Soup Kitchen.</p>	
			<p><u>Wednesday, May 13th</u> Downriver CARES will host a community open house at the former Walter White Elementary School in River Rouge, which now operates as The Guidance Center's community resource center. The event will showcase the power of AmeriCorps and promote services such as Head Start, GED classes, play groups,</p>	

			mental health recovery programs and the clothing closet, which is operated by Downriver CARES. A barbecue and games will be provided to the community to help foster the community resource concept of involving the community in programming and the promotion of services.	
Grand Rapids Area High Schools (West MI)	Monday, May 11 th – Thursday, May 14 th		AmeriCorps members will give presentations at local high schools about the benefits of serving in AmeriCorps.	Marsha Hazen, AmeriCorps Member (616) 459-9648 x1306 marshalh@cherryhealth.com
Houghton, MI (Western UP)	Monday, May 11 th	11:30 am– 4:00 pm	<u>Monday, May 11th</u> Superior AmeriCorps will host a luncheon with community leaders to highlight the success and impact of the AmeriCorps program. The participants will also be provided an opportunity to participate in a service project. During this project, an assembly line production team will put together activity kits to donate to local hospitals. These kits will be given to families who are waiting in the Emergency Room and to children who are staying over night.	Erica Ahola, AmeriCorps Member (906) 370-1425 elahola@bhkfirst.org
	Tuesday, May 12 th	8:00 am– 4:00 pm	<u>May 12th</u> Community leaders will have the opportunity to “shadow” Superior AmeriCorps members as they experience what it’s like to be an AmeriCorps member for a day.	
Holland, MI	Monday, May 11 th – Thursday, May 14 th		The Faith In Youth Partnership team will help renovate the Greggordogs center in Holland. The members will be there for 4 days during AmeriCorps Week to clean, sand, and repaint a mural in order for the center to open to the community.	Trevor Pegues, AmeriCorps Member (616) 510-6143 trollzilla@mailcity.com
Rogers City, MI	Tuesday, May 12 th – Wednesday, May 13 th	10:00 am– 12:00 pm (each day)	AmeriCorps member, Katrina Hentkowski, will be visiting the Rogers City High School in order to meet with juniors and seniors to explain AmeriCorps and tell of her experience as a member.	Katrina Hentkowski, AmeriCorps Member (989) 734-5283 wallsk@mus.edu
Cheboygan, MI	Monday, May 11 th – Friday, May 15 th	10:00 am– 3:00 pm (each day)	Cheboygan County MSUE & Inland Lakes High School Mentoring Programs will be joining together to obtain needed items for the Humane Society. They will then deliver those items to the Humane Society at the end of the week.	Garry Carr, AmeriCorps Member (231) 758-2259 Krista Vizina, AmeriCorps Member (231) 238-6868 x 9120
St Johns, Ovid, Fowler, and	Monday, May 11 th –	Times vary (see	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 11th from 4:00–6:00pm at St. John’s Gateway North Elementary School 	Christine Sisung, AmeriCorps Member

Bath Schools	Thursday, May 14 th	description)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 12th from 3:30–5:30pm at Ovid Elsie Leonard Elementary School • May 13th from 3:00–5:00pm at Fowler Waldron Elementary School • May 14th from 3:45–5:45pm at Bath Elementary School <p>Each mentoring site has created, planned, and will be implementing their own service project that will take place during AmeriCorps Week. Mentors and mentees spent the month of April planning a service project they felt would address a need in their community and would be something they could do at their site.</p>	(989) 224-5239 sisungch@msu.edu
Midland, MI	Tuesday, May 12 th	3:00 pm– 7:00 pm	An AmeriCorps Open House will take place on Tuesday, May 12 th from 3:00-7:00pm. This event will double as a Foster Parent Appreciation Open House from 5:00-7:00pm in recognition of Foster Parent Appreciation Month. There will be games and activities, and there is a nearby play structure for younger community members. AmeriCorps information brochures will be distributed and a brief AmeriCorps presentation will take place.	Jeff VoVillia, AmeriCorps Member (989) 772-8407 VoVilliaJ@michigan.gov