



Michigan's AmeriCorps Week Project Descriptions May 12-19, 2012

LOCATION	DATE(S)	TIME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	POINT OF CONTACT
Petoskey, MI	Saturday, May 12	8:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.	<i>Camp Daggett Clean-Up:</i> AmeriCorps members will be assisting the groundskeeper with outdoor projects that need to be completed before the opening day of Camp Daggett. Call or email Linda Johnson if you'd like to participate.	Linda Johnson, Program Asst. Charlevoix-Emmet ISD (231) 547-9947 johnsonl@charemisd.org
Detroit, MI	Monday, May 14	8:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.	<i>6th Annual Metro-Detroit AmeriCorps Week Project:</i> AmeriCorps members and alums will help with the beautification of the former Belle Isle Zoo. Members will be responsible for removing invasive plant species and trash pick-up. To participate, please register at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H96PXMLM	Joe Spain, AmeriCorps Program Manager DownRiver CARES (734) 785-7705 ext. 7209 jspain@iamtqc.net
Detroit, MI	Wednesday, May 16	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	<i>Inclusive Garden Day:</i> This service day will take place at the Scripps Park Sensory Garden. It will be an opportunity for the visually impaired patrons of the Douglass Library who couldn't make it to the garden installation, to work in the garden. We will be planting and installing the braille signage. Email Stephanie Howells if you'd like to participate.	Stephanie Howells, LeaderCorps Member AmeriCorps Urban Safety Project (313) 744-2623 stephanieAMUS@gmail.com
Lansing, MI	Wednesday, May 16	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	<i>Garden of Grace Clean-Up and AmeriCorps Week Celebration Service Project:</i> AmeriCorps members and community volunteers will be preparing the Garden of Grace for gardeners, preparing South Lansing Community Development Association's (SLCDA) mobile garden trailer for the growing season, constructing raised beds for our new community garden in the Potter Walsh neighborhood, and clearing ground for assembling SLCDA's new hoophouse.	Neal Valley, South Lansing Urban Garden Coordinator SLCDA (517) 374-5700 neal@southlansing.org
Lansing, MI	Wednesday, May 16	1:00 P.M.- 5:30 P.M.	<i>Community & Schools Gardens:</i> AmeriCorps members and volunteers will first meet at South Lansing Community Development Association for a service project to support community gardens on the south side of Lansing. At 3:00, project participants will go to Ingham Family Center at 1602 W. Holmes Rd. for a service project with the school's garden and hoophouse. Court-adjudicated youth utilize this garden in educational activities about nutrition and the food system.	Katie Ellero, Program Director Power of We Consortium 517-887-4596 kellero@ingham.org

Saginaw, MI	Thursday, May 17	7:45 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	<p><i>Spring Into Service:</i> This event will take place at the Saginaw Children’s Zoo and will engage students from 16 schools across the county. Approximately 300 youth and 60 adult volunteers will come together through 14 projects involving cleaning, painting, tearing down, and building. Teambuilding will take place in the morning and at the wrap up of the event. Email Kristy Bitterman by May 14 to participate.</p>	<p>Kristy Bitterman, Program Director United Way of Saginaw (989) 755-0505 x225 kbitterman@unitedwaysaginaw.org</p>
Marquette, MI	Saturday, May 19	9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.	<p><i>2012 U.P.-Wide AmeriCorps Service Project:</i> MARESA AmeriCorps has teamed up with Superior AmeriCorps and the Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Trust (http://www.superiorwatersheds.org/) for the 2012 UP-Wide AmeriCorps Service Project. Other project partners include: Teaching Family Homes, Great Lakes Recovery Center, MARESA Transition programs, and the Superior Watershed Partnership. The focus of the project will be along the M-28 beaches located just outside of Marquette, where we will remove invasive species and plant native grasses and trees. The goal of the project is to engage AmeriCorps members throughout the U.P. while encouraging inclusive community participation. At 9:00 a.m. all participants will meet at MARESA (321 E. Ohio St., Marquette, MI 49855) to hear brief, informative presentations from MARESA AmeriCorps and the Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Trust. At 10:00 a.m. all volunteers will travel to the beaches of M-28 to begin our service project. Lunch will be provided for all participants who register at the following link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEwtNWdEcXI3YzhqTmw5NTFqQ0diMGc6MQ We hope you will join us for a productive and fun day of service!</p>	<p>Chad Rowley, Program Coordinator MARESA AmeriCorps (906) 226-5178 crowley@maresa.org</p>
Detroit, MI	Saturday, May 19	10:00 A.M.	<p><i>National Arab American Service Day:</i> This is an annual and national event where Arab Americans join other Americans in a day of service to strengthen their communities, build bridges with one another, and make an impact in their neighborhoods and cities. Locally, we have partnered with the Belle Isle Conservancy and the Detroit Recreation Department to help in the beautification of the park. We are recruiting 300+ volunteers to clean the old zoo in Belle Isle, clean off fences filled with weeds along the zoo, and cleaning of invasive plants and debris around the park. Those interested in participating should register at: www.nnaac.org or call Arwa Algharazi at (313) 843-2844.</p>	<p>Nadia Tordova, Director Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (313) 842-5119 ntonova@accesscommunity.org</p>