



## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK: *Inspire By Example*

The contributions of volunteers will be recognized in ceremonies across the U.S. during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24. This year's theme, "Volunteers Inspire By Example" sets the stage for national, regional, and local organizations to applaud the efforts of men, women, and young people, as well as encourages others to help solve serious problems through volunteering.

For more information, including a planning toolkit, visit:  
[www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/](http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/)

### GET CONNECTED!!!

#### Michigan's AmeriCorps Alums Information Sessions

AmeriCorps Alums represents the 400,000 alumni, who together constitute a powerful force for change in this country. AmeriCorps Alums helps alumni continue to "get things done" by connecting alumni, advancing our commitment to service, supporting & advocating for AmeriCorps programs, & building the capacity of alumni to be agents of change in their communities.

Michigan has established new AmeriCorps Alums chapters around the state & wants YOU to get involved! Whether you're an AmeriCorps Alum, current member, or national service advocate, we hope you'll consider attending one of the following AmeriCorps Alums information sessions:

- \*Ann Arbor - March 29
- \*Muskegon - April 12
- \*Metro Detroit - April 5
- \*Grand Rapids - April 19

Visit [www.lifetimeofservice.org](http://www.lifetimeofservice.org) to learn more about AmeriCorps Alums and register for the information session nearest to you!

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### NATIONAL AMERICORPS WEEK - MAY 13-20, 2007

National AmeriCorps Week is a weeklong event designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible. The first-ever National AmeriCorps Week will mark a historic milestone as the 500,000th AmeriCorps member will take the pledge to "get things done for America." Michigan's AmeriCorps programs are proud to be planning significant service projects in order to provide "100 Hours of Power" to make a difference in communities around the state.

To learn more about this first-time event, visit:  
[www.americorps.gov/AmeriCorpsWeek](http://www.americorps.gov/AmeriCorpsWeek)

## Legal Requirements for National & Community Service Programs: *What You Should Know*

As National and Community Program staff and grantees, it is important to make sure that programs offer equal access to everyone who wants the opportunity to apply for service & volunteer positions. Programs are responsible for ensuring non-discriminatory environments, practices, & procedures for qualified persons with disabilities.

To read a brief overview of key areas of the federal laws that apply to service programs, please see the CNCS funded "Inclusion: Creating an Inclusive Environment," a comprehensive handbook designed to assist service organizations to fully include individuals with disabilities as active service members and volunteers.

This helpful resource will provide information on questions such as:

- What laws govern national service programs on the inclusion of people with disabilities?
- What is Section 504?
- Are there other federal statutes I need to be aware of?
- Are there other legal requirements I should be aware of?

For more information, visit:

[www.serviceandinclusion.org/handbook/index.php?page=sectionxii](http://www.serviceandinclusion.org/handbook/index.php?page=sectionxii)

**CELEBRATING  
VOLUNTEERISM 2007  
APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> \* 11:30-12:30  
MICHIGAN CAPITOL  
BUILDING – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**



# *The Workbench's Three - Month National Service Planner*



To see Michigan's complete 2006 National Service Calendar, visit  
[www.michigan.gov/mcsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc)

## **MARCH 2007**

- 8 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Meeting, 10:00am-4:00pm, MCSC (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 14-17 Hands On Network and AmeriCorps Alums National Leadership Conference, New Orleans, LA, ([www.handsonnetwork.org/2007-leadership-conference](http://www.handsonnetwork.org/2007-leadership-conference))
- 20 Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Council Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 28-31 National Service-Learning Conference, Albuquerque, NM (National Youth Leadership Council, <https://programs.regweb.com/metro/NYLC2007/registration/>, [nslc@nylc.org](mailto:nslc@nylc.org), (800) 366-6952)
- 29 Ann Arbor AmeriCorps Alums Chapter Information Session, 7:30-9:00pm, Ann Arbor (Erin O'Leary, [esoleary@hotmail.com](mailto:esoleary@hotmail.com), [www.lifetimeofservice.org](http://www.lifetimeofservice.org))

## **APRIL 2007**

- 5 Metro Detroit AmeriCorps Alums Chapter Information Session, 7:00pm, Warren (Christy Hicks, [hicksc@lifetimeofservice.org](mailto:hicksc@lifetimeofservice.org), [www.lifetimeofservice.org](http://www.lifetimeofservice.org))
- 12 West MI AmeriCorps Alums Chapter Information Session, 6:30-8:30pm, Muskegon (Kris Burda, [kburda@childabusecouncil.org](mailto:kburda@childabusecouncil.org), [www.lifetimeofservice.org](http://www.lifetimeofservice.org))
- 15-21 *National Volunteer Week* ([www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org))
- 17 Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Council Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 18 Celebrating Volunteerism 2007, 11:30am-12:30pm, Michigan's Capitol Building – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lansing (Serve Michigan, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 19 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 19 West MI AmeriCorps Alums Chapter Information Session, 6:30-8:30pm, Grand Rapids (Megan Sargent, [sargentm1@michigan.gov](mailto:sargentm1@michigan.gov), [www.lifetimeofservice.org](http://www.lifetimeofservice.org))
- 22 *Earth Day* ([www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org))

## **MAY 2007**

- 5 *Join Hands Day* ([www.joinhandsday.org](http://www.joinhandsday.org))
- 13-20 *AmeriCorps Week* ([www.americorps.gov/AmeriCorpsWeek](http://www.americorps.gov/AmeriCorpsWeek))  
Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 15-16 Michigan Nonprofit SuperConference: Surviving and Thriving Through Seasons of Change ([www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 16 Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Council Meeting, 2:00pm, Lansing Center (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 28 *Memorial Day*
- 31 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director and Member Council Joint Conference Call, 10:00am, (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))

*\*If you or your agency would like information about upcoming events included our three-month National Service planner, please contact Megan Sargent at [sargentm1@michigan.gov](mailto:sargentm1@michigan.gov) or (517) 241-3494.*