



Volunteer Illini Projects

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National Volunteer Week!

Next week, April 19th to 25th is National Volunteer Week. This is a big week for VIP and there are TONS of opportunities for you to volunteer. Here's a look at what some of the projects are doing. Remember to contact the director of the project you're interested in if you want to get involved or you want more information!

Animal Allies

Animal Allies will be helping out with Bark Madness- a friendly competition for fundraising for a dog that we will be sponsoring from the Champaign County Humane Society. We will be fundraising starting now until Monday April 19th on the quad from 2-4pm. If interested, please contact Claudia at vip.animal.allies@gmail.com for more information!

Environmental

On Wednesday April 21st is STUFFBUSTERS at Urbana Middle School from 3:30-4:30pm. Also Saturday April 24th is Stewardship Saturday at Urbana Park District. We're volunteering from 9-11am. Contact vip.environmental@gmail.com

Recreation

The Ebertfest Film Fest is April 21-24 at Virginia Theatre in downtown Champaign. Contact Jess Trapp jess.trapp239@gmail.com for more information!

Senior Citizens

On Monday April 19th there will be a Fun and Games Night and hanging up decorations for the Champaign County Nursing Home at 4pm. Contact Diana (rechenm1@illinois.edu) or Katie Clark (clark42@illinois.edu) if you want to get involved!

Also, on Thursday April 22nd there will be Bingo and Spring Decorations and Prairie Winds Assisted Living Contact Diana (rechenm1@illinois.edu) for more information.

Community Justice

On Tuesday April 20th we will be volunteering at Books to Prisoners. We will also be having a supply drive for the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center starting next week and ending April 30.

Contact Sarah at vip.community.justice@gmail.com for more information on these volunteer opportunities.

Social Empowerment

The Race Against Racism 5k Run/Walk is coming up on Saturday April 24th. It will be located in Urbana. Volunteers need to arrive at 8:00 am to help hand out water, organize students, and direct people.

Interested? Contact Megan Wolff
vip.social.empowerment@gmail.com

Health Needs

The C-U Autism Network Walk is on April 18th from 1-4pm at Parkland College. Contact Stacey at sjpan2@illinois.edu. On April 22nd the Take Back the Night March & Rally are taking place at Lincoln Square at 5:30pm. Contact Sitara at chandra9@illinois.edu. Also on April 22nd the Hope from Health Needs is from 6-8pm in the RSO complex. We will be making pins that say "hope" and other inspirational messages for people in the hospital. Contact Cassie at fox7@illinois.edu

I-Vote

On Wednesday, April 21st from 11am-4pm on the quad you will be able to register to vote! Also on Monday April 19th there will be a session for everyone to write letters to our legislators about how budget cuts and the economic downfall have directly effects our campus community.

Contact Ashley if anyone is interested at vip.ivote@gmail.com

Daycare

On Monday, April 19th we need volunteers for the Vineyard Church (gym and nursery) from 4-6 p.m. Contact Brittany Simon at simon20@illinois.edu for more information. On Wednesday, April 21st we're helping out at New Covenant Fellowship Church from 6-8 p.m. Contact Brittany Simon at simon20@illinois.edu. On Friday, April 23rd we're volunteering at Marilyn Queller Child Care Center from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Contact Chloe Richter at richter5@illinois.edu

Blood

The Blood Project is having the April's Big Ten Rivalry Blood Drive! This is taking place from April 20-23rd from 10am-4pm in the Illini Union Room 314. We need a lot of volunteers so come and donate!

Sunshine Jubilee

After a busy week of volunteering, come relax and have fun at VIP's Annual Sunshine Jubilee! It is on Saturday, April 24 from 1-4pm at Illini Grove. All coordinators and volunteers are invited for games and LOTS of free food! Also make sure to RSVP that you can make it on our Facebook event:
<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=116381338372120&ref=ts>

We hope to see you there!