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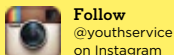
Serve and Celebrate on

Global Youth Service Day



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ABOUT GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

What is Global Youth Service Day?

Founded by YSA in 1988, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is the largest service event in the world. As YSA's signature event, this international campaign celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning.

What are the goals of Global Youth Service Day?

SCALE: Engage millions of young people, ages 5-25, especially those not usually asked to serve, in an early step on a life-long path of service and civic engagement.

VISIBILITY: Celebrate and raise public awareness of the year-round contributions of young people, youth service programs, and partner organizations, especially among the media and public officials.

IMPACT: Have a positive impact on young people and on communities through meaningful, youth-led awareness, service, advocacy, and philanthropy projects that meet community needs in the areas of health, education, human service, human rights, and the environment.

When is Global Youth Service Day?

April 26-28, 2013
April 11-13, 2014

Where does Global Youth Service Day take place?

GYSD is celebrated each year in thousands of communities in more than 100 countries across six continents.

Who is involved in Global Youth Service Day?

Each GYSD, millions of children and youth around the world work together with schools, youth organizations, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, volunteer and national service programs, government agencies, faith communities, and other individuals.

YSA works with thousands of organizations through its Global Youth Service Network, including National & Global Partners, Regional Partners, Country Partners, U.S. Lead Agencies, and Local Organizers. Learn more at www.GYSD.org/partners

How do I participate in Global Youth Service Day?

Get started by choosing your GYSD project. Then learn more, download project planning resources, get promotional tools, and register projects on the GYSD Map at www.GYSD.org. Or, choose one of the other ways to serve or celebrate on GYSD from page 3.

SERVE AND CELEBRATE ON GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Serve on GYSD

Do a good deed. Help out your family, neighbors, or peers.

Volunteer. Search for projects near you at GYSD.org/map Find a volunteer opportunity at serve.gov, allforgood.org, idealist.org, volunteermatch.org; contact your local volunteer center; or search for local nonprofits and community groups that you want to volunteer with.

Work with a group of your peers to plan your own GYSD project. Use YSA's new *YOUth Changing the World Toolkit* or the *Global Youth Service Day Toolkit*. www.YSA.org/resources

Make it a Semester of Service™! Educators can engage students on GYSD as part of a service-learning or Semester of Service project. www.YSA.org/semester

Celebrate on GYSD

Recognize and thank young people who serve in their communities. Organize a celebration of youth service or service-learning.

Demonstrate and share your service successes with others. Tell others about what you've been doing throughout the year, and show how they can get involved.

Advocate for service or service-learning programs to be added or strengthened at your school, group, organization, or faith community.

Invite media or public officials to visit your site and learn more about your programs.

Share information about the issues you care about and your idea(s) to strengthen your community with at least five people.

Find a group to join and serve with over the summer or next school year – a class, club or activity at your school; a youth development group like 4-H, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Camp Fire, FCCLA, FFA, Girl Scouts, Girls Inc, YMCA, YWCA; or a faith-based community.

These organizations can host a membership drive for next year on GYSD.

MAKE AN IMPACT!

What do you want to change in your community?

What fires you up? What community issues are you aware of? What do you want to change to make the world better? What do you care about? Choose an issue below and add a number goal for your project in the blank.

<p>Education</p> <p>Recruit and train _____ volunteer readers, tutors, and mentors.</p>	<p>Bullying & Violence</p> <p>Reduce bullying and violence in schools and communities by _____ %.</p>	<p>Access to School</p> <p>Help _____ students around the world attend school or gain access to the internet.</p>	<p>Dropouts</p> <p>Encourage _____ students to stay in school.</p>	<p>Places to Play</p> <p>Create or spruce up _____ playgrounds or playspaces to provide safe places to play for children.</p>
<p>Disasters</p> <p>Help _____ people to be prepared for a disaster.</p>	<p>Safe Driving</p> <p>Educate _____ people about the dangers of distracted or unsafe driving.</p>	<p>Water</p> <p>Restore or protect _____ bodies of water.</p>	<p>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle</p> <p>Keep _____ pounds of glass, metal, plastic, or paper out of waste stream.</p>	<p>Energy</p> <p>Help your family, schools, or neighbors reduce their energy use and carbon footprint by _____ %.</p>
<p>Trees</p> <p>Increase the Earth's tree cover by planting _____ trees.</p>	<p>Green Space</p> <p>Create _____ square feet of new green spaces or community gardens.</p>	<p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Protect _____ acres of habitat for endangered plant and animal species.</p>	<p>Obesity</p> <p>Increase physical activity and/or healthy eating habits of _____ people.</p>	<p>Disease</p> <p>Stop the spread of infectious diseases by immunizing or educating _____ people.</p>
<p>Organ Donation</p> <p>Help _____ people sign up to be organ donors or a bone marrow donor registry.</p>	<p>Stronger, Healthier Babies</p> <p>Prevent premature birth & birth defects, and improve the health of _____ moms and babies.</p>	<p>First Aid</p> <p>Work with the Red Cross to train _____ people in CPR, first aid skills, or the use of defibrillator machines.</p>	<p>Destructive Decisions</p> <p>Raise awareness to reduce the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or risky sexual behavior by _____ %.</p>	<p>Medical Research</p> <p>Raise _____ dollars to support research to cure or treat diseases.</p>
<p>Hunger</p> <p>Provide food to _____ people.</p>	<p>Housing</p> <p>Build or renovate _____ affordable housing units.</p>	<p>Economic Opportunity</p> <p>Organize a job fair, a job skills training, or a financial literacy class for _____ people.</p>	<p>Veterans & Military Families</p> <p>Help support _____ military families in your community.</p>	<p>Gender Equality</p> <p>Speak out for girls rights and help empower _____ women and girls.</p>

I care about the issue of... _____

FIND YOUR VOICE!

What is your passion?

What do you love to do? What activities make you feel happy?
What's a special skill, ability, or interest you have?

<p>Music</p> <p>Playing an instrument, singing, writing songs</p>	<p>Art</p> <p>Painting, drawing, sculpture, graphic art</p>	<p>Writing</p> <p>Writing poetry, writing stories, writing plays, journalism</p>	<p>Movement</p> <p>Dancing, cheerleading, martial arts</p>	<p>Creative Arts</p> <p>Cooking, sewing, fashion, knitting</p>
<p>Building</p> <p>Woodworking, carpentry, construction, architecture</p>	<p>Leadership</p> <p>Peacebuilding, student government, politics</p>	<p>Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Business, marketing, inventing things</p>	<p>Sports</p> <p>Team sports, physical activities, competitions</p>	<p>Learning</p> <p>Science, math, history, literature, geography, foreign languages</p>
<p>Teaching</p> <p>Mentoring, tutoring or teaching, reading to or with someone</p>	<p>Nature</p> <p>Exploring nature, wildlife, gardening</p>	<p>Animals</p> <p>Caring for animals, training animals, animal medicine</p>	<p>Computers</p> <p>Software development, programming, repair, web page design</p>	<p>Comedy</p> <p>Making people laugh, telling jokes, writing sketches</p>
<p>Speech</p> <p>Debate or public speaking, broadcasting</p>	<p>Spirituality</p> <p>Prayer or meditation, worship, studying sacred texts</p>	<p>Drama/Theater</p> <p>Acting, directing, theater lighting or set design</p>	<p>Photography & Film</p> <p>Taking pictures, filmmaking or videography, animation</p>	<p>Reading</p> <p>Reading fiction, nonfiction, poetry, memoirs, biographies</p>
<p>Advocacy</p> <p>Politics & government, commitment to a particular issue</p>	<p>Family</p> <p>Learning family history, helping family members, being with family</p>	<p>Outdoor Life</p> <p>Fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, bicycling</p>	<p>Journalism</p> <p>Newscasting, news writing, news editing, radio & TV production</p>	<p>Mechanics & Engineering</p> <p>Electronics or machine repair, auto mechanics or customization</p>

I love to... _____

* Positive youth development pioneer Dr. Peter Benson believed that every young person has at least one "spark" – a special skill, ability, activity, or interest – that should be nurtured and developed in order for young people to thrive. Dr. Benson's work related to sparks continues at Search Institute. www.search-institute.org/sparks

TAKE ACTION!

How do you want to help?

What kinds of service activities will you use to address the problems in your community? How will you work with others to improve your community? Common strategies to address issues include:

Awareness

Young people are powerful when they **educate**.
Teach others and share information in order to encourage positive behavior change.

Service

Young people are powerful when they **volunteer**.
Give your time and talent to directly meet a need in your community.

Advocacy

Young people are powerful when they **advocate**.
Speak out and persuade others to help change policies and laws.

Philanthropy

Young people are powerful when they **give**.
Collect and donate money or materials to a charity.

I will take action by ... _____

JOIN OTHERS!

Who can you work with?

Community Needs

Learn more about this issue in your community.
What does your community need to address the issue you identified?

Community Assets

What resources already exist in your community to help you with your project?

Partners

What other groups or organizations might already be working on this issue? What are they doing, and how can you help or add to their efforts?

Ideas

How have other people tried to address this issue? What's worked, and what hasn't? What would you do the same, and what would you do differently?

I will work with ... _____

PUT IT ALL TOGETHER!

What is your Global Youth Service Day project?

I care about ...

I love to ...

My GYSD project is...

I will take action by ...

I will work with ...

NOW, GET STARTED!

Use the YOUth Changing the World Toolkit & Tipsheets, the Disney Friends for Change Action Kit, or the Global Youth Service Day Toolkit to guide you through planning your project. www.GYSD.org/project_toolkits

Apply for YSA Grants at www.YSA.org/grants

Get links to YSA Partner programs and resources to help you implement these ideas — and even more project ideas — at www.GYSD.org/ideas.

Register & promote your project at www.GYSD.org.

Like Youth Service America on Facebook and follow [@youthservice](https://twitter.com/youthservice) on Twitter.

Already planning a service or service-learning project in April? YSA works with many partners to celebrate their events in conjunction with GYSD! Any of the following days of service can also be celebrated with a GYSD project or event:

Earth Day

April 22, 2013 • April 22, 2014
www.earthday.org

J-Serve — International Day of Jewish Youth Service

April 28, 2013 • April 27, 2014
www.jservice.org

National Volunteer Week

April 21-27, 2013 • April 6-13, 2014
www.handsonnetwork.org

Alpha Phi Omega's Spring Youth Service Day

April 26-28, 2013 • April 11-13, 2014
www.apo.org

Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry

April 26-28, 2013 • April 11-13, 2014
www.strength.org

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's True Gentleman Day of Service

April 26-28, 2013 • April 11-13, 2014
www.sae.net

National Day of Silence

April 19, 2013 • April 18, 2014
www.dayofsilence.org

National Student Leadership Week

April 14-20, 2013 • April 13-19, 2014
www.nasc.us

National Environmental Education Week

April 14-20, 2013 • April 13-19, 2014
www.eeweek.org

Sodexo Servathon

April 2013 (month) • April 2014 (month)
www.sodexofoundation.org

National Park Week

April 20-28, 2013 • April 2014
www.nps.gov/npweek

World Malaria Day

April 25, 2013 • April 25, 2014
www.worldmaliaday.org

Great American Clean-Up

March 1-May 31, 2013 • March 1-May 31, 2014
www.kab.org

Healthy Kids Day

April 27, 2013 • April 2014
www.ymca.net/healthy-kids-day/

Comcast Cares Day

April 27, 2013 • April 2014

H2O for Life's Walk for Water

April 26-28, 2013 • April 11-13, 2014
www.h2oforlifeschools.org