

# Service Learning & Volunteer Programs



## **"Connecting College & Community"**

Service Learning & Volunteer Programs at Western State College serves Western students, faculty, and staff in the following ways:

- **Assists** volunteers in seeking out opportunities that match their interests and talents.
- **Helps** community organizations find student volunteers.
- **Collaborates** with faculty while incorporating service learning projects into academic courses at Western State College.
- **Builds** partnerships between the college, non-profit organizations, and other community groups.
- **Implements** student volunteer programs on campus and within the community.

**"Service learning engages students in education, and helps connect their personal lives and community responsibilities with their own academic achievement."**

**~ Ann Bryant  
National School Board Association Member  
National Commission on Service Learning**

# Western Students Changing the World



**Skiing with the Partners Program!**

**Mountain Rescue Team hard at work.**



**Gunnison Literacy Action program having fun with English!**

**"Be the change you want to see in the world."  
~ Mahatma Gandhi ~**

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## Five Reasons to be a Volunteer or Service Learner:

1. Explore possible careers
2. Increase your self-esteem
3. Make your community a better place
4. Meet new people
5. Help build your resume

## Arts & Culture

### **Crested Butte Center for the Arts**

Jamie Booth (Jamie@crestedbuttearts.org)

PH: 970.349.7487 ext. 4

**Description:** holds theatre and music productions throughout the year; needs people to help with lighting and sound, load-ins, front of house details and displays.

### **Gunnison Arts Center**

Nicki Walters (gcartsnicki@gunnison.cc)

PH: 970.641.4029 ext. 13

**Description:** needs people to accept show tickets at the door, handout programs, help with scene painting, assist in gallery installations, hang up performance posters around town, and design banners.



## Senior Programs

### **Gunnison Living Community**

Jenni Seamen (activities@glc-co.org)

PH: 970.641.0704 ext. 0 (tell the operator you are calling to volunteer)

**Description:** nursing home for the elderly; needs help organizing activities for seniors.

### **Gunnison County Senior Resources**

www.gunnisoncounty.org

Karin Stewart (kstewart@gunnisoncounty.org)

PH: 970.641.7984

**Description:** volunteers needed to help move seniors to a new location, give them a ride to an appointment, help with errands, and help around the house. Must complete a background check.

### **Gunnison Hospice**

(hospice@glc-co.org)

PH: 970.641.0704 ext. 0 (tell the operator you are calling to volunteer)

**Description:** reading to the terminally ill of all ages. Must partake in volunteer training process (offered in September). Life-threatening illnesses of all ages. Offer bereavement services once a month.

### **Willows Assisted Living**

Mary Cunningham

PH: 970.641.3031

**Description:** volunteers needed to help with senior activities

## Housing & Hunger

### **Gunnison Food Pantry**

PH: 970.641.4156

**Description:** needs help with food collection and distribution.

### **Gunnison County Housing Authority**

(housing@gunnisoncounty.org)

PH: 970.641.7900

**Description:** Will have volunteer activities available Spring 2010

### **Habitat for Humanity**

www.habitat.org/

PH: 970.641.1245

**Description:** builds about 1 home/year; help needed

## Pets & Animals

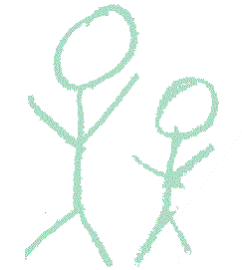
### **Animal Welfare League**

www.gvawl.org/

Cheryl Dandel (cdandel@western.edu)

PH: 970.275.9235

**Description:** homeless rescue, feeding strays, fundraising events, grant proposals, education, public relations, shelter, arts and crafts fairs.



## Children & Teens

### **4 H Club (Cooperative Extension of CSU)**

www.ext.colostate.edu

Nadine Henry (nadine.henry@colostate.edu)

PH: 970.641.1260

**Description:** needs volunteers to work with children on a project and/or certain skill consistently over a period of time; choices of projects vary. "Helps youth acquire knowledge, which helps them develop life skills."

### **Boy Scouts of America**

www.scouting.org

Tom Eager beetle@frontier.net

**Description:** teaches leadership skills and good citizenship to boys and young men; troop leaders needed.



### Girl Scouts of the USA

<http://www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/>

PH: 970.242.4461 or 1.800.288.0463

**Description:** needs help teaching leadership skills and good citizenship to girls and young women; troop leaders needed. Adult volunteer opportunities available.

### Gunnison Community School (K-8)

[www.gunnisonschools.net](http://www.gunnisonschools.net)

Monica Hutson ([mhutson@gunnisonschools.net](mailto:mhutson@gunnisonschools.net))

PH: 970.641.7710

**Description:** Needs tutors to help students in weekly core classes. Needs help watching students at recess and reading to students during classroom reading times. Volunteers taken on a case-by-case basis.



### Western State College Mountain Rescue

Janna Hansen ([jhansen@western.edu](mailto:jhansen@western.edu))

PH: 970.943.7051

**Description:** "Dedicated to saving lives through mountain safety education and backcountry rescue." Country's only college based Mt. Rescue Team!



### YouthQuest

Lisa Thomason ([youthquestgunnison@hotmail.com](mailto:youthquestgunnison@hotmail.com))

PH: 970.641.3081

**Description:** provides an educational initiative for a regenerative society. Creates and implements environmentally-oriented educational programs for disabled adults, challenged youth, children, and senior citizens.

## Health & Wellness

### **Crested Butte Adaptive Sports Center**

<http://www.adaptivesports.org/>  
PH: 970.349.5075

**Description:** provides outdoor recreation to people with disabilities. Skiing and snowboarding in the winter, biking, water sports, and ropes course in the summer. Needs help with program development and events. If you are interested in helping in skiing/snowboarding contact them early in the season.



### **Jubilee House**

Nancy Dolezal (jubilee@gunnison.com)  
PH: 970.641.2712

**Description:** helps promote awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault, and hate crimes. Helps any victim of any violent crime.

### **Six Points**

Patti Kruthaupt (6ptsvoc@westelk.com)  
PH: 970.641.3081

**Description:** works with developmentally disabled adults; needs help assisting with various activities; help with moving furniture; help in thrift store

### **Gunnison High School**

[www.gunnisonschools.net](http://www.gunnisonschools.net)  
Mike Casey (mcasey@gunnisonschools.net)  
PH: 970.641.7702 ext. 3100

**Description:** needs tutors to help students in weekly core classes. Volunteers taken on a case-by-case basis.

### **Gunnison Valley Alternative School**

[www.gunnisonschools.net](http://www.gunnisonschools.net)  
Neil Coen  
PH: 970.641.7755

**Description:** needs help tutoring students at a small alternative school with teaching opportunities.

### **Marble Club of Gunnison**

Jerry Piquette  
PH: 970.641.0944

**Description:** needs help teaching the game of marbles to children.

### **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)**

Donna Isaacson  
PH: 970.641.1813

**Description:** needs help taking care of toddlers.



## Environment

### **Colorado Division of Wildlife**

[www.wildlife.state.co.us/volunteer](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/volunteer)

Jennifer Kleffner (Jennifer.kleffner@state.co.us)

PH: 970.375.6704

**Description:** has a variety of scheduled projects throughout the year that support wildlife management and protect animal habitat. Volunteer projects range from the office to the field and from general maintenance and cleanup to monitoring wildlife. A completed volunteer application is required before participation.

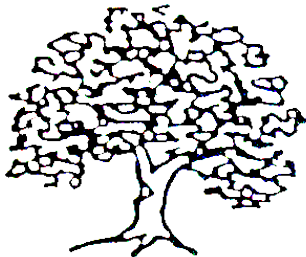
### **Community Clean-Up**

<http://www.cityofgunnison-co.gov/>

Pam Cunningham (pcunningham@cityofgunnison-co.gov)

PH: 970.641.8150

**Description:** a chance for community members to come together and help maintain cleanliness in our town. Actual event takes place on Earth Day; needs help throughout the school year.



## Family Services

### **Gunnison GED**

Therese Trantow

(tiatart@hotmail.com)

PH: 970.641.7647

**Description:** needs tutors to help residents gain their GED certificate.

### **Gunnison Literacy Action Program**

Karen Hausdoerffer

PH: 970.641.7684

**Description:** tutoring ESL students (ages vary); need long-term commitment.

### **Partners**

[www.gunnisonmentors.com](http://www.gunnisonmentors.com)

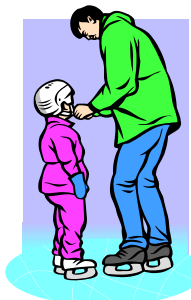
[www.crestedbutte mentors.com](http://www.crestedbutte mentors.com)

[www.lakecitymentors.com](http://www.lakecitymentors.com)

Megan McKinley (mmckinley@gunnison.com)

PH: 970.641.5513

**Description:** mentoring a young person on an individual basis over an extended period of time; multiple levels of commitment available.



### **Gunnison Trails**

www.gunnisontrails.com

Dave Wiens (info@gunnisontrails.com)

PH: 970.275.0485

**Description:** Gunnison Trails is a trail-based advocacy organization that maintains existing trails, builds new trails, and educates trail users. Gunnison Trails is busy on the ground May through October, but a variety of volunteer opportunities are available year-round.



### **High Country Citizen's Alliance (HCCA)**

www.hccaonline.org

Meghan Craft (office@hccaonline.org)

PH: 970.349.7104 ext. 3

**Description:** a grassroots conservation organization that works to protect our water, public land, and communities. Multiple, diverse, and flexible internship/volunteer opportunities available. Run festival booth events, Red Lady Ball planning (January—March), symposiums, event planning, poster hanging around campus/town

### **Western Sustainability Coalition**

wscoalition@yahoo.com

[http://www.western.edu/student-life/copy\\_of\\_campus-life/special-interests-clubs/sustainability-coalition](http://www.western.edu/student-life/copy_of_campus-life/special-interests-clubs/sustainability-coalition)

**Description:** a student-led group dedicated to environmental preservation, restoration, and conservation through activism and education.

### **Crested Butte Land Trust**

www.cblandtrust.org (go to the "Contribute" tab and click on Volunteer)

Heather Duryea (cblandtrust@crestedbutte.net)

PH: 970.349.1206

**Description:** "Protects open space of scenic and recreational importance to humans and serves habitat needs of our non-human neighbors." Volunteer for stewardship events and fundraising.

### **Gunnison Parks & Recreation**

www.ci.gunnisonrec.com

Dan Vollendorf (dvollendorf@cityofgunnison-co.gov)

PH: 970.641.8422

**Description:** provides recreational activities to children and community members in addition to keeping up with the community's parks. Needs instructors for a variety of activities.

### **Gunnison Public Works: Recycle**

PH: 970.641.0044

**Description:** volunteers will be helping in the physical processing of recycled product. Must understand the importance of quality control, must wear close toed shoes, long pants, and bring gloves.