WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF COLORADO

Service Learning & Volunteer Programs

www.western.edu/servicelearning/

"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

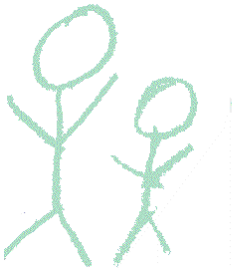
Gunnison Food Pantry
PH: 970.641.4156
Description: needs help with food collection and distribution.

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
Monica Hutson (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)
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)
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
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
Neil Coen
PH: 970.641.7755
Description: needs help tutoring students at a small alternative school with teaching opportunities.

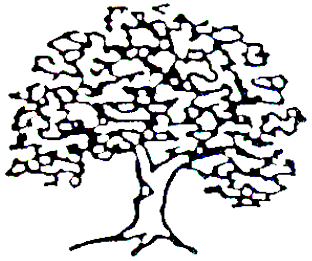
Marble Club of Gunnison
Jerry Piquette
PH: 970.641.0944
Description: needs help teaching the game of marbles to children.

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
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
www.crestedbuttementors.com
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
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.