

About the Sponsor

Established in 1966, the Volunteer Center of Bergen County strengthens the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating model volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs. The Center annually connects more than 100,000 people with opportunities to volunteer. We operate highly successful mentoring programs for troubled youth and overwhelmed mothers; involve businesses in initiatives that benefit children and families; sponsor a corps of volunteers who perform home repairs for the elderly and disabled; invest the time and talents of seniors in volunteer service; coordinate the B.C. VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster); sponsor an annual community-wide salute to volunteers; coordinate an extensive holiday program to match donors with those in need; and sponsor Bergen LEADS, an innovative community leadership program.

Check out our website at
www.bergenvolunteers.org

Click the BergenVolunTEENS icon (see below) for our webpage for teens and links to a wealth of information that will, hopefully, start a fire in their hearts.

Directions

From the North

(Via Garden State Parkway southbound)-Take Exit 165, turn right (west) on Ridgewood Road, then right onto Ridgewood Avenue (crossing over Route 17) and continue to Paramus Road. Turn left onto Paramus Road and continue approximately 2 miles to college; proceed around jug handle to main entrance.

(Via Route 17)-Turn right off Route 17 onto Ridgewood Avenue (west) to Paramus Road. Turn left onto Paramus Road and continue as above.

From the East

Take Route 4 to Paramus Road, Paramus. (approximately 3/4 miles past Route 17 intersection). Turn right onto Paramus Road and proceed north for approximately 2 miles to college entrance on right side of Paramus Road.

From the South

(Via Garden State Parkway northbound)-Take Exit 160 (Passaic Street). Turn left onto Passaic; continue over Route 4 onto Paramus Road (Passaic Street becomes Paramus Road north of Route 4 overpass). Continue north about 2 miles to college entrance on right.

(Via Route 17)-Take Century Road second exit; proceed around clover leaf over Route 17 onto Century Road (west). Continue to Paramus Road; turn right to college entrance on right.

From the West

Take Route 4 to Paramus Road, Paramus (exit under overpass). Turn right onto Paramus Road and proceed north for approximately 2 miles to college entrance on right side of Paramus Road.

PARKING

Use **Parking Lot B**. The Technology Center is located to the right of BCC's main building. Additional parking is available towards the back of the Technology Center
Conference is in Room 128

The 3rd Annual Service Learning Conference

Mini-Conference for:

**Middle and High School Students,
Teachers, Guidance Counselors,
Administrators**

Community Organizations

What you need to know
to inspire and engage students, clubs,
honor societies and staff in
meaningful service learning.

Friday, November 13, 2009

Bergen Community College
Technology Education Center
Paramus, NJ

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ABOUT SERVICE LEARNING *

Service-learning is a method of teaching and learning that combines academic work with service to the community. Students learn by doing through a clear application of skills and knowledge while helping to meet needs in the school and community. Self-reflection, self-discovery, and the acquisition and comprehension of values, skills, and knowledge content are important aspects of service-learning.

Service-learning is different from volunteering in that it is a teaching and learning approach that integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Benefits of Service-learning

- Promotes learning through active participation in service experiences
- Provides structured time for students to reflect by thinking, discussing and/or writing about their service experience
- Provides an opportunity for students to use skills and knowledge in real-life situations
- Extends learning beyond the classroom and into the community
- Fosters a sense of caring for others

Several schools in Bergen County have well-established service-learning programs, and several agencies work cooperatively with service-learning initiatives.

Come and learn the "nuts and bolts" about service learning from experts in our area who will be on hand to share information and insight.

Please join us!

** adapted from Learn and Serve America and the National Youth Leadership Council*

Agenda

Technology Education Center
Bergen Community College

8:30 - 9:00 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - 9:15 am

Welcome Remarks

Arlene Lester, Public Affairs Specialist
State Farm Insurance Companies

9:15 AM - 10:00 am

Bergen Community College Service Learning Students: Becoming the Voice of Kids and Teens in our Community

Panel discussion facilitated by
Shari Horowitz
Center for Suburban Criminal Justice.

10:00 am-11:15 AM

Service Learning Roundtables

Break out groups will discuss aspects of service learning.

11:15 am - 11:50 AM

Sharing information from roundtable discussions and determining next steps!

11:50 AM

Closing.



Opportunities will be available for you to network with representatives from schools, community and faith-based organizations before, during and after the conference.

Registration

**YES! I want to attend the 3rd Annual
Service Learning Conference**

School _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Day phone _____

Email _____

Reservations: _____ # attending at \$35 per adult
_____ # attending at \$15 per student

Total: \$_____

(Registration deadline is November 2, 2009)

To pay by check:

Make check payable to Volunteer Center of Bergen County; mail to 64 Passaic Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601

To pay by P.O.: fax this form to 201-489-1995.

P.O. Number _____

To charge:

Master Card ___ Visa ___

Card # _____ exp. _____

Signature _____

Name(s)/position(s) of those attending :

