

Workshop Schedule and Descriptions

Level of Experience with Service-Learning

Novice - New to service-learning

Intermediate - Somewhat familiar with service-learning but want to know more

Advanced - Competent with service-learning

All - Suitable for all levels of service-learning experience

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Service-Learning 101

Presenter: Cathryn Berger Kaye

Audience Level: Novice Grade Level: All

Location: Chennault

Are you ready for action? In this highly interactive workshop, find out why service-learning is so much more than adding a project to your curriculum. Through engaging experiences, we will move step-by-step through the process, including: Getting Started, Entry Points, The Four Stages of Service-Learning, Standards and Essential Elements, and Curricular Connections. Jumpstart your understanding and ability to bring service-learning to life.

Wednesday 1:00-1:30

Welcome and Opening

Location: Bergstrom A-D

Wednesday 1:45-3:15

Get Engaged! Why Service-Learning Works Best with Engaging Teaching Methods

Presenter: Cathryn Berger Kaye

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom A

Service-learning is all about engagement. However, by deliberately integrating engaging teaching methods, students have more opportunities to participate while maximizing learning and retention of both content and skills. During this highly interactive session, experience practical strategies that you can use again and again in any classroom setting. Find out how these methods harness student ideas and energy, and bring excitement to authentic learning!

Teaching Youth to be Systems Thinkers in a Complex World

Presenter: Jim Toole

Audience Level: Intermediate and Advanced Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom B

How do youth address complex social issues like childhood obesity, the achievement gap, or poverty? Systems thinking offers a set of tools that can be applied to the investigation stage to foster more powerful and lasting service impact. We'll look at examples from Nobel Peace Prize winners to K-12 students of how to transform systems.

Service-Learning is Dropout Prevention and Dropout Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility!

Presenters: Joan Liptrot and Audrina Flowers (Repeat on Thursday)

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom C

Service-learning is identified by the National Dropout Prevention Center as one of 15 effective strategies to keep students engaged and successful in school. Prevention starts early, and service-learning is key to helping youth build the resiliency skills and developmental assets they need to avoid risky behaviors and become healthy, productive adults. This interactive session will explore the factors that contribute to students dropping out and how service-learning responds positively to overcome them.

Getting Started with Service-Learning

Presenter: Tracy Harkins

Audience Level: Novice Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom D

What is service-learning and how is it different from community service and other community-oriented educational experiences? How can academic integrity, student ownership, and apprentice citizenship help to define quality service-learning? Come to this highly interactive workshop to learn what service-learning is and why it is an effective teaching strategy. Join us to learn how students involved in service-learning experiences can forge strong ties to their communities and gain the skills and confidence they need to become engaged citizens.

YODA–Youth Organized for Disaster Action: Strategies for Developing Service-Learning Initiatives that Promote Safety and Preparedness

Presenter: Gabe Fonseca, Rosalind Reeves, and Briana Kinloch

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Del Valle

The service-learning process is used as a means for examining and addressing the prevention, preparedness, and response strategies in place for homes, schools, and communities. Examples of learning connections for all curriculum areas at a variety of grade levels will be shared during this interactive session.

Youth Track

Facilitators: Emily Mathon, Su Mohr

Location: Chennault

Wednesday 3:30-5:00

Open Space Networking

Presenters: Cathryn Berger Kaye, Jim Toole, Joan Liptrot

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom A-D

What's on your mind about service-learning? During this interactive session, we will explore the themes and topics that matter to you, all toward advancing service-learning in your school or district. The Open Space process allows for every person to participate, for collaborative thinking and sharing, and for ideas to emerge that can help propel service-learning to the next level. As a bonus, by participating you will

learn how this process works and be able to lead this within your classroom or school. Be prepared to think, share, and grow!

School-Community Partnerships

Presenter: Tracy Harkins

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Chennault

Community partners play a vital role in helping young people understand the real needs and problems in their communities and what they can do to make a difference. How can teachers lay the foundation for building strong partnerships that are mutually beneficial? This workshop will help participants think about initiating conversations with local organizations to learn more about community needs and problems, training partners to understand service-learning, avoiding common challenges to working with community partners, and creating a plan to maintain a strong partnership throughout your project.

Is your Perspective as BIG as the Journey?

Presenter: Terry Snow

Audience Level: Novice and Intermediate Grade Level: Middle School

Location: Del Valle

Find out how the Prairie Protector Project went BIG in the first year of service-learning! Collect tips on how to grow your idea to include hundreds of students while maintaining quality in the project. Find out about community partnerships, funding, collaboration opportunities, and firsthand accounts from the most brilliant students on the planet!

Bust A Move: How Service-Learning and the Arts Empower Youth and Adults to Dance Outside the Box

Presenter: Diane Palm

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Violet Crown

This highly interactive workshop will engage participants in planning and implementing artistic presentations that relate to classroom-connected service projects. These presentations, which will tap into the artistic vision and creative skills of workshop participants, can include dance, poetry, rap, freestyle, dramatic skits, music, short stories, persuasive essays, speeches, posters, paintings, drawings, etc.

Working in small planning groups, adults will gain practice in skills that honor youth voice and choice.

Workshop culminating activities will include (1) presentations showcasing the creative work product of each group and (2) large group discussion/reflections.

Water Conservation for Service-Learning Projects: Making a Difference in Your Community

Presenter: Linda Ruiz McCall

Audience Level: All Grade Level: High School

Location: Wildflower

Many communities in Texas are facing water shortages today or in the forecasted future. Service-learning projects can teach students about water conservation behaviors in their school and throughout their community. TWDB has developed service-learning projects for students to conduct a School Water Audit and Action Plan and to plan, design, and construct a school Rainwater Harvesting system.

Service-Learning: Empowering Youth through Educational Action

Presenter: Sallie Ingle

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Longhorn

Join us for an action-oriented introduction to the LEADERS model of service-learning in after-school programs. Get hands-on experience with changing lives and communities as youth lead the way!

Youth Voice: Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow

Presenter: Scott Ganske

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Goldenrod

Planning a service-learning project does not have to be stressful on a teacher or their students. This training focuses on strategies teachers can use to plan and implement effective service-learning experiences. The projects harness the strengths of each child, emphasize reflection, and motivate students to spread their message.

Youth Track

Facilitators: Emily Mathon, Su Mohr

Locations: Mountain Laurel, Wine Cup, Lantana, and Redbud

Wednesday 5:00-6:00

YOGA

Facilitator: Zakiyyah Kareem

Audience Level: All

Location: Live Oak

"We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own." – Ben Sweetland

In order to best serve others, we must make time to tend to our own wellbeing. Yoga is an ancient practice designed to help us sustain balance in our lives by connecting mind and body through breath. Join Austin yoga teacher Zakiyyah for a fun, uplifting, and de-stressing yoga session that will leave you feeling relaxed and renewed. Absolute beginners and experienced students are welcome! Please bring a yoga mat (a limited number will be on hand), a towel, and water.

Wednesday 6:00-8:00

DINNER BUFFET, SHOWCASE, and MUSICAL GUEST

Location: Bergstrom A-D

Thursday 8:00-12:00

Youth Track

Facilitators: Emily Mathon, Su Mohr

Locations: Mountain Laurel, Wine Cup, Lantana, and Redbud

Thursday 8:30-10:00

Could REFLECTION Really be this Exciting?

Presenter: Cathryn Berger Kaye

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom A

Time to really delve into what makes reflection so important and what makes reflection critical to service-learning success. With this approach, we begin with your idea for service-learning and use reflection as a core that emanates from the student throughout their entire process. Capture what is on the cognitive and affective level through lively means—and reflection will always be (drum roll, please) exciting!

Youth as Social Inventors

Presenter: Jim Toole

Audience Level: Intermediate and Advanced Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom B

Social progress is often measured by “game-changing” ideas that bring fundamental and lasting change such as the National Parks, Amnesty International, or Special Olympics. We’ll explore what it means for youth to be social inventors and examine 10 strategies for how to foster out-of-the-box creativity in service-learning projects.

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Leading Change to Sustain Service-Learning in Your School and Community

Presenter: Tracy Harkins

Audience Level: Intermediate and Advanced Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom D

Do you have the desire and ability to lead change to sustain service-learning (as a teaching methodology) in efforts to transform your schools and communities? What are the essential elements of sustainability? What would it look like if a school/district sustained service-learning? What policies and practices would need to be in place? Participants will learn what sustained service-learning looks like from KIDS Consortium staff and each other and learn how to collaboratively and strategically plan to get there.

Dr. Jane Goodall’s Roots and Shoots

Presenter: Julene Reed

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Del Valle

Join us to learn about the Roots & Shoots program for animals, the environment, and the human community. Discover resources for local and global projects. See how connections and collaborations

through Roots & Shoots and other organizations such as Polar Bears International can inspire your students to engage in authentic activities that really do make a difference!

Service Learning: Empowering Youth with High Needs

Presenter: Sallie Ingle

Audience Level: All Grade Level: Alternative

Location: Violet Crown

Join us for an action oriented introduction to the LEADERS model of service learning with a special focus on working with challenging students—students with high needs, students with different learning styles, and students in DAEP settings. Learn techniques for connecting quickly with some of the most challenging students in your district as you get hands-on experience with changing lives and communities!

Problem Solve Your Way through Service-Learning!

Presenter: Cyd Rogers

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Live Oak

Discover an innovative way to combine service-learning with other types of programs and extra-curricular activities. The session will include videos of students in action completing service-learning projects while also participating in the Texas Future Problem Solving Program. Challenge your students to participate in an academic competition while also serving others!

Youth Track

Facilitators: Emily Mathon, Su Mohr

Locations: Wine Cup, Lantana, Mountain Laurel, Redbud; Off-site

Thursday 10:15-11:45

Quotes, Books, and All that Jazz

Presenter: Cathryn Berger Kaye

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom A

Can service-learning be a key strategy to grow literacy in a school or district? Are books an essential part of the service-learning process? Can something as simple as a quote get you started with service-learning? Will this workshop give you plenty of ideas to infuse into your service-learning practice? With a resounding YES to all, this session will leave you singing with excitement (that's the jazz part) about must-have books—fiction and nonfiction—that make kids want to read and ideas you can use!

If Service-Learning is So Great, Why Doesn't Everyone Use It?

Presenter: Jim Toole

Audience Level: Intermediate and Advanced Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom B

Why do some K-12 teachers use service-learning and some don't? Why are some schools successful and some not? This workshop shares the results of a three-year study of the deep factors that facilitated or hindered success in seven low-income schools in seven states. We'll explore the largely hidden role of teacher beliefs and school culture in service-learning implementation as well as strategies to address both.

Making the Journey Meaningful: Why Our Brains Love Service-Learning!

Presenter: Joan Liptrot and Briana Kinloch

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom C

Participants will explore the basics of brain-based learning, including what our brains need, how we make meaning, and why service-learning is such an excellent brain-based learning strategy. Practical, easy-to-implement ideas will be shared in this interactive and engaging session that will strengthen teaching and learning beyond service-learning practice.

Connect, Create, and Collaborate: Using Technology with Service-Learning

Presenter: Julene Reed

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom D

How can you use technology to "spread the word" about service-learning? How can you implement web 2.0 technologies and creative digital media production to connect, create, and collaborate? Join us as we explore the tools that can engage youth and enhance your service-learning program!

Middle School Science: Making the Curriculum Real Through Service-Learning!

Presenter: Barry Guillot

Audience Level: Novice & Intermediate Grade Level: Middle School

Location: Chennault

Former Astronaut John Glenn described service-learning as "Academics in Action." Many teachers get the action part but have difficulty making the academic connections to the curriculum. Together we will examine successful examples of service-learning experiences used to meet required academic standards, brainstorm specific opportunities to integrate service-learning through your curriculum, and explore some of the incredible resources available for more ideas!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: Looking beyond Black and White

Presenter: Lyndi Harris

Audience Level: Novice and Intermediate Grade Level: Elementary

Location: Live Oak

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is a great opportunity to teach the impact of diversity and the value of equality to even our youngest students. In this session you will explore the endless content objectives correlated to the MLK day of Service. Attendees will evaluate a "good" MLK project and discuss the essential changes that transformed one day of service into a powerful teaching strategy. Participants will apply these changes to their existing curriculum and community dynamics as they begin planning a service-learning experience that is both meaningful and thought-provoking for students.

Strategies for Growing Service-Learning

Presenter: Kim Huseman

Audience Level: Advanced Grade Level: All

Location: Wildflower

Do you want to move service-learning beyond individual teachers and their classrooms? Come and find out ways to build and institutionalize a service-learning culture. Participants, using an assessment tool, will be able to assess their own schools and districts, as well as share ideas about what works.

Disaster Preparedness

Presenter: Ann Rece

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Goldenrod

We thought we were ready. After all, how much can one prepare for disaster? We learned some of the things we should have done, some of the things we should never have done but did, and hope to share our newfound wisdom in this presentation.

Youth Track

Facilitators: Emily Mathon, Su Mohr

Location: Winecup, Lantana, Mountain Laurel, Redbud; Off-site

Thursday 12:15-1:30

LUNCH AND SERVICE-LEARNING PANEL

Location: Bergstrom A-D

Thursday 1:45-3:15

Replacing Bullying and Name-Calling with Respect for All

Presenter: Cathryn Berger Kaye

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom A

Let's think about how youth can be change agents within their own schools to build respectful communities. Bring examples of what you have found effective and situations you would like to discuss. Learn steps to begin a proven process of mutual respect that includes service-learning that gets results. Literature connections will be included.

Storytelling and Social Change

Presenter: Jim Toole

Audience Level: Intermediate and Advanced Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom B

Leaders today achieve their effectiveness mainly through telling stories that inspire and stick. Storytelling is therefore a critical 21st century civic skill in the age of YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook. We'll explore the six types of stories that you and your youth need to tell to influence others and make a difference.

Cross-Age Tutoring: The Road to Improved Literacy

Presenter: Joan Liptrot and Rosalind Reeves

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Bergstrom C

Youth across the country have been promoting literacy in their communities by tutoring younger students in reading. This interactive workshop provides a model for establishing a successful cross-age literacy and leadership service-learning initiative. Strategies for effectively preparing youth to serve as literacy leaders will be shared so that tutors and tutees both benefit from the experience.

Field Investigations: Real Science with Real Kids**Presenters: Kiki Corry, Texas Parks and Wildlife****Audience Level: All Grade Level: All****Location: Bergstrom D**

Explore the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency's guide for using field investigations to build authentic scientific skills. Learn by doing—identify testable questions, collect data, and interpret results.

Student Energy Auditors: Motivating Education Through Conservation!**Presenter: Barry Guillot****Audience Level: All Grade Level: Middle and High School****Location: Chennault**

About 25 percent of the electric energy used in a typical school is wasted because of energy inefficiency. The Student Energy Audit project is a natural way to implement service-learning into the curriculum either through one class or as a cross-curricular unit. Teachers who are brand new to service-learning or are established practitioners will find this a rewarding experience. During this workshop, you will examine the instruments that students will use to conduct real audits in their school, participate in experiments, look at curriculum connections, and discuss ways to implement the project at your school! Give your students the opportunity to make a positive change in their community...beginning with their own school!

Age Well – Live Well...It's the Journey: Health & Wellness Intergenerational Learning Opportunities through DADS Silver Lining Program**Presenter: Camden Frost****Audience Level: All Grade Level: All****Location: Violet Crown**

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Silver Lining program, a volunteer outreach program that brings social connection to people living in long-term care environments, offers unlimited potential for students interested in intergenerational learning. Service-learning is integrated through planned social visits with residents. Learn how to take our "Age Well – Live Well" challenge and see how quality of life can affect entire communities.

Grant Writing for Beginners and Beyond: Writing Successful Proposals**Presenter: Carolyn Austin****Audience Level: All Grade Level: All****Location: Wildflower**

Calls for grant applications can seem mysterious and complicated. This session will help clarify the process of writing a proposal and give you strategies for writing a winning application.

Honoring Student Voice**Presenter: Diane Palm****Audience Level: All Grade Level: All****Location: Goldenrod**

How easy or difficult has it been for you to consider the perspectives and ideas of your students? What are some of your major challenges and how have you addressed them? Come join us as we examine and share strategies for successful engagement of students through proven techniques for honoring youth voice.

Youth Track

Facilitators: Emily Mathon, Su Mohr

Location: Wine Cup, Lantana, Mountain Laurel, Redbud; Off-site

Thursday 3:30-4:30

From School Safety to Community Service and Service-Learning

Presenter: Nancy Cross

Audience Level: Novice

Grade Level: All

Location: Chennault

Students from Valley Mills ISD, Valley Mills, Texas have teamed up with community volunteers to build school and community safety through service on the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Supported by school administrators and trainers from the community and region, these youth will share their learning and challenges in meeting the emergency and event needs of their school and community.

Westwood High School's Project Pay Attention

Facilitator: Su Mohr

Student Presenters: Sarah Woehner and Andre Sandoval

Audience Level: All

Grade Level: Middle and High School

Location: Del Valley

Sarah Woehner and Andre Sandoval will graduate from Westwood High School on May 29, 2010. Both have been pivotal in a Student Leadership class project called Project Pay Attention. They collaborate with teachers, develop socially relevant curriculum, link it to core curriculum, and present it in the classroom. Sarah will be attending Sam Houston State University next year, and Andre will be attending Boston University.

C-SCOPE and Service-Learning: Putting the Pieces Together

Presenter: Tammy Tucker

Audience Level: All

Grade Level: All

Location: Live Oak

At first glance C-SCOPE and service-learning may not seem to fit well together. However, the pieces fit together nicely with a little alignment. This session will look at how to put C-SCOPE and service-learning together into a seamless curriculum that continues to focus on student projects.

Youth Track

Facilitators: Emily Mathon, Su Mohr

Location: Wine Cup, Lantana, Mountain Laurel, Redbud

Networking With Your Peers

Connecting with other service-learning practitioners is immensely valuable. These four sessions provide you with an opportunity to network with others with similar challenges and opportunities. Come prepared to learn and share your experience!

Session 1: Rural Schools Networking

Presenter: Kit Hall

Location: Bergstrom A

Session 2: Suburban District Networking

Presenter: Mike Hurewitz

Location: Bergstrom B

Session 3: Urban District Networking

Presenter: Tammy Clark

Location: Bergstrom C

Session 4: Alternative Networking

Presenter: Diane Palm

Location: Goldenrod

Session 5: Field Investigations with Students

Presenter: Kiki Corry

Location: Bergstrom D

Thursday 6:00-9:00

Dinner, Film Screening, and Discussion of *One Peace at a Time*

Friday 7:30-10:30

Youth Track

Facilitators: Emily Mathon, Sue Mohr

Location: Wine Cup, Lantana, Mountain Laurel, Redbud

Friday 9:00-10:30

Continuing the Journey

Presenter: Jim Toole

Audience Level: All Grade Level: All

Location: Ballroom A-D

How do service-oriented leaders sustain themselves in turbulent and uncertain times? This session will serve as your own personal annual “Wellness Check-Up.” We will collectively assess and reflect upon the past school year and how we can use four sustaining “journeys” to keep our spirits bright and our bodies healthy while working for a better world.

Texas Healthy Habitats Grant Reflection

Presenter: John Spence, Susan Sneller

Audience Level: Healthy Habitat Grantees

Location: Violet Crown

Friday 10:00-11:00

Youth Track Presentations and Reflections; Closing

Presenters: Youth Track students

Location: Ballroom A-D

The students from the Youth Track have worked really hard these three days, experiencing a deep dive into the essence of service-learning. Come hear what they did, what they learned and how they feel about service to others.