

2009-2010 Community Service Sites

STRAND: GREEN VENTURES – 35 Students

Earth & Spirit Center / John Shirley, Emily Essex, Tony Butler

15 students

The E & S garden is a fundraising activity to help support the programs of the E & S Center, a non-profit organization offering classes and meeting spaces for people exploring connections between nature and spirit. Students help maintain gardens and grounds. Rachel Linkous' rain barrel system, housed at the E & S center, is currently in need of a student sponsor.

Breaking New Grounds / Cia White, Brett Paice

12 students

BNG is an urban composting and farming project sponsored in part by Heine Brothers' Coffeehouses. In addition to vermiculture, the center is hoping to soon institute tilapia ponds and other innovative measures for providing affordable, healthy food to low-income and urban neighborhoods.

Americana Center / Sarah Moran

8 students

Americana serves Louisville's growing international community. Students will help maintain portions of the community garden and the center grounds. Opportunities may also arise to support the women's textiles program.

STRAND: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – 34 Students

Falls of the Ohio / Ron Garrett, Jason (A.D.) Bell, Hilary Atkinson, Ralph Marshall

16 students

This state park includes one of the world's largest exposed fossil beds. Students help to clean the fossil beds along the shore of the river and remove invasive species from the forest. In the past SF students have spearheaded projects like the planning and building of a butterfly garden.

Louisville Nature Center / David Word, Bob Jones

8 students

At this forest sanctuary located in the heart of Louisville, students help to remove invasive species and mulch gardens and forest trails. Opportunities to perform water and habitat assessment may also exist.

Olmsted Parks / Tom Miron, Annie Murphy

10 students

The Olmsted Conservancy is dedicated to preserving the historic parks of Louisville, including Cherokee, Iroquois, Shawnee, and Seneca. This group will learn about the history of the parks and the concept of environmental stewardship, while clearing invasive species, repairing trails from flood damage, gathering seeds for replanting, and testing water samples for pollution.

STRAND: HUMAN SERVICES – 44 Students

Christian Care Communities / Kit Llewellyn

8 students

CCC is Kentucky's largest faith-based, non-profit care center for the elderly. Students provide social support for the elderly by playing games, serving refreshments, conversing casually, painting fingernails, and generally getting to know CCC's residents.

Gilda's Club / Ginny Tyrell

8 students

Gilda's Club is a national organization designed to offer emotional and social support for individuals living with cancer. Students will learn about various aspects of cancer and its social ramifications. Students may help to cook dinners, clean the facility, weed the garden, and organize volunteer packets and brochures about the club.

Project Warm / Mark Hohmann

6 students

Project Warm is a community initiative providing energy conservation services and education to promote energy saving practices throughout Louisville. Students will travel to private homes and apartments around Louisville, helping to weatherproof homes. In the spring this group may move to a second venue.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries / Luke Johnson

8 students

KRM is an international refugee resettlement office authorized by the U.S. Department of State to assist refugees who have been legally admitted to the U.S as victims of warfare or other forms of persecution. Students will provide assistance with a variety of labor tasks including cleaning and organizing.

Center for Women and Families / Angela Katz

8 students

This organization seeks the elimination of domestic violence, sexual violence and economic hardship. The center houses women and children who are transitioning away from abusive living situations into new, safer lives. Students will primarily be helping the kitchen chef in preparing meals and cleaning.

Presbyterian Community Center / Jason (Math) Bell

6 students

The Presbyterian Community Center is located in the Smoketown neighborhood near Meyzeek Middle School. Students volunteering for this venue will be able to help the small center with a number of tasks: organizing library materials, helping the maintenance department, landscaping, and possible reading with pre-school students in the Every1 Reads program.

STRAND: CIVIC LITERACY – 10 Students

Planned Parenthood / Suzanne Gorman, Terri White

10 students

Planned parenthood offers comprehensive community education regarding reproductive and sexual health issues. Some students working with this venue MAY have the opportunity to become peer educators for PPKY, paid positions requiring about six training sessions of 3 to 5 hours each. Except for seniors returning to this venue, PPKY is available only to juniors and sophomores. PERMISSION IS REQUIRED.