Fall is in the air.

**Community Partnership Feature: ASAP**
The Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project is an organization dedicated to strong local farms. Their mission is to help local farms thrive, link farmers to markets and supporters, and build healthy communities through connections to local food. This mission helps to realize ASAP’s vision of strong farms, thriving local food economies, and healthy communities where farming is valued as central to our heritage and our future. Some of their projects include Farm to School, a project centered on school gardens, local food in schools, local food cooking demonstrations and farm field trips; Farm to Institution designed to bring local food to various organizations in the community and Farmers Markets. This is just a snippet of the work that ASAP does in our community. Want to learn even more? Check out ASAP’s website, [here](https://www.asap-sustainable.org). Thank you for all that you do ASAP!

**Campus Organization Feature: Student Environmental Center**
The Student Environmental Center at UNC Asheville is a community resource dedicated to improving policy and efficiency standards, and to the promotion of environmental literacy and awareness. The SEC has sponsored a multitude of projects on campus, including: Campus Garden located behind the dining hall, Clean and Green laundry, Earth Hour, Eco Reps, Free Store and Push My Buttons! The SEC has an ongoing calendar of events that take place at UNCA and the surrounding community. Click [here](https://www.secstudents.org) for more information about the SEC!

Thanks for all that you do, SEC!

Like these organizations? Want to find out more about other community organizations you can work with? Check out the Key Center’s site, [here](https://www.keyctr.unca.edu).

**Service Learning:**

1) **Public Service Project:**

If you are interested in doing a Public Service Project to become Community Engaged Scholars, please attend one of the mandatory workshops in Highsmith Union 235 (SAIL Boardroom):

- Wed. 10/3 4-5PM
- Wed. 11/14 4-5PM

Please e-mail the Key Center to indicate your attendance at [keyctr@unca.edu](mailto:keyctr@unca.edu).
2) Community Engaged Scholars:

If interested in learning more about becoming a Community Engaged Scholar, then please attend the General Information session happening on Friday, October 12 2pm-3pm in Highsmith Union 235 (SAIL Boardroom).

For more information about the academic honor and Public Service Projects is here: [http://keycenter.unca.edu/community-engaged-scholars](http://keycenter.unca.edu/community-engaged-scholars)

UNCA also has a recent feature on the first Community Engaged Scholars who graduated in May here: [http://www.unca.edu/features/recognized-giving-back](http://www.unca.edu/features/recognized-giving-back).

Service:

Short Term Opportunities

1) ASAP
ASAP is still seeking volunteers for the farm tour that will be held on September 22nd and 23rd. Volunteers will spend one day, 12pm-6pm, assisting a farm by greeting and registering guests and providing information about ASAP. Remember, if you sign-up to volunteer then you get to take the tour for FREE with as many people as you can bring. The following farms need help:

**Madison County**
The Farm Retreat and Farm House Beef-Sunday
Troutlily Farm-Sunday

**Yancey County**
Firefly Farm-Sunday
Mushroom Hut at Fox Farms: Saturday, Sunday

**Buncombe County**
Razor Mountain-Sunday
Good Fibrations-Sunday
Sunburst Trout Farms-Saturday

Read here for information about the farms and to sign up: [http://www.asapconnections.org/farmtour.html](http://www.asapconnections.org/farmtour.html)

2) Asheville Greenworks

**Saturday Sept 29th,** join WNC Alliance, Sierra Nevada Brewing, Southern Appalachian Brewery and AshevilleGreenWorks as they hold the largest, dirtiest river cleanup of the year. They need Volunteers that are willing to do what it takes to cleanup our French Broad.

Volunteers are needed in multiple areas:

**Land Crew:** driving, dropping off supplies, picking up wet volunteers, first aid, pulling & winching of
heavy items from the river

**River Crew:** float, wade, swim and rid the Ole’ Broad of illegally dumped trash

**Event Crew:** set-up the after clean-up party, tents, tables, chairs, food fun and more with Sierra Nevada Brewing

All volunteers will be handsomely rewarded with cold beer, local food, t-shirts and live entertainment courtesy of Sierra Nevada Brewing and Southern Appalachian Brewery.

All volunteers operating a canoe must know how to swim. Life-jackets will be worn throughout clean-up.

To sign-up or for any questions about the event email [volunteer@ashevillegreenworks.org](mailto:volunteer@ashevillegreenworks.org) or call (828) 254-1776

3) **YMCA**

The YMCA has two exciting family events coming up and need your help.

The first event is a community concert on September 30th. The concert will take place at the YMCA Beaverdam site located off Merrimon ave. The concert will feature the “Chompin’ at the Bit String Band.” The music is family friendly and the YMCA will offer food and activities. Help will be needed for setup, take-down, children’s activities and more. Volunteers will be needed from 2:30 to 7:30.

The second event is Halloween at the Y! It will take place on October 27th. The event will take place at the YMCA Beaverdam location. Help is needed with running the climbing wall, the haunted trail and the giant swing in the dark. Inside help will be needed with setup, take-down, children’s games and more. So if you love dressing up this is the event for you.

If interested in helping please email Danette at [dbordenkircher@ymca.org](mailto:dbordenkircher@ymca.org).

4) **North Carolina Outward Bound**

Volunteers are needed to help NC Outward Bound’s RiverBound Race Series. The event is a 5K & 8k trail race within the beautiful NC Arboretum. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, water stops on the course, set-up and tear-down of the event. Groups welcome!

If interested contact Eve Mills at [emills@ncobs.org](mailto:emills@ncobs.org)

**Long Term Opportunities**

1) **LEAF in Schools and Streets**

LEAF is seeking volunteers for Enrichment Fridays at Randolph Learning Center. This event takes place every other Friday afternoon. All RLC students attend a short performance by a LEAF musician and then break out into smaller groups for various workshops. Thers is always a visual arts workshop and a music/technology workshop but LEAF is open to new
ideas. There are three potential positions:

1) A consistent volunteer to teach the visual arts workshop. The volunteer would need to
design a visual arts lesson plan for each Enrichment Friday and be able to effectively lead
the workshop. The students can sometimes be a challenging group, so leading this workshop
would take patience, passion for working with this age group and responsibility.

2) A volunteer floater for Enrichment Friday. The volunteer will need to be flexible and able
to assist wherever they may be needed. This would also involve helping musicians load in
and out.

3) Students also have the opportunity to design their own workshops to present on
Enrichment Fridays. All ideas are welcome!

RLC also needs help getting their Music Lab up and running. There’s been paint donated to
make the space more inviting and warm.

If you have any questions, email intern@theleaf.org.

2) North Asheville Tailgate Market

The NATM is in the process of obtaining a roaster to roast various foods, on the spot, sold at
the market. They are seeking volunteers to run the roaster through the duration of market
hours. This would give the volunteer the opportunity to meet local farmers, crafters and
vendors.

If interested email Shay Amber at director@northashevilletailgatemarket.org

3) Girls On the Run WNC

Girls On the Run WNC is seeking coaches. Volunteers needed to coach groups of girls in
3rd-5th and 6th-8th grades.

Program teaches healthy lifestyle curricula with running games, activities, training. You
don’t have to be a runner to coach.

Programs run 12 weeks with lessons twice a week for 1.5 hours each (total of 36 hours).
Athletic dress expected.

If interested fill out application here.

4) Clean Water for North Carolina

Clean Water for NC is looking for a Pollution Action Volunteer. With help from Clean Water
for NC staff, learn which facilities in your community are discharging pollution to
waterways, air, and/or land.
You can get a copy of the pollution permit from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), look through DENR records for violations, and learn the pollution history of your site.

Monitor monthly reports submitted by the facility so YOU know exactly what is entering your favorite river or stream. You may then contact the facility and let them know you have adopted their permit, and, if possible, arrange a tour.

Possibly contact fellow community members to encourage others to become involved. This is a very flexible program and volunteers are allowed to take it to any level they like.

If interested contact Katie Hicks katie@cwfnc.org.

5) ABCCM Steadfast House for Women and Children

The Steadfast House is seeking volunteer cooking teams responsible for preparing, cooking and serving a meal to the women and children at the shelter.

They prefer teams to bring food that is either already prepared or can be prepared in our kitchen but if necessary, teams can use food from the pantry.

If interested call (828) 259-5365

6) William Randolph Learning Center

Working with grades 6-12 students at Asheville's only alternative middle school and high school. Right now we need volunteers who can work with students one on one in Math, Science, and Civics. Students do not have to be experts on the subject, just be able to break down text and help guide students through there work. Students will need to complete a background check before working in the school system.

Times Needed:

- 1st Block (8:25-9:45) Mon-Fri (Volunteer wouldn’t need to commit to everyday, but it is available Mon-Fri)
- 3rd Block (11:11-12:31) same as above
- 4th Block (2:02-3:22) save as above

Contact:
Sara Brown- UNCA AmeriCorps VISTA, Randolph Volunteer Coordinator
sbrown2@unca.edu

Community Citizenship

1) SEC Low-Impact Week
The SEC is sponsoring Low-Impact Week. This event is a week-long, campus-wide effort to raise awareness of how much energy we use and waste we produce both individually and as a school. There will be fun events throughout the week such as documentary screenings, games with prizes, garden workdays, and more.

**Sunday 9-23:** 4-6pm Handing out trash bags, HSU first floor. Carry your trash with you during the week to see the impact you have on a daily basis.

**Monday 9-24:** Handing out more clear trash bags. Sustainable speaker from UNC speaking in the Grotto at 7pm

**Tuesday 9-25:** Screening of the documentary, "Wasteland" and discussion after. 7-10pm HSU 104

**Wednesday 9-26:** Spread the world about Low-Impact Week

**Thursday 9-27:** Bike Day on the quad. Campus Rec is also sponsoring the documentary [Beauty-Beneath](#).

**Friday 9-28:** Free Market on the quad from 1-4pm

**Saturday 9-29:** Rhoades property help 10-12ish, Meet at HSU bridge 9:45am

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2) **Immigration Forum**

Buncombe County Board of Education is hosting a forum on the challenges of immigrant families. The forum is designed to inform community members and educators.

It will take place at MAHEC (Mountain Area Health Education Center) on October 10th at 6pm and will run until 8pm.

Small group moderators will be needed closer to forum date.

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3) **Women in Islam**

UNCA’s Muslim Student Association will present a panel discussion about Women in Islam and their roles as career oriented leaders in the Western World.

There will be three guest speakers that will present their opinions, a discussion about what it means to be a Muslim woman in a predominantly Christian country, and the effects it has on them individuals as Muslim women who work. Questions also will be asked about what it means to be a Muslim woman in the world of working white men and what struggles they face. There will be a Q&A afterwards. Free and open to the public.

**Thursday, September 27th**
**7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.** Humanities Lecture Hall 139
Contact Amarra Ghani at [732/688-2027](tel:732/688-2027).