Key Center Weekly
Community Engagement
October 24 - October 31
What are you going as?

Community Partnership Feature: Clean Water for North Carolina
CWFNC promotes clean, safe water and environments and empowered, just communities for all North Carolinians through community organizing, education, advocacy and technical assistance. Our major program areas include Polluter Accountability and Environmental Enforcement; Safe, Accessible Water for All; and Empowered, Just Communities. Current campaigns focus around water & energy, fracking for natural gas, water privatization, and urban streams.

Campus Partnership Feature: ASHE (Active Students for Healthy Environment)
Active Students for a Healthy Environment (A.S.H.E.) is UNC Asheville's oldest student environmental organization. Formerly known as the “ecology club”, we focus on raising environmental awareness, leadership development, and initiating proactive, progressive action to make positive sustainable changes in our environment. We are involved with and often help organize a wide range of campus and community events having to do with conservation, political action, and celebration of our environment and our role as stewards. We help students to think globally while acting locally. Ashe can be reached by e-mail through ashe@unca.edu.

Like these organization? Want to find out more about other community organizations you can work with? Check out the Key Center’s site, here.

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. 11/14 4-5 p.m.

Please e-mail the Key Center to indicate your attendance at 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 Thursday, October 25 CES workshop 12:30-1:30 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
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) **YMCA**

The YMCA is seeking volunteers for its haunted trail.

Volunteers will be helping lead parents and children on the trail and may also participate in scaring up a storm on the trail. Volunteers may also help with crafts, games, etc. All volunteers must be in some form of costume.

Trail commences **October 27th from 5pm - 10pm.** Trail is located at the Beaver Dam YMCA site, just off Merrimon ave by the Ingles.

For more information or to volunteer contact Danette at danetterenee@gmail.com

2) **Emma Elementary**

Emma elementary school is seeking volunteers for its annual Fall Festival.

Volunteers are needed to run the bouncy houses, sell concessions, run games, paint faces, etc. Volunteers are also needed to help with setup and takedown.

Festival will take place Saturday October 27th. It starts at 11am and runs until 3pm. Set-up begins at 9:30am and take-down commences at 3pm.

For more information or to sign-up contact Kate at katepage4@gmail.com or 828-323-4274.

3) **SEC**

On **November 3rd** there will be a big **Rhoades Garden** workday from **1-6 PM,** to prepare the garden for the winter. There will be warm beverages and food, and any produce harvested is free to be taken home by volunteers. The Rhoades Property is the last driveway on the right as you head down W.T. Weaver towards Merrimon (right by the stoplight).

**Campus Garden hours** are **11-1** every **Thursday,** behind the caf.

**ROOTS Garden hours** are **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **11:30-1:30.** The ROOTS Garden is located at the Rhoades Property, which is the last driveway on the right as you head down W.T. Weaver towards Merrimon (right by the stoplight).
4) ABCCM Veterans Restoration Quarters

Seeking volunteers to prepare and serve a homemade lunch to the men staying at the ABCCM Veteran's Restoration Quarters & Inn.

Project takes place on Thursday October 25th at 11:00am at the Veterans Quarters at 1329 Tunnel rd. Volunteers are asked to wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

To sign-up go here

Long Term Opportunities

1) Habitat for Humanity

Women Build is now seeking volunteers. Women Build is a program offered through Habitat for Humanity International. The mission of Women Build is to empower women to take action against substandard housing conditions. Habitat believes that women hold a solution in their hands to move children out of substandard housing – one family at a time.

For more information contact Alison Taylor at 828-210-9337

2) Meals on Wheels

Meals are delivered by volunteers, using their own vehicles to take a noon meal to homebound senior citizens. There are 39 routes throughout Buncombe County. Volunteers share the responsibility of delivering meals and alerting our offices if the senior needs care. Volunteers are, more often than not, the only human contact the isolated elderly person will have with the outside world.

Time commitment is 60-90 minutes, once a week or once a month. Register as a substitute driver to provide our regular volunteer drivers with a break, and we'll call you on an as-needed basis. Gas vouchers are provided!

For more information contact the Volunteer Coordinator @ (828) 253-5286

3) MISSION Hospital

Mission seeks volunteers to assist guests in family waiting rooms in order to meet their needs and provide an exceptional experience.

These Volunteers will serve as a resource person for patient families and visitors, be a liaison between visitors and staff, seek to maintain a welcoming and supportive environment, and will endeavor to anticipate needs and address concerns.

Shifts vary between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9 p.m. at locations on the Memorial and St. Joseph Campuses on Biltmore Avenue and at the Asheville Surgery Center on Medical Park Drive just off of Sweeten Creek Road.

Application, criminal background check, vaccine questionnaire, orientation class and
personal interview are required prior to starting. Mission seeks dependable team members
who can commit to a minimum of four months or 70 hours of service.

For more information contact Judy at judy.haney@msj.org

4) Pisgah Legal Services

Pisgah Legal needs volunteers who are able to assist support staff with clerical assistance in
a professional office setting.

Duties may involve scanning documents, copying, filing, data entry, collating large manuals
and documents and miscellaneous office duties.

Familiarity with computer office programs a plus. Business casual dress, flexible volunteer
shifts available. Volunteer must be organized and not mind varied assignments to help out. Please wear business casual clothing 3-hour shifts preferred.

For more information contact Margo at margo@pisgahlegal.org

Community Citizenship

1) Joyful Birth Expo

This year’s Joyful Birth Expo will feature Ina May Gaskin. Ina May Gaskin is an
internationally known speaker, writer and midwife.

The Expo will take place on Saturday November 3rd at the Blue Ridge Mall in
Hendersonville and will run from 10am - 4pm.

2) Asheville Cinema Festival

The festival will take place November 1 - 4. Opening and closing films will be screened at
Regal Biltmore Cinemas while narratives and documentaries will show at ACT.

For a list of all films and scheduling visit this site.

3) Food Day

Food Day at UNC Asheville, 4-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, in UNC Asheville’s
Sherrill Center, will feature a panel discussion on the federal farm bill, a chance to taste
healthy and tasty food prepared by UNC Asheville and area high school students, and poster
presentations by students in the Food for Thought cluster:
• 4-6 p.m. – Poster presentations by UNC Asheville students on food chemistry, food and gender, nutrition and prevention of chronic diseases
• 5:30-6:30 p.m. – Reception and food tasting, presented by UNC Asheville nutrition students and Kids at Work!
• 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Panel discussion, "Why Should WNC Care about the Farm Bill?" featuring Josh Stack, representing MANNA FoodBank, Tom Elmore of Thatchmore Farm, and Gordon Smith, member of Asheville City Council and the Asheville-Buncombe County Food Policy Council
• 7:30-8:30 p.m. – Poster presentations by UNC Asheville students on food politics and economics.

Non-perishable food items and cash donations will also be collected to benefit Manna FoodBank.

4) Campus Sustainability Day

Wednesday the 24th, is Campus Sustainability Day. The SEC will be broadcasting the Keynote Broadcast, "Educating Students for Climate Change." The broadcast will be from 2-4 PM in Highsmith 224, with a discussion to follow.

5) Kathy Newfont

The History Department is sponsoring a talk by Dr. Kathy Newfont of Mars Hill College on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 at the Reuter Center. Dr. Newfont will be speaking about the research that led to the publication of her recent book Blue Ridge Commons: Environmental Activism and Forest History in Western North Carolina.

6) Riverlink Greenway Fundraisers

Support your Local Greenways Sunday October 28th!

RiverLink is working throughout your community to support greenways along tributaries to the French Broad River, as part of the Wilma Dykeman RiverWay Plan to connect neighborhoods, downtown and the river to our areas assets and attractions, from the Blue Ridge Parkway, NC Arboretum, River Arts District, UNC-Asheville, Appalachian and Mountains to Sea Trails, Biltmore Village, and more. We are currently supporting greenway efforts through a variety ways, and you too can help support your local greenway initiative, through Deeds of Support and local fundraising events. Currently we have three greenway initiatives, the Broadway Greenway Link and the Friends of Hominy Creek Greenway, and the sustaining support for the Wilma Dykeman RiverWay, which helps us make these connections.

CLICK HERE for more information on our greenway efforts
CLICK HERE to support Greenways

On Sunday October 28th, RiverLink is co-hosting fundraising events for local greenways.
Broadway Greenway Benefit Party
Hogan Residence 273 Pearson Dr. 4pm - 7pm

The Friends of Hominy Creek Greenway Gathering
Altamont Brewing Company 3-6pm w/ 2pm Bike Ride
Event Details

CLICK HERE for more INFORMATION

To see all of the Key Center’s service opportunities go here.

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