

## Calendar of Events

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June 4, 2024

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*For more information, contact facilitator Elizabeth Garrabrant.*

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June 6, 2024

## **June ALIVE Academy -The Benefits of Engaging Volunteers with Disabilities**

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM EST

*The Benefits of Engaging Volunteers with Disabilities - Presented by Shelli Beck, CVA  
Thursday, June 6 at 3 Pm Eastern for 90 minutes*

*It is estimated that approximately 15% of the US population is living with a disability. These disabilities range from visual, ambulatory, auditory, cognitive and more. Is your volunteer program inclusive of these potential volunteers? In this session we will discuss some steps to take to help a volunteer with a disability engage in your community. This ALIVE Academy will include a short work session, engaging conversation and tips to be more inclusive.*

*About our Presenter:*

*Shelli Beck, CVA - Director of Volunteer Services at Lyngblomsten*

*Shelli Beck was introduced to volunteer management as a volunteer introducing volunteerism to the small private school that her children attended. Then she began an AmeriCorps position with Goodwill/Easter Seals as a Volunteer Coordinator.*

*Over the years she has turned a very part-time Volunteer Coordinator role at Lyngblomsten into a full-time Director level position. Shelli has been a staple of volunteer engagement in Minnesota helping deliver Service Enterprise training, having served as a Conference Chair and Board Member for MAVA, and actively connected with her local peers.*

*ALIVE Academy Webinars on any DEAI topic are free for everyone. The general public is welcome to attend, and will receive a copy of the slide deck, recording, and attendance certificate upon request. If you registered as a Local association member, please be sure you have listed your local association's acronym or name in the registration. Learn more about ALIVE membership at our website.*

June 11, 2024

## **CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 14129308048

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June 11, 2024

**Networking Session at Points of Light Conference hosted by ALIVE, Better Impact, CCVA, V**

07:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST

*If you're attending the Points of Light Conference in Houston this June, or a local volunteer engagement professional, you're invited to meet your peers at a Networking event! It's a great way to start the conference off right! We're so pleased to partner with Better Impact, the Council for Certification for Volunteer Administration, and VolunteerMatch to sponsor this event.*

*Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024*

*Time: 7:00 - 10:00 PM ?Drop in anytime, leave whenever!*

*Location: Hearsay on the Green, 1500 Dallas St, Houston (at the Embassy Suites Hotel)*

*Light snacks and drinks provided. Door prizes, too! See you there!*

June 12, 2024  
- June 14, 2024

**Points of Light Conference - Houston, TX**

Varies - see website

*More information to follow. For more information visit [pointsoflight.org](http://pointsoflight.org)*

June 12, 2024

**AmeriCorps Seniors COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

*This COP is for those managing an AmeriCorps Seniors program(s) as a grantee or sponsor. This includes Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), and SCP (Senior Companion Program. Join us as we are a sounding board for sharing best practices and resources that are unique to federal grants and the older volunteers we work alongside.*

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**Faith Based COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*Faith Based Volunteer Programs - 1 Pm Eastern*

*This will be beneficial for anyone who is involved in faith based volunteer programs. There will be open discussion, topics presented for discussion and time to share training information and resources. Some of the topics we will cover are: Recruiting today's volunteers, Managing today's volunteers, and Leading today's volunteers.*

*Your thoughts and experiences are valued. We can learn so much from each other!*

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June 17, 2024

**ALIVE Networking Social - All Are Welcome!**

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM EST

*All are welcome to join our quarterly networking social for anyone involved in Volunteer Engagement.*

*All Volunteer Engagement Professionals are welcome to attend a networking social event, quarterly at 5 pm Eastern for 45 minutes. Feel free to leave early or come late as your schedule allows. Connect and network with your peers for live discussions - ask questions and let us know what's on your mind!*

*All times Eastern:*

*March 28*

*June 17*

*September 13*

*December 4*

*When you register, we will send the meeting information, and you'll be signed up for the following sessions for the rest of the year. You can always opt out by emailing us.*

*Door prizes, networking and camaraderie will be on hand. Don't miss it!*

*Open to all in the field of volunteer engagement. We look forward to seeing you!*

June 18, 2024

**Rural Programs COP (managing programs in Rural or Frontier Communities)**

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*Literacy Community of Practice is a group of professionals with the interest of improving literacy levels for youth and adults. We convene bimonthly to offer support, share best practices, provide a safe space for discussion, and networking. For more information contact Brandy Tolbert, or Facilitators.*

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*Join in the conversation about volunteers programs that manages volunteers who respond during an emergency. This is a very broad range from citizen corps, Red Cross, government, state, federal and non-profit. Share success and struggles during blue skies, gray skies and black skies. How to keep your volunteers engaged year around when things are (enter Q word here). Between meetings, share burning questions or share resources on the Emergency Response Volunteer Programs message board*

*here [https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board\\_list.php](https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board_list.php) (Must be signed in to Member Log In). This is where we can share best practices, ask questions, brag, vent and connect.*

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*Meeting monthly – the third Thursday each month – at 2 pm EST/1 pm CST/12 pm MST/11 am PST*

*For 2024, JUN 20; JUL 18; AUG 15; SEP 19; OCT 17; NOV 14; DEC 19.*

*Starting in 2025 with JAN 16*

*Facilitated by Mark Heffner, CVA (He/Him)*

*New York - Atlantic Region*

*Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at ADAPT Community Network (formally United Cerebral Palsy NYC)*

*Mark has led volunteers for more than 20 years in the areas of cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and homelessness. prior to choosing volunteerism as his career, Mark taught Special Education for those who are disable or differently abled. In his current role, he is able to do both! His role was created to build a volunteer program with serve those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in an agency setting.*

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**Book Club COP 2024 May & June book: Dare to Lead by Brene' Brown**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

All 2024 dates: Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 20, April 17, May 15,

\*Note new meeting dates: June 21, July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 18

Noon Eastern

May 15 & June 12 Book Club: Dare to Lead by Brene' Brown

*A Number-one New York Times best seller!*

*Brené Brown has taught us what it means to dare greatly, rise strong, and brave the wilderness. Now, based on new research conducted with leaders, change makers, and culture shifters, she's showing us how to put those ideas into practice so we can step up and lead.*

*Facilitated by Haley Matherly, CVA . As a Program Development Coordinator at the Kansas Volunteer Commission (KVC), she supports program partners across various initiatives that promote service, mentoring, and volunteerism in Kansas. She is a Certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA) professional, with expertise in program design and leadership development.*

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*July's book selection: Spark the Heart: Flex Your Empathy Muscle by Dr. Nicole Price*

*Empathy, often dismissed as a soft skill by leaders, is actually one of the most undervalued skills at their disposal. With her book, Spark the Heart: Engineering Empathy in the Workplace, Dr. Nicole Price makes the case for prioritizing empathy in the workplace, especially as a leadership skill that can be learned, built, and developed.*

*Inspired by life experiences that awakened her to empathy, Dr. Price has come a long way since her days as an unempathetic leader. In recounting the stories that set her on the journey of empathy she is on today, Nicole proves to today's leaders that empathy isn't just something you're born with, but something we are all capable of, and something that is urgently needed in today's polarized world.*

*Nicole's aim, in her words, is to "have a real conversation about empathy. I cannot give you life-altering experiences, but I can help you to recall the experiences you have had when it is time to flex your empathy muscles. I know that there are far too many people who do care deeply about people who are showing up in unempathetic ways because they haven't had certain experiences but also because they have not even thought about there being other ways to build empathy."*

*Dispelling common empathy myths like empathy makes you weak, that it's all give and no gain, Nicole points out early-on that the business case is strong, and unavoidable. The top 10 companies in the Global Empathy Index 2015 increased in value more than twice as much as the bottom 10 and generated 50 percent more earnings (defined by market capitalization). There is a correlation as high as 80 percent between departments with higher empathy and those with high performers. And, 87 percent of CEOs believe a company's financial performance is tied to empathy in the workplace, as do 79 percent of HR professionals.*

*If you're seeking to develop a new leadership skill, choose one that can give you an unexpected edge over your competition, Spark the Heart is the urgent read you need right now.*



June 25, 2024

**Animal Welfare COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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**Local Association COP 2024: March 27, June 26, September 25, Summit Oct 30**

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

*Local Associations Communities of Practice*

*Join your peers involved in your local association (DOVIA, AVA, etc)*

**Q1 COP**

*Date: Wednesday, March 27, 10am PT/1pm ET*

*Topic: Membership recruitment, increasing participation, and AL!VE benefits*

*Subtopics: Reduced fees, scholarships, who are the stakeholders to contact and recruit for membership*

**Q2 COP**

*Date: Wednesday, June 26, 10am PT/1pm ET*

*Topic: Meeting and event planning/refresh*

*Subtopics: Event varieties (breakfasts, coffee hours, mid-day, happy hours, book clubs, professional development training, networking), out of the box ideas, planning calendars, increased costs*

**Q3 COP**

*Date: Wednesday, September 25, 10am PT/1pm ET*

*Topic: Speakers list and resources*

*Subtopics: What are the budgets and going rates, how to get sponsorships or trades, hybrid or remote options*

**5th Annual Summit**

*Date: Wednesday, October 30, 10am PT/1pm ET*

*Topics: Round table topics to be voted on by registrants*

*2023 topics can be found in the members only area, under Resources/File Archive and include:*

*Financial and Legal –*

*Financial Frameworks*

*Board Insurance*

*Fundraising*

*Marketing and Outreach*

*Communications and Networking*

*Member Recruitment and Benefits*

*Program Planning and Event Logistics*

*Succession Planning*

*Leadership Implementation and Sustainability*

*Board Structure and Support*

*Administrative Framework and Removing Barriers*

*AL!VE local association members can invite as many attendees as they like; within this registration you can register everyone.*

*You can access these Local Association COP past recordings in the file archive section on the members only page.*

June 26, 2024

**AL!VE Member Webinar - All are welcome! 6/26 3:30 PM**

03:30 PM - 04:00 PM EST

*Meet your peers and colleagues at an AL!VE Member webinar!*

*6/26 3:30 PM*

*In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:*

*Member benefits*

*Resources & where to find them*

*Associations goals for 2024*

*Discuss what's happening in the field on a regional or national level*

*Bring your own topic - have a question you need to discuss? We're happy to connect.*

*All members are invited to attend! Considering membership? You're also welcome to attend to learn more.*

*Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are about six weeks apart.*

*We look forward to seeing you online!*

June 27, 2024

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July 3, 2024

**Transportation COP Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern**

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*This is the meeting for the ALIVE Transportation Community of Practice. This meeting is open for ALIVE members and all volunteer engagement professionals (first one is free, the subsequent will be for members only).*

*The call will last one hour and will focus specifically on volunteer programs with transportation as a volunteer role.*

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*We look forward to connecting with you!*

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## **Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern**

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*This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those involved in managing volunteers or programs in health care settings such as hospitals, hospice, Blood Banks, Health care facilities, long-term health centers, etc. Health care can have some unique situations, requirements, and environments for volunteers! Join your colleagues in discussion about your questions, situations, needs, and share your experiences with others as well. Let's support each other!*

*Upon registering, we will email you the meeting log in information (and a reminder, too).  
(All times Noon E)*

*2024: Jan 11, Mar 14, May 16, July 11, Sept 12, Nov 14*

*January topic: Data Collection: What do you want to measure in 2024?*

*March topic: Volunteer Recognition*

*May topic: Summer teens*

*July topic: Creating / Utilizing a Volunteer Advisory Council*

*September topic: Lessons Learned From Falling Flat*

*November topic: Creating/Utilizing a Mentor Program*

*For more information about this COP, please contact Marie Howell, Health Care COP facilitator.*

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

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July 15, 2024

## **Museums & Cultural Institutions COP**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

*Museums & Cultural Institutions Community of Practice:*

*This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those managing volunteers in museums, galleries, cultural and arts centers. Join us as we discuss and share insights and experiences that we are all having in the arts education/enrichment communities. COVID has posed certain challenges and changes for us all so let's rely on each other for ideas and inspiration! This will be a time for networking, sharing ideas, asking questions, and brainstorming with your peers.*

*\*Note, new dates & times\**

*2024: Jan 18, Mar 21, May 13, July 15, September 16- all dates Noon Eastern*

*May 13 - Part of our discussion will be a AAMV conference preview*

*July 15 - Part of our discussion will be an AAMV conference recap*

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*AL!VE Parks & Recreation Community of Practice*

*The Parks & Recreation Lunch and Learn COP is designed to include a broad range of topics regarding urban and rural parks, botanical gardens, parks, and nature preserves. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices.*

*This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer engagement professionals in the Parks & Rec field. Bring your lunch/brunch and beverage! If you're not sure if you fit with us, please join us!*

*This COP is facilitated by*

*Meagan Patterson, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Volunteer Manager*

*Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator*

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*For more information please contact:*

*Megan Patterson*

*Yvonne Dunphe*

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### **Volunteer Programs in Local Government COP**

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*Let's talk about Government volunteer programs. This community of practice discusses the challenge and successes of operating a volunteer program within a government structure.*

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July 22, 2024

**National Networks COP Jan 22, Mar 25, May 20, Jul 22, Sep 23, Nov 25**

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

*National Networks COP:*

*Those working at a national level face different issues than those operating on a local or regional level. Often national level leaders are engaged in big picture, strategic or policy decision-making. Sometimes those operating at a national level don't work directly with volunteers, but rather help empower others in their organizations who do. Join the discussion to connect and learn from others working nationally. We invite anyone looking to brainstorm around the unique issues facing volunteer leaders on a national level. This COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.*

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**Virtual event using Zoom**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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August 7, 2024

### **Advisory Boards & Committees COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

*The Advisory Boards & Committees COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.*

*Meeting times are 3 PM Eastern on:*

*2024: February 7, May 1, August 7, November 6*

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01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*Faith Based Volunteer Programs - 1 Pm Eastern*

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**AmeriCorps Seniors COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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### **Literacy COP**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

*Literacy Community of Practice is a group of professionals with the interest of improving literacy levels for youth and adults. We convene bimonthly to offer support, share best practices, provide a safe space for discussion, and networking. For more information contact Brandy Tolbert, or Facilitators.*

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August 27, 2024

**Animal Welfare COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months) with the first meeting on Wednesday, April 28th at 8-9pm ET (5-6pm PT). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:*

*2024: February 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 23, Oct 25, Dec 27*

*The COP - Animal Welfare is designed to include a broad range of animal welfare organizations such as animal shelters, rescue groups, foster-based programs, sanctuaries, direct care for animals, and humane education programs. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices. This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer leaders in the animal welfare field.*

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September 12, 2024

## **Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern**

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*This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those involved in managing volunteers or programs in health care settings such as hospitals, hospice, Blood Banks, Health care facilities, long-term health centers, etc. Health care can have some unique situations, requirements, and environments for volunteers! Join your colleagues in discussion about your questions, situations, needs, and share your experiences with others as well. Let's support each other!*

*Upon registering, we will email you the meeting log in information (and a reminder, too).  
(All times Noon E)*

*2024: Jan 11, Mar 14, May 16, July 11, Sept 12, Nov 14*

*January topic: Data Collection: What do you want to measure in 2024?*

*March topic: Volunteer Recognition*

*May topic: Summer teens*

*July topic: Creating / Utilizing a Volunteer Advisory Council*

*September topic: Lessons Learned From Falling Flat*

*November topic: Creating/Utilizing a Mentor Program*

*For more information about this COP, please contact Marie Howell, Health Care COP facilitator.*

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

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September 12, 2024

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September 13, 2024

**ALIVE Networking Social - All Are Welcome!**

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM EST

*All are welcome to join our quarterly networking social for anyone involved in Volunteer Engagement.*

*All Volunteer Engagement Professionals are welcome to attend a networking social event, quarterly at 5 pm Eastern for 45 minutes. Feel free to leave early or come late as your schedule allows. Connect and network with your peers for live discussions - ask questions and let us know what's on your mind!*

*All times Eastern:*

*March 28*

*June 17*

*September 13*

*December 4*

*When you register, we will send the meeting information, and you'll be signed up for the following sessions for the rest of the year. You can always opt out by emailing us.*

*Door prizes, networking and camaraderie will be on hand. Don't miss it!*

*Open to all in the field of volunteer engagement. We look forward to seeing you!*

September 16, 2024

## **Museums & Cultural Institutions COP**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

*Museums & Cultural Institutions Community of Practice:*

*This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those managing volunteers in museums, galleries, cultural and arts centers. Join us as we discuss and share insights and experiences that we are all having in the arts education/enrichment communities. COVID has posed certain challenges and changes for us all so let's rely on each other for ideas and inspiration! This will be a time for networking, sharing ideas, asking questions, and brainstorming with your peers.*

*\*Note, new dates & times\**

*2024: Jan 18, Mar 21, May 13, July 15, September 16- all dates Noon Eastern*

*May 13 - Part of our discussion will be a AAMV conference preview*

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02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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*here [https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board\\_list.php](https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board_list.php) (Must be signed in to Member Log In). This is where we can share best practices, ask questions, brag, vent and connect.*

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*AL!VE Parks & Recreation Community of Practice*

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*This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer engagement professionals in the Parks & Rec field. Bring your lunch/brunch and beverage! If you're not sure if you fit with us, please join us!*

*This COP is facilitated by*

*Meagan Patterson, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Volunteer Manager*

*Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator*

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September 23, 2024

**National Networks COP Jan 22, Mar 25, May 20, Jul 22, Sep 23, Nov 25**

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

*National Networks COP:*

*Those working at a national level face different issues than those operating on a local or regional level. Often national level leaders are engaged in big picture, strategic or policy decision-making. Sometimes those operating at a national level don't work directly with volunteers, but rather help empower others in their organizations who do. Join the discussion to connect and learn from others working nationally. We invite anyone looking to brainstorm around the unique issues facing volunteer leaders on a national level. This COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.*

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**5th Annual Summit**

*Date: Wednesday, October 30, 10am PT/1pm ET*

*Topics: Round table topics to be voted on by registrants*

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**Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become Certified in Volunteer**

**[https://hubs.li/Q01R-HH\\_0](https://hubs.li/Q01R-HH_0)**

09:30 AM - 10:30 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 14129308048

outreach@cvacert.org

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*Certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA) is an international professional certification in the field of volunteer resources management*

*In this session, you will learn about the CCVA, why certification may be right for you, how the exam is created, what the application, preparation, and certification process is, and when you will be ready.*



October 1, 2024

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October 2, 2024

**Transportation COP Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*This is the meeting for the ALIVE Transportation Community of Practice. This meeting is open for ALIVE members and all volunteer engagement professionals (first one is free, the subsequent will be for members only).*

*The call will last one hour and will focus specifically on volunteer programs with transportation as a volunteer role.*

*After registering, you'll be emailed a zoom link to the event. We will send a reminder too!*

*We look forward to connecting with you!*

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*Calls will be held on*

*All times Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern*

*2024 dates: January 3, April 3, July 3 & October 2*

October 9, 2024

**AmeriCorps Seniors COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

*This COP is for those managing an AmeriCorps Seniors program(s) as a grantee or sponsor. This includes Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), and SCP (Senior Companion Program. Join us as we are a sounding board for sharing best practices and resources that are unique to federal grants and the older volunteers we work alongside.*

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October 9, 2024

**CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

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October 10, 2024

**Faith Based COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*Faith Based Volunteer Programs - 1 Pm Eastern*

*This will be beneficial for anyone who is involved in faith based volunteer programs. There will be open discussion, topics presented for discussion and time to share training information and resources. Some of the topics we will cover are: Recruiting today's volunteers, Managing today's volunteers, and Leading today's volunteers.*

*Your thoughts and experiences are valued. We can learn so much from each other!*

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October 15, 2024

### **Rural Programs COP (managing programs in Rural or Frontier Communities)**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

*This virtual Community of Practice supports volunteer engagement professionals managing programs in and across rural communities. These monthly peer-to-peer sessions address some of the challenges that come with operating in geographic areas with lower population numbers and that are located outside of more suburban and urban areas. Members use these sessions to troubleshoot issues, to give and receive support, and to share strategies, best practices, and resources for effective volunteer program management.*

*2024 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):*

*January 16, February 20, March 19,*

*April 16, May 21, June 18,*

*July 16, August 20, September 17,*

*October 15, November 19, December 17*

*To register for these dates, see the link below.*

*COP's are an exclusive ALIVE member benefit. Anyone is welcome to attend the first COP meeting, but after the first meeting we ask you become a member. Learn more here.*

October 15, 2024

### **Literacy COP**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

*Literacy Community of Practice is a group of professionals with the interest of improving literacy levels for youth and adults. We convene bimonthly to offer support, share best practices, provide a safe space for discussion, and networking. For more information contact Brandy Tolbert, or Facilitators.*

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October 17, 2024

### **Volunteer Programs in Local Government COP**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

*Let's talk about Government volunteer programs. This community of practice discusses the challenge and successes of operating a volunteer program within a government structure.*

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02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

*NEW! Disability COP*

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*We'll compare & contrast best practices helping each other shine.*

*We'll speak to the benefits of volunteering for a disability organization as well as helping those who are disabled volunteer.*

*We'll share what disability organizations wish others understood while recognizing that intersectionality and language matters.*

*Each month, we'll host different topics and perhaps guest speakers tailoring this COP to meet our needs. Join us!*

*Meeting monthly – the third Thursday each month – at 2 pm EST/1 pm CST/12 pm MST/11 am PST*

*For 2024, JUN 20; JUL 18; AUG 15; SEP 19; OCT 17; NOV 14; DEC 19.*

*Starting in 2025 with JAN 16*

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08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

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October 22, 2024

**Animal Welfare COP**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

*Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months) with the first meeting on Wednesday, April 28th at 8-9pm ET (5-6pm PT). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:*

*2024: February 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 23, Oct 25, Dec 27*

*The COP - Animal Welfare is designed to include a broad range of animal welfare organizations such as animal shelters, rescue groups, foster-based programs, sanctuaries, direct care for animals, and humane education programs. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices. This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer leaders in the animal welfare field.*

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*October 22, 2024 Pacific/Mountain time zones*

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October 29, 2024

**AL!VE Member Webinar - All are welcome! October 29, 2 PM Eastern**

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

*Meet your peers and colleagues at an AL!VE Member webinar!*

*October 29, 2 PM Eastern*

*In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:*

*Member benefits*

*Resources & where to find them*

*Associations goals for 2024*

*Discuss what's happening in the field on a regional or national level*

*Bring your own topic - have a question you need to discuss? We're happy to connect.*

*All members are invited to attend! Considering membership? You're also welcome to attend to learn more.*

*Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are about six weeks apart.*

*We look forward to seeing you online!*

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12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

*Museums & Cultural Institutions Community of Practice:*

*This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those managing volunteers in museums, galleries, cultural and arts centers. Join us as we discuss and share insights and experiences that we are all having in the arts education/enrichment communities. COVID has posed certain challenges and changes for us all so let's rely on each other for ideas and inspiration! This will be a time for networking, sharing ideas, asking questions, and brainstorming with your peers.*

*\*Note, new dates & times\**

*2024: Jan 18, Mar 21, May 13, July 15, September 16- all dates Noon Eastern*

*May 13 - Part of our discussion will be a AAMV conference preview*

*July 15 - Part of our discussion will be an AAMV conference recap*

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November 6, 2024

### **November ALIVE Academy - Save the Date**

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

*Description and presenters TBA*

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**Advisory Boards & Committees COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

*The Advisory Boards & Committees COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.*

*Meeting times are 3 PM Eastern on:*

*2024: February 7, May 1, August 7, November 6*

*For more information, contact COP facilitator Marcelle Austin.*

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November 14, 2024

## **Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern**

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*This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those involved in managing volunteers or programs in health care settings such as hospitals, hospice, Blood Banks, Health care facilities, long-term health centers, etc. Health care can have some unique situations, requirements, and environments for volunteers! Join your colleagues in discussion about your questions, situations, needs, and share your experiences with others as well. Let's support each other!*

*Upon registering, we will email you the meeting log in information (and a reminder, too).  
(All times Noon E)*

*2024: Jan 11, Mar 14, May 16, July 11, Sept 12, Nov 14*

*January topic: Data Collection: What do you want to measure in 2024?*

*March topic: Volunteer Recognition*

*May topic: Summer teens*

*July topic: Creating / Utilizing a Volunteer Advisory Council*

*September topic: Lessons Learned From Falling Flat*

*November topic: Creating/Utilizing a Mentor Program*

*For more information about this COP, please contact Marie Howell, Health Care COP facilitator.*

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

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## **Emergency Response Volunteer Programs COP**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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*Join in the conversation about volunteers programs that manages volunteers who respond during an emergency. This is a very broad range from citizen corps, Red Cross, government, state, federal and non-profit. Share success and struggles during blue skies, gray skies and black skies. How to keep your volunteers engaged year around when things are (enter Q word here). Between meetings, share burning questions or share resources on the Emergency Response Volunteer Programs message board*

*here [https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board\\_list.php](https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board_list.php) (Must be signed in to Member Log In). This is where we can share best practices, ask questions, brag, vent and connect.*

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**<https://hubs.li/Q01R-Hns0>**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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*Certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA) is an international professional certification in the field of volunteer resources management*

*In this session, you will learn about the CCVA, why certification may be right for you, how the exam is created, what the application, preparation, and certification process is, and when you will be ready.*

November 21, 2024

**Parks & Recreation COP**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

*AL!VE Parks & Recreation Community of Practice*

*The Parks & Recreation Lunch and Learn COP is designed to include a broad range of topics regarding urban and rural parks, botanical gardens, parks, and nature preserves. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices.*

*This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer engagement professionals in the Parks & Rec field. Bring your lunch/brunch and beverage! If you're not sure if you fit with us, please join us!*

*This COP is facilitated by*

*Meagan Patterson, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Volunteer Manager*

*Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator*

*This COP will meet from noon-1pm Eastern.*

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*For more information please contact:*

*Megan Patterson*

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November 25, 2024

**National Networks COP Jan 22, Mar 25, May 20, Jul 22, Sep 23, Nov 25**

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

*National Networks COP:*

*Those working at a national level face different issues than those operating on a local or regional level. Often national level leaders are engaged in big picture, strategic or policy decision-making. Sometimes those operating at a national level don't work directly with volunteers, but rather help empower others in their organizations who do. Join the discussion to connect and learn from others working nationally. We invite anyone looking to brainstorm around the unique issues facing volunteer leaders on a national level. This COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.*

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*Jan 22, Mar 25, May 20, Jul 22, Sep 23, Nov 25*

*If you have any questions, please contact Sheri Wilensky Burke, COP Facilitator.*

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December 3, 2024

**Food Banks COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

*Join your peers for discussions for those who manage food banks, hunger organizations, or nutrition programs. This COP will meet Quarterly, on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.*

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*2024 Dates:*

*Jan 2*

*Feb 6*

*Mar 5*

*Apr 2*

*May 7*

*Jun 4*

*Jul 2*

*Aug 6*

*Sep 3*

*Oct 1*

*Nov 5*

*Dec 3*

*For more information, contact facilitator Elizabeth Garrabrant.*

*To register, please continue with this form. You'll receive the log in information and reminders after registration.*

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December 4, 2024

**ALIVE Networking Social - All Are Welcome!**

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM EST

*All are welcome to join our quarterly networking social for anyone involved in Volunteer Engagement.*

*All Volunteer Engagement Professionals are welcome to attend a networking social event, quarterly at 5 pm Eastern for 45 minutes. Feel free to leave early or come late as your schedule allows. Connect and network with your peers for live discussions - ask questions and let us know what's on your mind!*

*All times Eastern:*

*March 28*

*June 17*

*September 13*

*December 4*

*When you register, we will send the meeting information, and you'll be signed up for the following sessions for the rest of the year. You can always opt out by emailing us.*

*Door prizes, networking and camaraderie will be on hand. Don't miss it!*

*Open to all in the field of volunteer engagement. We look forward to seeing you!*

December 4, 2024

**CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST

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December 10, 2024

**ALIVE Member Webinar - All are welcome! December 10, 2 PM Eastern**

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

*Meet your peers and colleagues at an ALIVE Member webinar!*

*December 10, 2 PM Eastern*

*In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:*

*Member benefits*

*Resources & where to find them*

*Associations goals for 2024*

*Discuss what's happening in the field on a regional or national level*

*Bring your own topic - have a question you need to discuss? We're happy to connect.*

*All members are invited to attend! Considering membership? You're also welcome to attend to learn more.*

*Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are about six weeks apart.*

*We look forward to seeing you online!*

December 11, 2024

**AmeriCorps Seniors COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

*This COP is for those managing an AmeriCorps Seniors program(s) as a grantee or sponsor. This includes Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), and SCP (Senior Companion Program). Join us as we are a sounding board for sharing best practices and resources that are unique to federal grants and the older volunteers we work alongside.*

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01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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**Literacy COP**

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*Literacy Community of Practice is a group of professionals with the interest of improving literacy levels for youth and adults. We convene bimonthly to offer support, share best practices, provide a safe space for discussion, and networking. For more information contact Brandy Tolbert, or Facilitators.*

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*2024: February 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 23, Oct 25, Dec 27*

*The COP - Animal Welfare is designed to include a broad range of animal welfare organizations such as animal shelters, rescue groups, foster-based programs, sanctuaries, direct care for animals, and humane education programs. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices. This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer leaders in the animal welfare field.*

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*This COP is for those leading volunteerism within the field of disability. Our conversations are aimed at prioritizing issues aimed at improving the lives and rights of those disabled. It's at the heart of why we do what we do.*

*We'll compare & contrast best practices helping each other shine.*

*We'll speak to the benefits of volunteering for a disability organization as well as helping those who are disabled volunteer.*

*We'll share what disability organizations wish others understood while recognizing that intersectionality and language matters.*

*Each month, we'll host different topics and perhaps guest speakers tailoring this COP to meet our needs. Join us!*

*Meeting monthly – the third Thursday each month – at 2 pm EST/1 pm CST/12 pm MST/11 am PST*

*For 2024, JUN 20; JUL 18; AUG 15; SEP 19; OCT 17; NOV 14; DEC 19.*

*Starting in 2025 with JAN 16*

*Facilitated by Mark Heffner, CVA (He/Him)*

*New York - Atlantic Region*

*Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at ADAPT Community Network (formally United Cerebral Palsy NYC)*

*Mark has led volunteers for more than 20 years in the areas of cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and homelessness. prior to choosing volunteerism as his career, Mark taught Special Education for those who are disable or differently abled. In his current role, he is able to do both! His role was created to build a volunteer program with serve those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in an agency setting.*

*\*note\* When you register, you will automatically be registered for all the future COP dates (listed below) and reminders will be sent - the COP will use the same zoom link. ?You may opt out by emailing [manager@volunteeralive.org](mailto:manager@volunteeralive.org).*

*Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit; however, anyone is welcome to attend their first meeting with out being a member. After your first meeting, we request you join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.*