

Calendar of Events

April 23, 2024

Animal Welfare COP

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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April 23, 2024

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 14129308048

outreach@cvacert.org

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April 24, 2024
- April 26, 2024

America's Service Commission National Service Training

Varies - see website

Save the Dates: 2024 National Service Training

See you in Minneapolis or online!

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May 1, 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

For more information, contact COP facilitator Marcelle Austin.

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May 3, 2024

May ALIVE Academy: Exploring the Career Pathways of Volunteer Administrators Presented I

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

*May ALIVE Academy: Exploring the Career Pathways of Volunteer Administrators
Presented by Dr. Allison Russell and Kayla Parker, University of Texas at Dallas*

Dr. Allison Russell and Kayla Parker will discuss the findings of a recent study they conducted on the career pathways of volunteer administrators.

They interviewed over 50 volunteer administrators, discussing how they became volunteer administrators, what skills they need to succeed, and professional development in the field.

About our presenters:

Dr. Allison Russell is an assistant professor in the Public and Nonprofit Management Program at the University of Texas at Dallas. Her scholarly work focuses on topics including nonprofit management, volunteerism, and social innovation.

Kayla Parker is a second year Ph.D student in the Public and Nonprofit Management Program at the University of Texas at Dallas. The focus of her studies are nonprofit management and volunteerism.

ALIVE Academy Webinars are free for Individual, Agency and Local Association members. The general public is welcome to attend, but will be billed \$25 after attending 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.

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Feb 6

Mar 5

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May 7

Jun 4

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Sep 3

Oct 1

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For more information, contact facilitator Elizabeth Garrabrant.

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May 9, 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 9, 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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May 9, 2024

ALIVE Member Webinar - All are welcome!

01:30 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Meet your peers and colleagues at an ALIVE Member webinar!

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!

May 13, 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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May 15, 2024
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Virginia Volunteerism Summit

Coming Soon!

09:00 AM - 03:30 PM EST

Alexander Vanik, 703-727-2418

alexander.vanik@dss.virginia.gov

Taking place virtually on May 15-16, the 2024 Virginia Volunteerism Summit is Virginia's leading event for organizations and individuals making a difference in their communities. Hosted by Serve Virginia and the Virginia Service Foundation, this year's Summit will re-energize your passion for service through opportunities to connect with peers and learn from experts in the field!

Keynote speakers include Breana Dorelus, an AmeriCorps alum and founder of Connecting the Cause, and Sue Carter Kahl, a nationally-known expert in volunteer engagement. In addition, attendees will participate in multiple hands-on workshops each day as well as virtual networking opportunities and resource-sharing.

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Book Club COP 2024 March & April book: Set Boundaries, Find Peace: A Guide to Reclaiming

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<https://hubs.li/Q01R-Gys0>

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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.

NAVPLG Webinar: Dismantling the Stigma Around Court-Ordered Service and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

Virtual via Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Marcia Hale, N/A

education@navplg.org

About the Webinar:

Each year, millions of Americans interact with our criminal justice system. The vast majority of these individuals will be compelled to complete community service hours as a part of their sentence- often in exchange for reducing fines or avoiding incarceration. While originally well-intentioned, court-ordered service programs often place undue burdens on folks who live at the intersection of multiple marginalized identities. For those convicted of crimes and recently released from incarceration, their first foothold back into the community is often nonprofit organizations, and yet, the opportunities for volunteers with criminal records are quite limited, and the amount of mandatory hours often creates financial hardship.

In this session we will discuss the history of community service & diversion programs, the staggering economic value that these individuals provide to the third sector, concerns around exploitation of this compelled labor, and ways we can provide more meaningful community service to reduce recidivism rates.

In this training, you will learn:

Understand the historical context and evolution of court-ordered community service programs, including their initial intentions and their impact on individuals with intersecting marginalized identities.

Identify the economic and societal contributions of individuals completing court-ordered service, while exploring the ethical concerns regarding the potential exploitation of compelled labor within these programs, especially in light of the barriers returning community members face in seeking employment.

Explore actionable strategies and frameworks to create more meaningful, skill-building, and impactful community service opportunities, aiming to reduce recidivism rates and foster positive reintegration for individuals with criminal records.

Facilitators:

Bex Takacs-Britz (they/them/theirs) is a nonprofit strategist and inclusion advocate from Grand Rapids, Michigan. They hold a Bachelors of Science in public and nonprofit administration from Grand Valley State University. Professionally, Bex has spent the past decade focused on fund development for nonprofits spanning the entire US, from small shop to internationally-scaled organizations. They earned their CNP in 2021, their CFRE in 2022, and their ACNP in 2023. Outside of their day work, Bex is the President & founder of Welcome Home Neighbors, a community re-entry support program. Bex has a focused interest in creating inclusive and accessible workplaces and volunteer spaces.

Chris Boden is a passionate polymath with a storied life. He founded a little Makerspace that turned out to be kinda popular, wrote a few books, made a few videos that some people liked, survived being tossed into two different Federal prisons, and has lived a life through a lens throwing lightning bolts in front of thousands of people for decades. He's a professional weirdo and rational optimist who is trying to balance misanthropy with philanthropy

May 16, 2024

Parks & Recreation COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

ALIVE 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

Yvonne Dunphe

May 16, 2024

NCAVA May Mini-Conference for Leaders of Volunteers

Honor Bridge

7000 Milhouse Road

Chapel Hill, NC 27516

09:30 AM - 04:00 PM EST

Mary Owens, 919-996-3292

publications@ncava.net

Join us for an enriching day of professional development at the 2024 Mini-Conference for Leaders of Volunteers!

May 20, 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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All times 2:30 Eastern

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May 21, 2024

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

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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June 11, 2024

Save the Date! Houston Points of Light Networking Session hosted by ALIVE, Better Impact,

07:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST

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Points of Light Networking Session hosted by ALIVE, Better Impact, CCVA, Volunteer Houston, and Volunteer Match

June 11, 2024 - 7 PM Central

You won't want to miss this event, so mark your calendars NOW! Details will be coming soon.

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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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

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!

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Emergency Response Volunteer Programs COP

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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 (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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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 ALIVE 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

ALIVE 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:

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June 27, 2024

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Virtual event using Zoom

08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

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July 3, 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

July 10, 2024

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Book Club COP 2024 March & April book: Set Boundaries, Find Peace: A Guide to Reclaiming

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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

Yvonne Dunphe

July 18, 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.

All times 2 PM Eastern for 1 hour.

2024: Jan 18, April 18, July 18, Oct 17

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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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All times 2:30 Eastern

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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July 22, 2024

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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

For more information, contact COP facilitator Marcelle Austin.

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August 14, 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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Literacy COP

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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02:00 PM - 03:00 PM MST

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Animal Welfare COP

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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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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ALIVE Networking Social - All Are Welcome!

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM EST

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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

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September 18, 2024

ALIVE Member Webinar - All are welcome! September 18, 3 PM Eastern

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Meet your peers and colleagues at an ALIVE Member webinar!

September 18, 1 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.

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September 19, 2024

Emergency Response Volunteer Programs COP

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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September 19, 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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2024: March 21, May 16, July 18, Septmeber 19, Novmeber 21

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For more information please contact:

Megan Patterson

Yvonne Dunphe

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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All times 2:30 Eastern

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

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

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Q3 COP

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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

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September 25, 2024

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

https://hubs.li/Q01R-HH_0

09:30 AM - 10:30 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 14129308048

outreach@cvacert.org

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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.

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Feb 6

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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!

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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

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Virtual event using Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 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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October 16, 2024

Book Club COP 2024 March & April book: Set Boundaries, Find Peace: A Guide to Reclaiming

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM MST

All 2024 dates: Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 20, April 17, May 15, June 12, July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18, Oct 16

March & April Book Club: Set Boundaries, Find Peace: A Guide to Reclaiming Yourself by Nedra Glover Tawwab

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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.

All times 2 PM Eastern for 1 hour.

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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

Volunteer Managers Hybrid Conference (VMHC) "Creating Influence In Your Organization: Thi

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Volunteer Managers Hybrid Conference (VMHC)

"Creating Influence In Your Organization: Thinking Beyond A Seat At The Table"

October 22, 2024 Pacific/Mountain time zones

What is a Hybrid Conference?

Our presenters and crew present the them in a unique and fun way. We 'live stream' direct to you with an opportunity to discuss and share locally and internationally throughout the day. This one-day conference is presented two separate days to accommodate time zones in North America. Nearly 50 remote locations in the US, Australia, and Canada participate with nearly 1000 attendees over the two-day period during past conferences.

Presentations from dynamic, knowledgeable, and engaging trainers are live streamed to your local group. A local facilitator guides group discussions in concert with the trainers. Your group provides a location with access to a high speed internet connection, a screen, a local facilitator, handouts, and lunch/snacks for your group.

Individual registrants will be hosted by representatives from AL!VE and VMPC, and small group discussions will be in similiar cohorts.

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Q3 COP

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November 4, 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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November 5, 2024

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Virtual event using Zoom

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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November 6, 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.

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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

Noon Eastern

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 9, 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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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.

**note* When you register, you will be automatically be registered for all the future COP dates (listed below) and reminders will be sent - the COP will use the same zoom link every meeting.*

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2024: March 21, May 16, July 18, Septmeber 19, Novmeber 21

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For more information please contact:

Megan Patterson

Yvonne Dunphe

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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All times 2:30 Eastern

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.

Remember, you need to register for each event listed individually.

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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

Ashley Rieser, 14129308048

outreach@cvacert.org

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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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December 16, 2024

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December 17, 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.

December 17, 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.

2024: Feb 20, April 16, June 18, Aug 20, Oct 15, Dec 17

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December 24, 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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