

Calendar of Events

April 1, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

April 2, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

April 7, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,

executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. [Register Here.](#)

April 8, 2025
- April 10, 2025

America's Service Commissions 2025 National Service Training (NST)

Varies - see website
See you in Atlanta or online!

America's Service Commissions, in partnership with state and territorial service commissions, is pleased to announce the dates for 2025 National Service Training (NST).

Please consider joining us in-person or online!

*April 8-10, 2025 · Atlanta, GA
April 29 - May 1, 2025 · Virtual*

The primary audiences for NST are AmeriCorps State program and fiscal staff, state and territorial service commission staff, and commissioners. While not a primary audience, all other streams of national service — including National, Native Nations, VISTA, NCCC, Seniors, and VGF — are welcome and invited to attend.

Stay tuned for venue and lodging, call for proposals, and sponsorship details later this summer!

We will update our event website as more information is available.

April 10, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

April 10, 2025

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.

2025: Feb 13, Apr 10, Jun 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit; however, anyone is welcome to attend their first meeting with out being a member. NAVPLG members can attend anytime for free as part of our partnership

After your first meeting, we request you join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

**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*

April 10, 2025

Animal Welfare COP

<https://marylandzoo-org.zoom.us/j/87991438502?pwd=v4DJyXdRQD6L8Eas784zmuCbmJ83LB.1>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:

2025: February 13, April 10, June 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

April 15, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

Click here to join the next meeting.

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.

April 16, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

April 16, 2025

**New Volunteer Information Sessions
Zoom Meeting**

,
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST
Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438
info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!

April 16, 2025

April ALIVE Academy: Small Wins, Big Impact: Managing Partnerships in Volunteer Engagement
zoom

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Carol Ayars, 8043433047

cayars@youraaa.org

April ALIVE Academy: Small Wins, Big Impact: Managing Partnerships in Volunteer

Engagement: Meagan Patterson, CVA - April 16, 2025 @ 1:00 PM - 60 Minutes

As volunteer professionals, we play a pivotal role in fostering collaboration and building meaningful connections with volunteers and organizations alike. Managing partnerships is a crucial aspect of effective volunteer engagement and something that should be considered as part of your overall volunteer plan. Building and maintaining fruitful relationships with partner organizations can amplify the impact of volunteer efforts, enhance community outreach, and foster a sense of shared purpose. In this presentation, we'll explore how partnerships can enhance our personal and professional growth while creating a positive impact for our volunteers and organization. Let's embrace collaboration, celebrate diversity, and unlock our full potential as leaders of volunteers.

About Our Presenter

As Senior Manager, Operations & Volunteer Engagement, Meagan took the lead in building Gateway Arch Park Foundation's co-managed volunteer program with the National Park Service. Today, she manages over 300 volunteers who donate approximately 5,000 hours annually.

Meagan is a leader in the field of volunteer management locally and nationally. She serves as the President of the Metropolitan Volunteer Manager Association with the mission to promote and enhance the field of volunteer management for its members in St. Louis. She also leads a Parks & Recreation Community of Practice and serves on the Programs and Advocacy Committee for the Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (ALIVE). She is a 2023 ALIVE Presenter Boot Camp Graduate.

Meagan holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Southern Indiana and an M.A. in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband Hunter, and two pets, Paisley(dog) and Sundae (cat). She also loves to cook, go to concerts and travel.

April 22, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

April 24, 2025

Book Club COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

ALIVE's Book Club Community of Practice brings volunteer engagement professionals together to explore insightful books, share perspectives and connect through meaningful discussions that inspire growth & innovation.

Be sure to add this event to your calendar and sign up for your email reminder below before joining for the event!

The Book Club COP is a paid member benefit. Not a member yet? [Click here to join now!](#)

April 28, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

April 29, 2025
- May 1, 2025

America's Service Commissions National Service Training (ONLINE)

Varies - see website

See you in Atlanta or online!

America's Service Commissions, in partnership with state and territorial service commissions, is pleased to announce the dates for 2025 National Service Training (NST).

Please consider joining us in-person or online!

*April 8-10, 2025 · Atlanta, GA
April 29 - May 1, 2025 · Virtual*

The primary audiences for NST are AmeriCorps State program and fiscal staff, state and territorial service commission staff, and commissioners. While not a primary audience, all other streams of national service — including National, Native Nations, VISTA, NCCC, Seniors, and VGF — are welcome and invited to attend.

Stay tuned for venue and lodging, call for proposals, and sponsorship details later this summer!

We will update our event website as more information is available.

May 1, 2025

Is Everyone Welcome? Tools to Broaden Volunteer Engagement

<https://cvacert.org/speakersseries/>

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Faiza Venzant, (503) 773-8942

fvenzant@cvacert.org

When segments of the community do not feel welcome in volunteer spaces, they may choose not to engage. Join CCVA's Executive Director Faiza Venzant, CVA as she takes you through Is Everyone Welcome? Tools To Broaden Volunteer Engagement. This field-building toolkit consists of resources to help leaders of volunteers apply an equity lens to the various aspects of their practice. It was created by over 25 CVAs (Certified in Volunteer Administration) in the US and Canada. Attend this session to learn about tools like A Guide for Creating Inclusive Position Descriptions, Broadening Access to Volunteer Opportunities, and the Inclusive Volunteer Recruitment Guide. Learn about relationship-building tools like Encouraging Reflection in Volunteer Opportunities, Getting to Know Volunteers through Values Based Questions, and the Volunteer Motivation Questionnaire. Check out strategic tools like Guiding Questions for Equitable Community Collaboration and Ethical Data Collection.

Learn more about ADEVI at cvacert.org/adevi

May 5, 2025

Education & Reading Programs COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Education & Reading Programs Community of Practice is a group of professionals with the interest of improving reading 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, Facilitator. Register from our calendar on the next available date.

2025: January 6, March 3, May 5, July 7

**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*

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

May 5, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,

executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. Register Here.

May 5, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

May 6, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

May 7, 2025

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 Teams Meeting Link

We look forward to connecting with you!

**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.*

?You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

Calls will be held on

All times Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern

2025 dates: February 12, May 7, August 6, November 5

May 7, 2025

Local Impact Summit - San Diego

County of San Diego, County Operations Center

5520 Overland Avenue

San Diego, CA 92123

09:30 AM - 03:00 PM PST

Faiza Venzant, 9517196028

Faizavenzant@gmail.com

Join the National Association of Volunteer Program Leaders in Government (NAVPLG) and its co-hosts—the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration based for a for a transformative day of exploration, learning, and collaboration at the NAVPLG Local Impact Summit.

This San Diego summit centers on "From the Personal to the Professional: Examining Access to Volunteerism," a theme that delves into the ways personal and systemic biases can shape volunteer programs and practices, and how organizations can evolve to foster true welcome and belonging.

May 7, 2025
- May 9, 2025

Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinators Association 54th Annual Conference: Find Your Spark!

Double Tree by Hilton, Pleasant Prairie

11800 108th Street

Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM CST

Kathy Snell, 7154701217

wvcaconference@gmail.com

Join fellow Volunteer professionals at the 2025 WVCA Annual Conference. New this year will be a 3-hour pre-conference workshop lead by Traci Lato-Smith, designed to help you engage volunteers in your organization. This session will begin Wednesday afternoon and wrap up with our annual Wednesday Welcome.

Return on Thursday morning as we kick off the day with artist, author and professional speaker, Jason Kotecki that will lead into an afternoon with Beth Steinhorn. Beth will share ideas and inspiration to foster better recruitment strategies and the ability to leverage the skills and talents of volunteers of all generations.

Be sure to attend the after hour socials for networking, camaraderie and a chance at some incredible prizes!

May 8, 2025

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)

2025: Jan 9, Mar 13, May 8, Jul 10, Sept 11, Nov 13

January topic: The Cost of Volunteering

March topic: Volunteer Appreciation Week

May topic: Summer Student Opportunities

July topic: Including DEI in Volunteer Onboarding

September topic: Terminating a Volunteer

November topic: Making the Worst Volunteer Role More Appealing

Click here to register for the next meeting.

Not an ALIVE Member? Join Now

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try your first session free.

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

Look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about ALIVE Community of Practice, visit our website.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

May 8, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

06:00 AM - 07:00 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

May 13, 2025

Board Members: Equipping, Engaging and Educating your Board for Volunteer Service Virtual, Zoom link will be sent out in advance of the workshop

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST

NOVAA, 360-624-7026

info@novaa.org

Join us for " Board Members: Equipping, Engaging and Educating your Board for Volunteer Service!" Is your nonprofit organization seeking to maximize the impact of board members in their volunteer roles? Join this workshop to learn steps you can take to equip, engage and educate board members so they thrive in leading your organization to fulfill its purpose. Attendees will leave with actionable steps to support board members in their role and tools to empower board members to succeed.

May 13, 2025

May ALIVE Academy: Consider, Evaluate, and Re-imagine: Co-Designing Community-Centered Zoom Webinar

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Carol Ayars, 8155660653

cayars@spancenter.org

May ALIVE Academy: Consider, Evaluate, and Re-imagine: Co-Designing Community-Centered Volunteer Opportunities with Breana Dorelus -Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 @ 2:00 PM - 60 minutes

This workshop offers a reflective approach to designing volunteer opportunities that are rooted in the voices, needs, and strengths of the community. Participants will learn practical methods for engaging communities in the Co-Dreaming process including how to facilitate collaborative conversations, align volunteer roles with community goals, and ensure equity and inclusivity throughout the process. Join Breana Dorelus of Connecting the Cause as we explore how to shift from top-down volunteer planning to shared decision-making, fostering opportunities that empower both volunteers and the community. By the end, you'll have reflective strategies to assess and build impactful volunteer partnerships with neighbors, clients and communities.

About Our Presenter

Breana Dorelus is the Founder and Cause Consultant at Connecting the Cause, a consultancy dedicated to dismantling harmful volunteer practices implemented by organizations and volunteers specifically towards Black communities. She started her career as an AmeriCorps member and spent 10+ years in various volunteer management roles in humanitarian aid efforts, refugee resettlement and ministry. Breana believes in community inclusion in all aspects of the volunteer process, and has dedicated her work to ensuring that service is centered around co-dreaming and not harmful charity. For the past 7 years in her consultancy, she's served as a keynote, speaker, session and webinar host, trainer, and facilitator. Her heart work is connected to seeing others have moments of reckoning and reimagination as they move from charity to Co-Dreaming and has worked with a number of organizations who are on that journey. In her spare time, she loves playing with dinosaurs with her 4 and 2 year old, thrifting, and having a hot matcha latte.

May 16, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

May 20, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

Click here to join the next meeting.

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.

May 21, 2025

Parks & Rec COP

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

This 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 Senior Manager, Operations & Volunteer Engagement, Jenny Garver, Macon County Conservation District Volunteer Coordinator, Callie Le'Au Courtright, CPM, CVA, City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Supervisor, and Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator.

2025 Dates are January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19.

May 21, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

May 21, 2025

Museums & Cultural Institutions COP

04:00 PM - 05:00 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. This COP is hosted by AAMV (American Association of Museum Volunteers) members; all AAMV members may attend.

Note, new dates & times

2025: Jan 13 (only one at noon EST), Mar 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, November 19- all dates 4pm Eastern

Click here to register for the next meeting!

COPs are an ALIVE member benefit.

Not a Member yet? Click here to join.

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try your first session free!

May 21, 2025

New Volunteer Information Sessions Zoom Meeting

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!

May 22, 2025

Book Club COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

ALIVE's Book Club Community of Practice brings volunteer engagement professionals together to explore insightful books, share perspectives and connect through meaningful discussions that inspire growth & innovation.

Be sure to add this event to your calendar and sign up for your email reminder below before joining for the event!

The Book Club COP is a paid member benefit. Not a member yet? Click here to join now!

May 26, 2025

National Networks COP

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.

All times 2:30 Eastern

Jan 27, Mar 24, May 26, July 28, Sept 22, Nov 24

Click here to join the next meeting!

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Mooney or Laura Gray, COP Facilitators.

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit;

Not a member? Click here to join ALIVE.

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try out your first session free.

June 2, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,

executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. Register Here.

June 3, 2025

- June 6, 2025

Points Of Light Conference, New Orleans

Varies - see website

www.pointsoflight.org

June 3, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

June 4, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

June 10, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

June 12, 2025

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.

2025: Feb 13, Apr 10, Jun 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit; however, anyone is welcome to attend their first meeting with out being a member. NAVPLG members can attend anytime for free as part of our partnership

After your first meeting, we request you join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

**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*

June 12, 2025

Animal Welfare COP

<https://marylandzoo-org.zoom.us/j/87991438502?pwd=v4DJyXdRQD6L8Eas784zmuCbmJ83LB.1>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:

2025: February 13, April 10, June 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

June 17, 2025

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 4 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 4:00-4:45 PM Eastern

March 28

June 17

September 12

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 17, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

Click here to join the next meeting.

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.

June 18, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

June 18, 2025

**New Volunteer Information Sessions
Zoom Meeting**

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!

June 24, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

June 24, 2025

**June ALIVE Academy: Best Byes: Mastering Exit Interviews for Volunteers
Zoom Webinar**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Carol Ayars, 8155660653

cayars@spancenter.org

*June ALIVE Academy: Best Byes: Mastering Exit Interviews for Volunteers with
Adrienne Potter Yoe, CVA - Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 @ 1:00 PM - 60 minutes*

Exit interviews can be a goldmine of insights for those at the helm of volunteer programs. In this hour-long session, you'll discover the essential tools to craft and conduct equitable exit interviews, unlocking key feedback to drive meaningful improvements.

About Our Presenter

Adrienne Potter Yoe, CVA is a volunteer engagement professional currently with The Phoenix. With a commitment to making volunteer programs more equitable, Adrienne stepped into a leadership role as the Toolkit Workgroup Lead for the ADEVI project in 2024, guiding a talented team of professionals to develop equity tools for managing volunteer performance management. A 2023 graduate of ALIVE's Presenter's Bootcamp, Adrienne has shared her expertise with the CVA Study Group, co-founded ALIVE's Animal Welfare COP, and served as a presenter for numerous ALIVE events. Holding a Master's in Non-Profit Management from Notre Dame of Maryland University and a CVA certification earned in 2021, she is dedicated to elevating the volunteer experience. Based in the Baltimore area, Adrienne enjoys time with her family and is constantly inspired by her work to create meaningful change.

ALIVE Academies are a paid member benefit.

Not a member yet?

Register here!

June 26, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

June 26, 2025

Book Club COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

ALIVE's Book Club Community of Practice brings volunteer engagement professionals together to explore insightful books, share perspectives and connect through meaningful discussions that inspire growth & innovation.

Be sure to add this event to your calendar and sign up for your email reminder below before joining for the event!

The Book Club COP is a paid member benefit. Not a member yet? [Click here to join now!](#)

July 1, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

July 7, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,
executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. Register Here.

July 7, 2025

Education & Reading Programs COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Education & Reading Programs Community of Practice is a group of professionals with the interest of improving reading 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, Facilitator. Register from our calendar on the next available date.

2025: January 6, March 3, May 5, July 7

**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*

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

July 9, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048
rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

July 10, 2025

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)

2025: Jan 9, Mar 13, May 8, Jul 10, Sept 11, Nov 13

January topic: The Cost of Volunteering

March topic: Volunteer Appreciation Week

May topic: Summer Student Opportunities

July topic: Including DEI in Volunteer Onboarding

September topic: Terminating a Volunteer

November topic: Making the Worst Volunteer Role More Appealing

Click here to register for the next meeting.

Not an ALIVE Member? Join Now

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try your first session free.

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

Look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about ALIVE Community of Practice, visit our website.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

July 15, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

Click here to join the next meeting.

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.

July 16, 2025

Parks & Rec COP

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

This 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 Senior Manager, Operations & Volunteer Engagement, Jenny Garver, Macon Courty Conservation District Volunteer Coordinator, Callie Le'Au Courtright, CPM, CVA, City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Supervisor, and Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator.

2025 Dates are January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19.

July 16, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more [here](#).

July 16, 2025

Museums & Cultural Institutions COP

04:00 PM - 05:00 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. This COP is hosted by AAMV (American Association of Museum Volunteers) members; all AAMV members may attend.

Note, new dates & times

2025: Jan 13 (only one at noon EST), Mar 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, November 19- all dates 4pm Eastern

[Click here to register for the next meeting!](#)

COPs are an ALIVE member benefit.

Not a Member yet? [Click here to join](#).

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try your first session free!

July 16, 2025

**New Volunteer Information Sessions
Zoom Meeting**

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!

July 21, 2025

**CVA Credential Information Session
Virtual event using Zoom**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

July 23, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

July 24, 2025

Book Club COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

ALIVE's Book Club Community of Practice brings volunteer engagement professionals together to explore insightful books, share perspectives and connect through meaningful discussions that inspire growth & innovation.

Be sure to add this event to your calendar and sign up for your email reminder below before joining for the event!

The Book Club COP is a paid member benefit. Not a member yet? [Click here to join now!](#)

July 28, 2025

National Networks COP

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.

All times 2:30 Eastern

Jan 27, Mar 24, May 26, July 28, Sept 22, Nov 24

[Click here to join the next meeting!](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Mooney or Laura Gray, COP Facilitators.

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit;

Not a member? [Click here to join ALIVE.](#)

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteer.ALIVE to try out your first session free.

July 29, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

August 4, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,
executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. Register Here.

August 5, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

August 6, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

August 6, 2025

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 Teams Meeting Link

We look forward to connecting with you!

**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.*

?You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

Calls will be held on

All times Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern

2025 dates: February 12, May 7, August 6, November 5

August 14, 2025

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.

2025: Feb 13, Apr 10, Jun 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit; however, anyone is welcome to attend their first meeting with out being a member. NAVPLG members can attend anytime for free as part of our partnership

After your first meeting, we request you join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

**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*

August 14, 2025

Animal Welfare COP

<https://marylandzoo-org.zoom.us/j/87991438502?pwd=v4DJyXdRQD6L8Eas784zmuCbmJ83LB.1>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:

2025: February 13, April 10, June 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

August 19, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

August 19, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

Click [here](#) to join the next meeting.

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](#).

August 20, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more [here](#).

August 20, 2025

New Volunteer Information Sessions

Zoom Meeting

,
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!

August 21, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

August 28, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

August 28, 2025

Book Club COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

ALIVE's Book Club Community of Practice brings volunteer engagement professionals together to explore insightful books, share perspectives and connect through meaningful discussions that inspire growth & innovation.

Be sure to add this event to your calendar and sign up for your email reminder below before joining for the event!

The Book Club COP is a paid member benefit. Not a member yet? [Click here to join now!](#)

September 2, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

September 3, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,

executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. Register Here.

September 3, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

September 10, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

September 11, 2025

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)*

2025: Jan 9, Mar 13, May 8, Jul 10, Sept 11, Nov 13

January topic: The Cost of Volunteering

March topic: Volunteer Appreciation Week

May topic: Summer Student Opportunities

July topic: Including DEI in Volunteer Onboarding

September topic: Terminating a Volunteer

November topic: Making the Worst Volunteer Role More Appealing

Click here to register for the next meeting.

Not an ALIVE Member? Join Now

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try your first session free.

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

Look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about ALIVE Community of Practice, visit our website.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

September 12, 2025

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 4 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 4:00-4:45 PM Eastern

March 28

June 17

September 12

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, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

[Click here to join the next meeting.](#)

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.](#)

September 17, 2025

Parks & Rec COP

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

This 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 Senior Manager, Operations & Volunteer Engagement, Jenny Garver, Macon County Conservation District Volunteer Coordinator, Callie Le'Au Courtright, CPM, CVA, City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Supervisor, and Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator.

2025 Dates are January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19.

September 17, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

September 17, 2025

Museums & Cultural Institutions COP

04:00 PM - 05:00 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. This COP is hosted by AAMV (American Association of Museum Volunteers) members; all AAMV members may attend.

Note, new dates & times

2025: Jan 13 (only one at noon EST), Mar 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, November 19- all dates 4pm Eastern

Click here to register for the next meeting!

COPs are an ALIVE member benefit.

Not a Member yet? Click here to join.

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try your first session free!

September 17, 2025

New Volunteer Information Sessions Zoom Meeting

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!

September 22, 2025

National Networks COP

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.

All times 2:30 Eastern

Jan 27, Mar 24, May 26, July 28, Sept 22, Nov 24

Click here to join the next meeting!

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Mooney or Laura Gray, COP Facilitators.

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit;

Not a member? Click here to join ALIVE.

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteer.ALIVE to try out your first session free.

September 24, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

September 25, 2025

Book Club COP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

ALIVE's Book Club Community of Practice brings volunteer engagement professionals together to explore insightful books, share perspectives and connect through meaningful discussions that inspire growth & innovation.

Be sure to add this event to your calendar and sign up for your email reminder below before joining for the event!

The Book Club COP is a paid member benefit. Not a member yet? Click here to join now!

October 6, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,
executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. Register Here.

October 7, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

October 8, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

October 9, 2025

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.

2025: Feb 13, Apr 10, Jun 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit; however, anyone is welcome to attend their first meeting with out being a member. NAVPLG members can attend anytime for free as part of our partnership

After your first meeting, we request you join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

**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*

October 9, 2025

Animal Welfare COP

<https://marylandzoo-org.zoom.us/j/87991438502?pwd=v4DJyXdRQD6L8Eas784zmuCbmJ83LB.1>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:

2025: February 13, April 10, June 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

October 14, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

October 15, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more [here](#).

October 15, 2025

New Volunteer Information Sessions

Zoom Meeting

,
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!

October 20, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

October 21, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

Click here to join the next meeting.

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 30, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

November 3, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,

executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. Register Here.

November 4, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

November 4, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

November 5, 2025

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 Teams Meeting Link

We look forward to connecting with you!

**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.*

?You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

Calls will be held on

All times Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern

2025 dates: February 12, May 7, August 6, November 5

November 11, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

November 12, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

November 13, 2025

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)

2025: Jan 9, Mar 13, May 8, Jul 10, Sept 11, Nov 13

January topic: The Cost of Volunteering

March topic: Volunteer Appreciation Week

May topic: Summer Student Opportunities

July topic: Including DEI in Volunteer Onboarding

September topic: Terminating a Volunteer

November topic: Making the Worst Volunteer Role More Appealing

Click here to register for the next meeting.

Not an ALIVE Member? Join Now

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try your first session free.

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

Look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about ALIVE Community of Practice, visit our website.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

November 18, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

Click here to join the next meeting.

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.

November 19, 2025

Parks & Rec COP

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

This 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 Senior Manager, Operations & Volunteer Engagement, Jenny Garver, Macon Courty Conservation District Volunteer Coordinator, Callie Le'Au Courtright, CPM, CVA, City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Supervisor, and Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator.

2025 Dates are January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19.

November 19, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

November 19, 2025

Museums & Cultural Institutions COP

04:00 PM - 05:00 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. This COP is hosted by AAMV (American Association of Museum Volunteers) members; all AAMV members may attend.

Note, new dates & times

2025: Jan 13 (only one at noon EST), Mar 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, November 19- all dates 4pm Eastern

Click here to register for the next meeting!

COPs are an ALIVE member benefit.

Not a Member yet? Click here to join.

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteeralive.org to try your first session free!

November 19, 2025

**New Volunteer Information Sessions
Zoom Meeting**

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!

November 24, 2025

National Networks COP

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.

All times 2:30 Eastern

Jan 27, Mar 24, May 26, July 28, Sept 22, Nov 24

Click here to join the next meeting!

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Mooney or Laura Gray, COP Facilitators.

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit;

Not a member? Click here to join ALIVE.

Want to try before you buy? Email info@volunteer ALIVE to try out your first session free.

December 1, 2025

Career Transition COP

Zoom Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,

executivedirector@volunteeralive.org

If you recently lost your job or feel like you have reached the ceiling at your current organization and are looking to explore opportunities, this COP is for you. ALIVE's Career Transition Community of Practice is a supportive space for volunteer engagement professionals in career transition, offering encouragement, networking, and connections to help you find new opportunities through our community. Register Here.

December 2, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

December 2, 2025

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 Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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

You may opt out by emailing manager@volunteeralive.org

2025 Dates:

Jan 7

Feb 4

Mar 4

Apr 1

May 6

Jun 3

Jul 1

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings.

December 3, 2025

TEST ALIVE Academy

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Test ALIVE Academy

December 4, 2025

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 4 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 4:00-4:45 PM Eastern

March 28

June 17

September 12

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 10, 2025

ALIVE New Member Information Session

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

ALIVE New Member Information Sessions will be held monthly at 3 PM Eastern for 30 minutes.

In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits

Resources & where to find them

Association goals for 2025

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!

Can't make this meeting? Check our calendar for the next date. They are held every month.

We look forward to seeing you online!

December 11, 2025

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.

2025: Feb 13, Apr 10, Jun 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

Communities of Practice are an ALIVE member benefit; however, anyone is welcome to attend their first meeting with out being a member. NAVPLG members can attend anytime for free as part of our partnership

After your first meeting, we request you join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. Learn more about membership here.

**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*

December 11, 2025

Animal Welfare COP

<https://marylandzoo-org.zoom.us/j/87991438502?pwd=v4DJyXdRQD6L8Eas784zmuCbmJ83LB.1>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:

2025: February 13, April 10, June 12, Aug 14, Oct 9, Dec 11

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.

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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more here.

December 15, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

rieser@trustarts.org

Take the next step in your career as a leader of volunteers and become certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA).

Leaders in non-profit organizations and community groups increasingly understand that volunteers can be a critical resource for delivering on a mission. Effective people management and community engagement is imperative – whether they be paid or unpaid. As a result, employers expect that those individuals tasked with mobilizing and coordinating volunteer engagement demonstrate a thorough knowledge of effective practices and an understanding of how to apply that knowledge in support of real-world organizational priorities.

December 16, 2025

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.

2025 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 21, February 18, March 18,

April 15, May 20, June 17,

July 15, August 19, September 16,

October 21, November 18, December 16

Click here to join the next meeting.

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, 2025

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.

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

?You may opt out by emailing 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, you must join as a member to attend subsequent meetings. You can learn more [here](#).

December 17, 2025

New Volunteer Information Sessions

Zoom Meeting

,
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA, 407-504-1438

info@volunteeralive.org

Enhance your professional development and support the profession of volunteer engagement at the same time! Join us for an ALIVE New Volunteer Information Session! This session is your opportunity to learn more about ALIVE, our mission, and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in sharing your skills, learning new ones, or connecting with a community of like-minded professionals, we have opportunities for you! Don't miss this chance to join a dynamic organization that supports leaders in volunteer engagement nationwide. We can't wait to meet you and explore how we can make an impact together!