

## Calendar of Events

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*

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### **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.*

July 9, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

#### **Virtual event using Zoom**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

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July 9, 2025

**What You Don't Know is Holding You Back: The Case for Professional Development (at any stage)**

[https://hubs.li/Q03pQN\\_V0](https://hubs.li/Q03pQN_V0)

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Paula Avila, 1-800-844-1545 x113

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*What You Don't Know is Holding You Back:*

*The Case for Professional Development (at any stage)*

*Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025*

*Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) / 1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

*Presented by: Nicole R. Smith, CVA, Executive Director, Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement*

*Are you coasting in your comfort zone?*

*Whether you're new to your role or decades into your career, there's always more to discover—and it's often the things we don't know that limit us the most.*

*Join Nicole R. Smith, CVA, Executive Director of the Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (ALIVE), for a powerful session on why professional development isn't just a "nice-to-have" — it's a career necessity.*

*In this session, you'll learn how to:*

*Uncover the knowledge gaps that could be slowing you down*

*Create a realistic, personalized career growth plan*

*Understand why saying "I don't have time" can be a death blow to your career*

*Understand that when we grow individually, the entire profession grows exponentially*

*Why Attend?*

*You'll leave this webinar feeling empowered, equipped, and energized to take the next bold step in your professional journey—no matter where you're starting from.*

*Reserve your spot today to learn from a dynamic leader in volunteer engagement, walk away with actionable strategies to fuel your professional growth, and connect with like-minded peers during a lively, interactive Q&A session!*

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.*

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

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

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July 10, 2025

## **Building a Lasting Foundation for Volunteer Engagement**

<https://bit.ly/4kx83Bz>

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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*Building a Lasting Foundation for Volunteer Engagement*

*Brought to you by:*

*Better Impact and Verified First*

*Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025*

*Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

*Guest Speaker: Angela Williamson, Volunteer & Community Relations Specialist, Blood Bank of Delmarva*

*Strong volunteer programs aren't built overnight, they're built with intention. Like a well-built house, lasting engagement takes strategy, structure, and purpose.*

*Join us live on July 10 for a new episode of Face to Face featuring Angela Williamson, Volunteer & Community Relations Specialist at Blood Bank of Delmarva. She'll unpack her powerful "house of volunteers" analogy – a fresh, practical framework for transforming volunteer programs into mission-aligned pillars of your organization.*

*You'll learn how to:*

*Build a solid foundation for long-term volunteer success*

*Align volunteers and systems with your mission*

*Gather and tell stories for real, lasting impact*

*Don't miss this opportunity to gain actionable tools, fresh inspiration, and proven strategies you can apply right away.*

July 11, 2025

**2025 Central Illinois Volunteerism Conference**

**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Union- Building #13**

**Springfield, IL 62703**

08:30 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Abby Brooks, 217-552-9509

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*The 2025 Central Illinois Volunteerism Conference is happening on Friday, July 11 at the University of Illinois Springfield in Springfield, Illinois. This year's theme is Strategic Volunteerism: Connecting Passion with Purpose. Whether you work with volunteers, lead a nonprofit, or just care about strengthening your community, this one-day conference offers fresh insights, actionable tools, and meaningful connections to help you make an even greater impact.*

July 15, 2025

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

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July 15, 2025

**July ALIVE Academy: A Person-and-Situation Approach to Skills-Based Volunteering: Lesson  
Zoom Webinar**

12:30 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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*July ALIVE Academy: A Person-and-Situation Approach to Skills-Based Volunteering:*

*Lessons From the Psychology of Volunteerism with Joshua Braverman Ph.D. -*

*Tuesday, July 15th, 2025 @ 12:30 PM - 90 minutes*

*Many people are familiar with the “typical” forms of volunteerism where people receive training or orientation after signing up for the volunteer opportunity. The present dissertation focused on Skills-Based-Volunteerism, where volunteers use their pre-existing skills or talents to volunteer. As Skills-Based Volunteers may have a larger impact within their organization(s), it is important to understand how different they are from Non-Skills-Based Volunteers. Using the Current Population Survey (United States Census Bureau, 2017), Study One examined the characteristics of Skills-Based Volunteers, and the ways that they differ from Non-Skills Based Volunteers. Study One found that Skills-Based Volunteers reported more frequent volunteering (and doing so for more hours) and were more involved with a diverse subset of other prosocial behaviors (e.g., voting, attending community meetings, and working with one’s neighbors to improve their community) than were Non-Skills-Based Volunteers. In Studies Two and Three, I collected original data to understand whether considering the Skills-Oriented nature of volunteerism may lead to divergence from the findings from the existing psychology of volunteering, specifically whether the psychological characteristics known to predict volunteerism extend to Skills-Based Volunteerism. In Study Two, I found that for the most part, the psychological constructs known to predict volunteerism (e.g., personality, motivations, and social norms) tended to function similarly for Skills-Based and Non-Skills-Based Volunteering. In a follow-up survey, Study Three extended this result by finding that the psychological constructs also predict future volunteerism similarly for Skills-Based and Non-Skills-Based Volunteering (three to six months later). Overall, this program of research made it clear that the existing psychology of volunteering does extend to Skills-Based-Volunteering. Volunteer managers can use the present research as evidence to apply existing volunteer management practices to Skills-Based Volunteering. However, future research should continue to investigate whether there are novel psychological characteristics relevant to Skills-Based Volunteering, especially surrounding one’s education, profession, and/or workplace.*

*About Our Presenter*

*Joshua Braverman Ph.D (He/Him/His) presently serves as the Director of Data and Research Support in the Department of Biology Teaching and Learning at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Previously, Joshua attended University of Minnesota’s Social Psychology PhD Program where his academic research interests focused on the development and utilization of psychological theories to understand when people help (or not). Most of his past projects have centered on “non-traditional examples” of formal volunteering including identifying predictors, experiences, and outcomes of identification as intellectually gifted, volunteerism, service learning, medical pro bono work as well as skills-based volunteerism more broadly. In the future, Joshua hopes to get back into the nonprofit research space.*

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July 15, 2025

### **Hybrid Conference Host Site Info Sessions**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/x\\_GtY51QSfOynlisvJI5Ww](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/x_GtY51QSfOynlisvJI5Ww)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Nicole Smith, 407-504-1438

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*Host Site registration for the 2025 Volunteer Management Hybrid Conference is officially open! This year's theme, Show Them the Money, is designed to help you confidently communicate the financial impact of volunteer engagement to leadership — with practical tools, proven strategies, and expert insights. The conference takes place October 28–29, 2025, and as a Host Site, you'll bring your local network together a day of learning, connection, and inspiration. We are in a friendly competition with VMPC to see who can recruit the most host sites! Learn more here!*

<https://www.betterimpact.com/vmhc-site-registration>

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 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.*

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.*

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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*

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July 16, 2025

### **New Volunteer Information Sessions**

#### **Zoom Meeting**

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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*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 17, 2025

**From Recruitment to Readiness: How Volunteer Lethbridge Built a Community Volunteer Management Model**  
**<https://hubs.li/Q03pQVFH0>**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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*From Recruitment to Readiness:*

*How Volunteer Lethbridge Built a Community Volunteer Management Model That Works*

*Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025*

*Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) / 1:00pm - 2:00pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

*Presented by: Sandi Davis, Executive Director at Volunteer Lethbridge*

*Back by popular demand!*

*Join Sandi Davis, Executive Director of Volunteer Lethbridge, as she builds on last year's powerful introduction to the Community Volunteer Management Model (CVMM). In this next chapter, Sandi will walk you through the inner workings of CVMM—Volunteer Lethbridge's flagship approach to volunteer recruitment and intake. The model involves multiple levels of screening and preparation, including applications, interviews, reference checks, and Criminal Record or Vulnerable Sector Checks when required.*

*Whether you're a volunteer centre, municipality, or nonprofit, this session is your opportunity to see how a shared intake model can create meaningful efficiencies, improve volunteer readiness, and strengthen collaboration across the community. Learn how CVMM supports a more consistent and connected approach—while still honoring the unique needs of every organization and volunteer.*

*What you'll learn:*

*How the Community Volunteer Management Model (CVMM) centralizes and simplifies the volunteer recruitment process Ideas to adapt a similar approach in your own community or organization*

*Key steps in Volunteer Lethbridge's intake process, including interviews, references, and background checks*

*Benefits of shared volunteer screening for nonprofits, volunteers, and the community Real-world outcomes and lessons learned from implementing the model*

*Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an experienced leader in community volunteer coordination, gain practical ideas you can put into action, and connect with others passionate about making a difference through volunteering.*

July 21, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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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 23, 2025

### **Fall 2025 ALIVE CVA Study Group Introduction Session**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81626669261?pwd=ZlNl9Mh26uletanbRrvjJMyCIUTgQE.1>**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

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*The CVA study group is a member benefit from ALIVE open to all ALIVE members preparing for the Fall 2025 exam.*

*It will be led by facilitators who have earned their CVA certification.*

*On July 23, 2025 @ 12 PM EST we will review the study resources and an overview of chapters one and two of the textbook, Volunteer Administration: Professional Practice, 4th edition.*

*Register here by July 21st.*

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.*

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July 29, 2025

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**Virtual event using Zoom**

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August 4, 2025

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**Zoom Meeting**

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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.*

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*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.*

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August 6, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM EST

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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!*

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*Calls will be held on*

*All times Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern*

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

August 6, 2025

**From Guidelines to Action: Helping Organisations Improve Volunteer Management**

<https://hubs.li/Q03pZBZ80>

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM AEST

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*From Guidelines to Action: Helping Organisations Improve Volunteer Management*

*Date: Wednesday, 6 August, 2025*

*Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) / 2:00pm - 3:00pm*

*New Zealand Standard Time (NZST)*

*Presented by: Michelle Kitney, Chief Executive at Volunteering New Zealand*

*Volunteering New Zealand (VNZ) released new Volunteering Best Practice Guidelines in 2023 — a comprehensive resource designed around the full volunteer lifecycle, from first contact through to the volunteer's departure.*

*The guidelines focus on seven key practice areas and come with practical tools and resources. But having guidelines isn't enough — putting them into action is where real change happens.*

*Join us for a 60-minute interactive webinar with Michelle Kitney, Chief Executive of Volunteering New Zealand, to learn how VNZ is helping organisations move from theory to practice.*

*Michelle will discuss:*

*How VNZ created a suite of tools to support organisations across the sector  
What VNZ is doing to advocate for better volunteer management  
How the community sector is engaging with and implementing these guidelines*

*This session is ideal for anyone working with volunteers who wants to build stronger, more effective volunteer practices in their organisation.*

*Don't miss this chance to turn best practice into real-world impact—register now!*

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.*

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121270>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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August 20, 2025

**Tackling Common Volunteer Challenges: The Role of Volunteer Grants and VTO in Recruiting**

<https://app.livestorm.co/double-the-donation-events/tackling-common-volunteer-challenges-the-role-of->

01:00 PM - 01:30 PM EST

Paula Avila, 1-800-844-1545 x113

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*Tackling Common Volunteer Challenges: The Role of Volunteer Grants and VTO in Recruiting + Retaining Volunteers*

*Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025*

*Time: 11:00am - 11:30am Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) / 1:00pm – 1:30pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

*Hosted by: Houston Goodwin, CEO @ Better Impact and Madison Jones, Partnerships Success Specialist @ Double the Donation*

*Recruiting new volunteers and retaining existing ones remain two of the most significant challenges for nonprofit volunteer programs. As nonprofits strive to bring in new supporters and build long-term commitment, corporate volunteer programs (including volunteer grants + volunteer time off) offer an innovative - yet often overlooked - way to address these challenges!*

*In this session, we'll explore the current volunteerism landscape and discuss common obstacles that many nonprofits face when it comes to volunteer recruitment and retention. We'll also zoom in on corporate volunteer programs and share actionable tips for incorporating volunteer grants and volunteer time off in your nonprofit's volunteer recruitment and retention strategies!*

*Join us on August 20 at 1 PM ET to:*

*Explore the latest challenges and opportunities in nonprofit volunteer engagement, including recent trends in corporate volunteerism*

*Look closely at the volunteer grant and volunteer time off programs offered by many companies like CVS, Walmart, and Verizon!*

*Discover tips for incorporating volunteer grants and volunteer time off in your outreach to new and existing volunteers to elevate recruitment and retention!*

*Can't join for the live session? Register anyway to receive a copy of the recording!*

August 21, 2025

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08:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

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September 1, 2025

**ALIVE Offices Closed**

**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

Maryanne Maina, 407-504-1438

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*Labor Day (USA)*

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September 3, 2025

### **Career Transition COP**

#### **Zoom Meeting**

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,

[executivedirector@volunteeralive.org](mailto: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.*

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September 11, 2025

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

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

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

*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.*

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

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

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September 12, 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)**

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September 16, 2025

### **Hybrid Conference Host Site Info Sessions**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ovLCLk8ORZ6DjniJHKeE1A>

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

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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.*

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## **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!*

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September 17, 2025

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

**<https://hubs.li/Q03pZJ1h0>**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Paula Avila, 1-800-844-1545 x113

[paula@betterimpact.com](mailto:paula@betterimpact.com)

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

*Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025*

*Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) / 10:00am - 11:00am Pacific Standard Time (PST)*

*Presented by: Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA)*

*Do you work with volunteers?*

*Do you want to feel more confident in your role as a volunteer engagement professional?*

*Do you seek visibility and credibility within your role, agency, and profession?*

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*In this webinar you'll learn:*

*About the CCVA*

*Why certification may be right for you*

*How the exam is created*

*What the application, preparation, and certification process is*

*When you will be ready*

*Join this info session to learn more about what it takes to become a CVA.*

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.*

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September 24, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

**Virtual event using Zoom**

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

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October 2, 2025

### **Am I Making the Right Decision? The Role of Ethics in Volunteer Engagement**

<https://hubs.li/Q03pZLqc0>

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM AEST

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*Am I Making the Right Decision? The Role of Ethics in Volunteer Engagement*

*Date: Thursday, 2 October, 2025*

*Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)*

*Presented by: Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA)*

*We all encounter ethical dilemmas in our daily work with and for community, but rarely do organisations focus on ethics related to volunteer engagement. This session provides an opportunity for practitioners to understand the difference between personal, organisational and professional ethics. The core values and principles identified by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA) will be shared.*

*You'll Learn:*

*A process for ethical decision-making that can be applied in any situation (and then practiced using real-life scenarios related to volunteers).*

*Several specific strategies for increasing awareness of ethics within an organisation and helping both volunteers and staff become more effective at handling ethical dilemmas.*

*Don't miss this learning opportunity!*

October 6, 2025

### **Career Transition COP**

**Zoom Meeting**

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October 8, 2025

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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.*

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October 9, 2025

### **Animal Welfare COP**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/jZUqdeCurDkuGtDIKaYdCTTGvK6DftrL9gr/ics?icsToken=DBojvuded>

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.*

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October 13, 2025

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**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

Maryanne Maina, 407-504-1438

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*Indigenous People's Day (USA)*

October 14, 2025

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**Virtual event using Zoom**

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM EST

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October 15, 2025

### **New Volunteer Information Sessions**

**Zoom Meeting**

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03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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*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!*

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October 28, 2025

## **Volunteer Manager Hybrid Conference Day 1**

**Online and Hamilton, ON**

12:30 PM - 06:00 PM EST

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*Host Site Registrations open June 2*

*Early Bird Registration - \$550*

*Regular Registration - \$600*

*Individual Registration opens August 1*

*ALIVE Members \$50*

*Non-Members \$60*

October 29, 2025

## **Volunteer Manager Hybrid Conference Day 2**

**Online and Hamilton, ON**

09:30 AM - 03:30 PM EST

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October 30, 2025

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November 3, 2025

### **Career Transition COP**

#### **Zoom Meeting**

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Nicole R. Smith, CVA,

[executivedirector@volunteeralive.org](mailto:executivedirector@volunteeralive.org)

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November 4, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

#### **Virtual event using Zoom**

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

Ashley Rieser, 4129308048

[rieser@trustarts.org](mailto:rieser@trustarts.org)

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*Aug 5*

*Sep 2*

*Oct 7*

*Nov 4*

*Dec 2*

*For more information, contact facilitator Elizabeth Garrabrant.*

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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!*

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*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

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**Virtual event using Zoom**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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November 12, 2025

### **ALIVE New Member Information Session**

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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## **Financial Management in Volunteer Administration**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/2VmQOOTJRbGtXua3opVWtA#/registration>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Faiza Venzant, 9517196028

fvenzant@cvacert.org

*The "Financial Management in Volunteer Administration" workshop is an hour-long online learning session designed to enhance participants' understanding of key financial management concepts relevant to volunteer programs. The workshop covers essential learning objectives, including the basics of financial management, the application of cost principles to budgeting, the importance of diversifying funding sources, and the effective valuation and utilization of in-kind contributions. The agenda includes an introduction to the role of financial management and a discussion of key concepts such as cost principles and budgeting with an interactive activity for the practical application of these principles. There is time set aside following the presentation for Q&A to address participant inquiries.*

### *The Speaker:*

*Jamie S. Dent, MCL, MHA (and a former CVA), is a dedicated professional specializing in research administration, leadership, and financial management within the nonprofit sector. Currently serving as the Research Operations Director in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University, Jamie oversees active research awards to emergency medicine physicians (faculty) exceeding \$40 million annually, providing strategic leadership to administrative staff and enhancing the research administration infrastructure.*

*Jamie served as a Senior AmeriCorps Program Officer for Volunteer Tennessee, where they directed a comprehensive grant making process, managing over \$4.5 million annually in federal funds for impactful community-based programs. His experience in financial resource management was further demonstrated as the Administrative Services Manager for the Department of Health in Tennessee, where they successfully wrote and directed grant application processes totaling over \$19 million annually and co-wrote the first funded opioid substance use disorder program grant for the state.*

*With a strong background in financial oversight, grant development, and capacity-building training for nonprofit agencies, Jamie is committed to fostering sustainable operational efficiencies and maximizing the impact of social initiatives.*

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.*

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

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

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November 18, 2025

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

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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*October 21, November 18, December 16*

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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 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.*

November 19, 2025

### **AmeriCorps Seniors COP**

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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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*

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November 20, 2025

### **National Networks COP**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/FMT-dp2hT4ekgO02YVM\\_NQ#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/FMT-dp2hT4ekgO02YVM_NQ#/registration)**

**21111 Futura Court**

**Germantown, MD 20876**

**01:30 PM - 02:30 PM EST**

**Lisa Mooney, 2022228669**

**[lisamariebpmooney@gmail.com](mailto:lisamariebpmooney@gmail.com)**

*Please note this the rescheduled November 24, 2025 COP meeting.*

December 1, 2025

### **Career Transition COP**

#### **Zoom Meeting**

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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

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December 2, 2025

### **CVA Credential Information Session**

#### **Virtual event using Zoom**

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST

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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**

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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.*

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December 11, 2025

### **Animal Welfare COP**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

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.*

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January 1, 2026

**ALIVE Offices Closed**

**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

Maryanne Maina, 407-504-1438

[info@volunteeralive.org](mailto:info@volunteeralive.org)

*New Year's Day*

January 19, 2026

**ALIVE Offices Closed**

**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

Maryanne Maina, 407-504-1438

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*Martin Luther King Jr. Day (USA)*

February 16, 2026

**ALIVE Offices Closed**

**N/A**

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

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*Presidents' Day (USA)*