

Volunteer BREC

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SPEND THE SUMMER AS AN AMERICORPS VISTA VOLUNTEER

AmeriCorps STEMup Baton Rouge VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is looking for associates to join their team this summer. These VISTA members serve in a summer STEM camp for elementary and middle school students. As a group, members will assist in locating, modifying and



delivering high-quality STEM projects at a BREC or Boys and Girls Club camp location focusing on STEM during June and July. This is a nine-week program beginning May 29.

AmeriCorps VISTA members live and serve in some of our nation's most urban and rural areas. With passion, commitment and hard work, they create or expand programs designed to bring individuals and communities out of poverty. In addition to receiving a living stipend, VISTAs are awarded an education grant at the end of their service term. The salary is \$3,467 which includes \$1,122 per month before taxes and a \$1,200 education stipend at the end is deposited into a college tuition or student loan account. This salary is paid by AmeriCorps and participants must be at least 18 years of age. For more information, email <u>KFossey@FoundationEBR.org</u> or visit <u>http://stemupbatonrouge.org/vista-openings</u>



PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

BREC relies on volunteers to maintain our parks and keep them safe for all residents to enjoy. BREC's park beautification projects provide the perfect opportunity to get outside. Come enjoy the outdoors while volunteering with your school, church, corporate, or community service group. We hope to have your students, staff, faculty and community members join us at one of our parks or facilities. Contact BREC's Volunteer Manager at (225) 272-9200 x 446 or volunteer@brec.org to schedule your group volunteer project

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION (click to enlarge)















MOVIE IN THE PARK

Anna T. Jordan Community Park 1750 Stilt Street, Baton Rouge 70807 Friday, May 12 (7:30 - 10:30 p.m.) Movie: Storks

Baringer Road Park 7401 Baringer Road, Baton Rouge 70817 Thursday, June 8 (7:30 - 10:30 p.m.) Movie: Moana

Join BREC for a family movie night under the stars. Volunteers are needed to help serve popcorn and other concessions. Email <u>volunteer@brec.org</u> to sign up.

MESSY MASTERPIECES

Alsen Park, Anna T. Jordan Community Park, Cadillac Street Park, Cedar Ridge Park, Jackson Community Park, Kernan Avenue Park, Monte Sano Park, Perkins Road Community Park, Reames Road Park, Red Oaks Park, Zachary Community Park Saturday, May 13 (10 a.m. - noon)



Volunteers are needed to help children create their own masterpiece of art using a variety of mediums, including paint, chalk and charcoal, using their fingers, hands and brushes.

SWAMP 20TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center 10503 N. Oak Hills Pkwy., Baton Rouge 70810 Saturday, May 13 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

BREC's Bluebonnet Swamp is celebrating 20 years of connecting people to nature! Volunteers are needed for the day-long birthday party that will feature fun activities, face painting, crafts, games, and hands-on activities along the trail. Volunteers can choose a morning shift (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) or afternoon shift (12:30-5 p.m.) or help all day. All-day volunteers will receive lunch vouchers for onsite food vendors. There are a variety of indoor and outdoor activities people can choose to sign up for. Visit

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044FAAAF22A0FF2-swamp6 to sign up to help

YAPPY HOUR

Forest Community Park 13900 S. Harrell's Ferry Road, Baton Rouge 70816 Saturday, May 13 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) Saturday, May 27 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)



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host Yappy Hour where dogs get to mingle with each other. Volunteers are needed to help set up and help as needed during the event. To volunteer, email volunteer@brec.org.

SUNSHINE SOCIAL

Womack Ballroom 6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge 70806 Friday, May 19 (6 - 9 p.m.) Theme: Tiki Twist

The BREC Therapeutics Department and Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge are proud to offer programming to adults in the community with disabilities. The Sunshine Social is their monthly party complete with great music, food, and people. Volunteers will be asked to help serve the participants drinks and snacks as well as dance and socialize! Email volunteer@brec.org to help

HEALTHY BR FAMILY FIT DAY

City-Brooks Community Park 1515 Dalrymple Drive., Baton Rouge 70806 Saturday, May 2017 (6:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

Come be a part of the 4th annual Family Fit Day! This free community event is looking for volunteers to help with set-up, registration, booth activities and more. Volunteers shifts are available. Email healthyBRintern@brgov.com to more information or visit the Capital Area United Way Volunteer Center to sign up to help.

INCLUSIVE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Forest Community Park 13900 South Harrell's Ferry Road, Baton Rouge 70816 Saturdays, April 29 - June 24

Coaches and volunteers are needed for inclusive baseball to help participants have fun and be the best player they can be! On Game Days, volunteers are needed to help on the field and sometimes run or be one-on-one with a participant. Only coaches are required to attend all listed dates. Baseball experience is NOT required to help. If interested in coaching or volunteering, email volunteer@brec.org. No games on May 27. Skill days are April 29 and May 6.

SUMMER AMERICORPS VISTA PROGRAM

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

72nd Avenue Park (Howell Place Gym) NRPA Family Fun Fitness Day & 1-Mile Walk 7717 Howell Blvd., Baton Rouge 70807 Saturday, June 10 (8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Gus Young Park 4200 Gus Young Ave., Baton Rouge 70802 Saturday, June 17 (1 - 5 p.m.)

Juneteenth is the oldest celebration in the United States commemorating the end of slavery. Community event includes food, games and music and volunteers are needed to help.

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES LUAU

Liberty Lagoon 111 Lobdell Ave., Baton Rouge 70806 Friday, June 16 & Saturday, August 5 (7 - 9:30 p.m.)

In partnership with Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, at this event individuals with disabilities and their family and friends are invited to attend this event that includes swimming, music, snacks, and fun! Volunteers are needed to help with set up and food service.

FATHER'S DAY PARENT/DAUGHTER DANCE

Jefferson Highway Park 8133 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge 70809 Saturday, June 17 (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

Join the fun at BREC's Annual Father's Day Parent/Daughter Dance. The theme for this year's event is "Hollywood" and includes music, dancing, food, games and photo opportunities. Volunteers are needed to help with event activities.





HOW TO HELP

For more information about signing up for any of these volunteer opportunities, please email Monica Dugas at volunteer@brec.org, or call (225) 272-9200, ext. 446.Keep updated on BREC volunteer opportunities by signing up to receive volunteer information at BREC.org/volunteer, visit volunteermatch.com and follow Volunteer BREC on Facebook.

Volunteers serving 30 or more hours with BREC in a calendar year may qualify for a \$500 state income tax deduction.

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