Welcome!

Happy fall, y'all! Thanks for checking out the Volunteer Opportunities Newsletter. Whether you're looking to give back as an individual or a group, spend time outside or working with students or animals, there are so many great ways to serve Hays county!

Remember that if you're out in the community and doing service, use the hashtag #BobcatsServe so everyone can see the incredible work being done!

Featured Opportunity

Name: Reading Mania

Need: Volunteers to be guest readers

Date/Time: Friday, October 21st

Location: Mendez Elementary School

Contact Name: Elizabeth Smith

Contact Email or Phone Number: 512-393-6049

Additional Info: Sign up for a time here

Storm Water Message:

It's Texas State Football season! While you're getting ready to cheer on the Bobcats, keep the environment and our river in mind. Plastic, cans and food left on the parking lots during tailgating will wash into ditches and into the San Marcos river during the next rain event. Recycle plastic, aluminum and
glass containers and dispose of all other trash in the on-site dumpsters. Take used charcoal home and recycle in your own compost pile, or dispose of in the dumpster or trash bin after it has fully cooled. Celebrate responsibly and Eat 'Em Up Cats!

Limited Time Opportunities

Name: United Way's "Change A Child's Story"
Need: Volunteers to participate in their reading program
Date/Time: 10/18 (participation deadline 9/27), 11/15 (participation deadline 10/25) at 9am
Contact Name: Analia Voss
Contact Email or Phone Number: analia.voss@uwhays.org or 512-353-1420
Additional Info: Participants must have a new online background check

Name: Downtown Awards
Need: Award Ceremony honoring downtown businesses and partners that make downtown a place where people of all ages can connect, create and celebrate. Volunteers will assist with set up for this event.
Date/Time: Friday, October 14th from 3-6pm
Contact Name: Maggie Gillespie
Contact Email or Phone Number: mainstreet@sanmarcostx.gov or 512-393-8430
Additional Info: Closed-toed shoes and a Texas State shirt are recommended.

Name: First United Methodist Pumpkin Patch
Need: Volunteers to sign up for 2 hour shifts
Date/Time: October 3rd-October 31st from noon-8pm
Location: First United Methodist Church
Contact Name: Ben Rodriguez
Contact Email or Phone Number: benjaminr00@hotmail.com
Additional Info: Follow this link to sign up here

Name: "Story Book Parade"
Need: Student Orgs to sponsor an activity table/area where students
can participate and earn prizes or goodies
Date/Time: October 28th from 9am-3pm
Location: Texas Preparatory School (400 Uhland Rd)
Contact Name: Elton D. Fite
Contact Email or Phone Number: elton.fite@bgcsct.org or 512-557-2939
Additional Info: Feel free to dress as your favorite storybook character! Check out a visual description here

Name: October All Paws In
Need: Students to volunteer at Hays-Caldwell Women's Center on landscaping and other needs!
Date/Time: Saturday, October 29th from 9-1pm
Location: Hays-Caldwell Women's Center
Contact Name: Amanda Martindale
Contact Email or Phone Number: adm171@txstate.edu or 512.245.1904
Additional Info: Register to volunteer here

Name: Downtown Trick or Treat
Need: Downtown welcomes all trick-or-treaters to downtown for a fun and exciting experience complete with trick-or-treating in downtown shops, games, a haunted alley and more. Volunteers are needed to assist with games, activities and passing out candy.
Date/Time: Saturday, October 29th from 11:30-3:30pm
Contact Name: Maggie Gillespie
Contact Email or Phone Number: mainstreet@sanmarcostx.gov or 512-393-8430

Name: Downtown Wassail Walk
Need: This is the official kick off to the Heart of the Holidays event series. Volunteers will assist with preparing for the event, but not the event itself
Date/Time: Friday, November 11th from 1pm-4pm
Contact Name: Maggie Gillespie
Contact Email or Phone Number: mainstreet@sanmarcostx.gov or 512-393-8430
Additional Info: Please wear close-toed shoes and a Texas State t-shirt

Name: Downtown Farm to Dinner Table
Need: Volunteers to assist with preparation for the event.
Date/Time: Saturday, November 12th from 3-6pm and 6-9pm
Contact Name: Maggie Gillespie
Contact Email or Phone Number: mainstreet@sanmarcostx.gov or 512-393-8430
Additional Info: Please contact Maggie with advanced notice in order to learn dress requirements

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Hunger Related:
**Name: School Fuel**  
**Need:** Help packing lunches for 535 elementary school children in SM for the school year  
**Date/Time:** Most Thursdays at 6:30pm. Specific dates and times can be found on SignUpGenius.com  
**Location:** Portable buildings to the right of San Marcos CISD Central Office, 501 South LBJ Dr.  
**Contact Name:** Nancy Smith or Shelby Herbert  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** schoolfuel2013@yahoo.com or 512-826-1302

**Name: Hays County Food Bank**  
**Need:** Volunteer at Food Bank  
**Date/Time:** M-F 8am-12pm, 10-2pm, 12-4pm  
**Contact Name:** Holly Hood  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** hhood@haysfoodbank.org or 512-392-8300 Ext. 222  
**Special Trainings/Orientation:** Must complete online application & read online orientation manual

**Name: Hays-Caldwell Women's Center**  
**Need:** Individuals or Groups that can provide meals for evening therapy groups  
**Date/Time:** Tuesday and Thursday evenings  
**Contact Name:** Zoe Arabzadegan  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** zoe@hcwc.org or 512-396-3404  
**Special Trainings/Orientation:** None

**Name: Nutrition Aide for Meals on Wheels**  
**Need:** Volunteers for Meals on Wheels  
**Location:** 810 Arizona Street San Marcos Senior Citizen's Center  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** 512-847-1781  
**Special Trainings/Orientation:** Community Service Documentation provided

**Name: San Antonio Food Bank**  
**Need:** Volunteers to help in Community Farm and Garden assisting with fruits and vegetables, construction of square foot gardening boxes, etc.  
**Date/Time:** Tue-Sat 9:30-11:30am and 1:30-3pm  
**Location:** 5200 Old Hwy 90 San Antonio TX 78227  
**Contact Name:** Diana Morales  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** dianamorales@safoodbank.org or 210-431-838

**Name: Southside Community Center**  
**Need:** Volunteers needed to cook, serve, and wash dishes  
**Date/Time:** The first Monday of each month from 4-6:30pm  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** Christchapel@txstate.edu
**Education Related:**

**Name:** Reading Tutor or Mentor  
**Need:** Reading tutors and mentors to help students progress  
**Date/Time:** Mondays 3-4pm  
**Location:** Travis and De Zavala Elementary Schools  
**Contact Name:** Click [San Marcos CISD Background Check form](#) for background check form. Send completed form to unitedwayjonathan@gmail.com by 9/21  
**Special Trainings/Orientation:** Short orientation upon passing background check

**Name:** Boys & Girl's Clubs of South Central Texas Teen Services  
**Need:** Volunteers for local Boys & Girls Club core Program area activities related to Education & Career, Fitness & Recreation, Character & Leadership, Social Recreation and the Arts.  
**Contact Name:** Elton Fite  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** Elton.fite@bgcsct.org or 512-557-2839  
**Special Trainings/Orientation:** A volunteer orientation is provided prior to volunteering and documentation of service hours is available.

**Name:** Calvary Baptist Church  
**Need:** Male & female volunteers to work with 4 yrs-5th grade as well as 6th-12th grade  
**Date/Time:** 1 year commitment to come in 1 Tuesday a month 6:30-8:30pm  
**Location:** 1906 Interstate 35 Frontage Rd San Marcos, TX 78666  
**Contact Name:** Chanin Young  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** chaninyoung@yahoo.com  
**Special Trainings/Orientation:** [here](#).

**Name:** Greater San Marcos Youth Council (Emergency Youth Shelter)  
**Need:** Volunteers to help with homework, organize fundraisers, and play games. They also accept interns from Texas State.  
**Contact Name:** Nena Meadows  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** nmeadows@gsmyc.org or 512-754-0500  
**Trainings/Orientation:** Community Service Documentation provided

**Name:** San Marcos Public Library  
**Need:** Computer class volunteer tutors to help teach classes  
**Date/Time:** Wednesdays 10-11:30am or 5:30-6:30pm  
**Contact Name:** Susan Smith  
**Contact Email or Phone Number:** 512-393-8200

**Name:** YouthBuild Austin
Need: Volunteer tutors to work 1:1 with 9th-12th grade students
Contact Name: Tashira Bradley
Contact Email or Phone Number: tbraley@americanyouthworks.org
Trainings/Orientation: Subjects include Algebra I, Algebra II, Math Models, Chemistry, Physics, Pre-cal, Integrated Chemistry & Physics

Child Related:

Name: CASA: Central Texas
Need: Volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in foster care
Contact Name: Jarret Swierc
Contact Email or Phone Number: 512-392-3578
Trainings/Orientation: Must pass background check, be 21 or older, have valid driver's license, and insurance. Community Service Documentation provided

Name: GENaustin -Girls Empowerment Network
Need: Volunteers to lead ice breakers, small group work, activities, and discussions relevant to girls' lives
Date/Time: Weekly from 3:30-5pm
Contact Name: Brittany Yelverton
Contact Email or Phone Number: nmeadows@gsmyc.org 512-754-0500
britany@genaustin.org
Trainings/Orientation: Day-long service training required that typically occurs on Saturdays

Name: Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter
Need: Volunteers to help women and children through child care, budgeting, etc. Projects made to fit volunteer's liking
Contact Name: Ashton Story
Contact Email or Phone Number: volunteercoord@saeseguin.org or 830-372-2781
Trainings/Orientation: Training is free

Name: Hays-Caldwell Women's Center
Need: Childcare
Date/Time: Weekly commitment of 6 months
Contact Name: Zoe Arabzadegan
Contact Email or Phone Number: zoe@hcwc.org or 512-396-3404
Trainings/Orientation: Must attend first 4 classes of Advocate Training

Name: San Marcos Public Library
Need: Volunteers to read to 3 and 4 year olds in the childcare center
Date/Time: One morning a week
Contact Name: Susan Smith
Contact Email or Phone Number: 512-393-8200
Name: United Ways of Hays County
Need: Volunteers to read to young children
Date/Time: Fall semester
Contact Email or Phone Number: unitedway@centurytel.net or 512-353-1420
Trainings/Orientation: Community Service Documentation provided

Name: St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Need: Individual or group volunteers to help with kids, in the office, organizing donations etc.
Date/Time: A regular schedule of weekly or monthly
Contact Name: Kyana Beres
Contact Email or Phone Number: kberes@STjudesranch.org or 830-623-0659

Senior Citizen Related:

Name: Heart to Heart Hospice
Need: Volunteers to provide direct support as companionship, visiting, reading, singing, etc. Also volunteers to provide indirect patient support by filing, making copies, and more
Location: 1340 Wonder World Drive, Suite 78666
Contact Name: Amy Riojas VC
Contact Email or Phone Number: ariojas@htohh.com or 512-557-1306
Trainings/Orientation: Interview and orientation process as well as light paperwork for each visit

Name: Kindred Hospice
Need: Volunteers provide needed compassion and socialization to patients facing end of life issues. Volunteers can make a difference by providing caregiver relief, as a patient companion or in office offering administrative support. The choice is yours and the hours are very flexible.
Contact Name: Julia Fisher
Contact Email or Phone Number: julia.fisher@gentiva.com or 512-392-9138
Trainings/Orientation: No experience necessary. Training and support provided

Name: Harbor Hospice
Need: Volunteers to visit patients, assist in housekeeping, gardening, and other errands as well as clerical work in office
Contact Name: Paula Ostroot
Contact Email or Phone Number: Postroot@harborhospice.com or 512-827-1539
Trainings/Orientation: Community Service Documentation provided
Name: Sodalis Assisted Living in San Marcos
Need: Volunteers to be matched with residents and build meaningful relationships with them
Date/Time: Once a week visits
Location: 1001 Crepe Myrtle St. San Marcos, TX 78666
Contact Name: Kiara Marshall
Contact Email or Phone Number: ksm92@txstate.edu

Name: Interim Hospice
Need: Volunteers to provide companionship, offer support to families, help with community outreach, etc.
Contact Name: Elizabeth Hoenemeyer
Contact Email or Phone Number: elizabeth.hoenemeyer@interimhh.com or 830-214-0129

Name: Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehabilitation
Need: Volunteers for Recreational Department Activities: assisting patients with bingo, arts & crafts, Movie nights, and 1:1 patient interactions
Location: 2468 FM 1101 New Braunfels TX 78130
Contact Name: June Silva
Contact Email or Phone Number: junesilva@legendhc.com or 830-420-6298

Name: San Marcos Housing Authority
Need: Volunteers for working with a summer program for kids and working with elderly and disabled adults
Date/Time: Mon-Thurs from 3-6pm
Contact Email or Phone Number: info@smpha.org

Name: San Marcos Housing Authority
Need: Volunteers to help talk, visit with, play games, and assist in events
Location: Springtown Villa, 503 Springtown Way, San Marcos TX 78666
Contact Email or Phone Number: info@smpha.org

Name: San Marcos Senior Citizen Center
Need: Volunteers to call Bingo, Loteria, host games, help with food service, yard service, some cleaning, etc.
Location: Senior Citizen Center
Date/Time: 8-2pm
Contact Name: April Huggard
Contact Email or Phone Number: ahuggard@communityaction.com or 512-392-2427
Trainings/Orientation: Bilingual preferred

Animal Related:

Name: Prevent A Litter (PALS)
Need: Volunteers to help foster cats and kittens, help at their annual Petfest fundraiser in October 2016, help out with adoption events at Petco and Petopia, help to feed community cat colonies, assist in feral
Name: San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter
Need: Volunteers to help walk dogs, interact with puppies and kittens, play with the animals, and participate in events!
Location: 750 River Road
Contact Email or Phone Number: 512-805-2650
Trainings/Orientation: Community Service Documentation provided. Visit www.sanmarcostx.gov/volunteerforpets

Parks and Recreation Related:

Name: Hays-Caldwell Women's Center
Need: Individuals or groups to help maintain landscape on HCWC's campus; pulling weeds, watering plants, trimming shrubs
Date/Time: Individual: weekly or bi-weekly, group: monthly
Contact Name: Zoe Arabzadegan
Contact Email or Phone Number: zoe@hcwc.org or 512-396-3404
Special Trainings/Orientation:
Must complete online application & read online orientation manual

Name: San Marcos Parks and Recreation
Need: here

Name: San Marcos River Foundation
Need: Volunteers to help conduct a River Count.
Location: 117 Riviera Dr, San Marcos, TX 78666 & 444 Pecan Park Dr, San Marcos, TX 78666
Date/Time: Saturdays from 10am-6pm shifts are split up
Contact Name: Grant Bradley Visit riverwatcher.org
Contact Email or Phone Number: gab82@txstate.edu or 832-622-6389
Additional Info: Bring a bathing suit, towel, something to eat/drink, and sunscreen

Name: Centro Esperanza
Need: Volunteers to mow lawns, weed eat, water lawns, and pick up debris around center
Contact Name: Sulema Arrecis
Contact Email or Phone Number: centroesperanza2050a@yahoo.com or 512-353-0356

Name: City of San Marcos Board and Commissions Eagle Scouts
Need: Volunteers for various needs
Contact Name: Nellie Junek
Contact Email or Phone Number: nelliejunek@yahoo.com or 512-353-0488
Trainings/Orientation: Community Service Documentation provided

**Name: Habitat for Humanity**

**Need:** Volunteers with gloves and close-toed shoes

**Contact Name:** Glenn Wier

**Contact Email or Phone Number:** 512-392-6601 or 512-753-5433

Trainings/Orientation: Community Service Documentation provided

**Name: San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance**

**Need:** Volunteer for a variety of tasks including trail building, social media, outdoor recreation and geographic skills.

**Contact Email or Phone Number:** visit smgreenbelt.org, contact smgreenbelt@gmail.com or 512-392-7457

Trainings/Orientation: Community Service Documentation provided

**Name: San Marcos Parks and Recreation**

**Need:** Volunteers for multiple opportunities

**Contact Name:** Catherine Marler

**Contact Email or Phone Number:** cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov

Trainings/Orientation: click here to visit their newsletter and learn about more opportunities

**Name: High Five Events**

**Need:** Volunteers to assist in race events

**Date:** Ongoing

**Contact Name:** Jonathan Cruz

**Contact Email or Phone Number:** jonathan@highfiveevents.com

**Name: Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos**

**Need:** Volunteers for flower bed maintenance

**Date/Time:** A couple hours once a week

**Location:** 211 Lee St. San Marcos TX 78666

**Contact Name:** Gloria Salazar

**Contact Email or Phone Number:** centro@sanmarcoscentro.org or 512-878-0640

**Office Related:**

**Name: Austin-Bergstrom International Airport's Ambassador Volunteer Program**

**Need:** Volunteers at various stations

**Date/Time:** Morning, afternoons, and evenings Sun-Sat

**Location:** Airport's Visitor's Information Center

**Contact Name:** Ramonika Carr

**Contact Email or Phone Number:** VolunteeratABIAl@austintexas.gov or 512-530-6610

Trainings/Orientation: Training/Background check. Must have own transportation, be 18, & communicate clear English

**Name: Caritas of Austin**

**Need:** Landlord Outreach special intern & Apartment Set-up Intern

**Date/Time:** Both ask for 4-6 months commitment of 18 hrs a week
Name: Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos  
Need: Volunteers of all levels from event/program planning to publicity as well as clean up  
Location: 211 Lee St. San Marcos TX 78666  
Contact Name: Gloria Salazar  
Contact Email or Phone Number: centro@sanmarcoscentro.org or 512-878-0640

Name: Centro Esperanza  
Need: Volunteer to manage content for recently constructed website  
Contact Name: Sulema Arrecis  
Contact Email or Phone Number: centroesperanza2050a@yahoo.com or 512-353-0356

Name: Children's Heart Foundation- Texas Chapter  
Need: Volunteers to help with events, hold fundraisers, and more  
Contact Name: Lea Astemborski  
Contact Email or Phone Number: leasuzanne9@gmail.com or 512-695-0207

Name: Hays-Caldwell Women's Center  
Need: Volunteers to handle confidential info and assist in administrative work, and/or help organizing the Donation Center  
Date/Time: 2-4 hours a week  
Location: Donation Center  
Contact Name: Zoe Arabzadegan  
Contact Email or Phone Number: zoe@hcwc.org or 512-396-3404

Name: Heart to Heart Hospice  
Need: Volunteers for office duties and friendly visits  
Contact Name: Nora Morales  
Contact Email or Phone Number: nmorales@htohh.com or 512-667-6816

Name: Wimberley on Wheels (WOW)  
Need: Volunteers to help with social media and outreach as well as conducting interviews and assessments  
Contact Email or Phone Number: wimberleyonwheels@gmail.com

Name: American Gateways  
Need: Volunteers to work with immigrant survivors of abuse  
Contact Name: Alfredo Gonzalez  
Contact Email or Phone Number: alfredog@americangateways.org  
Trainings/Orientation: Community Service Documentation provided
Name: The Walker's Gallery  
Need: Volunteers to help prepare and hang art, publicity, and reception food preparation and serving  
Location: 501 E. Hopkins St. San Marcos TX 78666  
Contact Name: Linda Kelsey-Jones  
Contact Email or Phone Number: lkj@centurytel.net or 512-787-2892

Now Seeking Donations

Name: St. Jude's Ranch for Children  
Need: Donations of teen, baby, and children's clothes, hygiene products, diapers, furniture, books, etc.  
Contact Name: Kyana Beres  
Contact Email or Phone Number: kberes@stjudesranch.org or 830-623-0659  
Special Instructions: They also take donations of Campbell labels and the front of used greeting cards.

Name: Greater San Marcos Youth Council (Emergency Youth Shelter)  
Need: Ponytail holders/head bands/hair clips/brushes, Breakfast Cereal & Juice Boxes, Healthy snacks, Kitchen Towels and silverware, Hygiene products, Pull-ups, Diapers & Wipes  
Contact Name: Nena Meadows  
Contact Email or Phone Number: nmeadows@gsmyc.org or 512-754-0500

Name: School Fuel San Marcos  
Needs: Financial donations to support local San Marcos school children who are at poverty level, homeless, or meet other criteria for School Fuel services. $215 provides a weekend sack of food for a child for one school year. Special sacks are sent home three times a year; check out our web page (School Fuel How to Help) or Facebook page (School Fuel San Marcos) for more details. Contents for the special sack are a 5-oz Hershey Bar, an 18-oz jar of peanut butter, and a sleeve of Ritz Crackers.  
Contact Email or Phone Number: schoolfuel2013@yahoo.com or 512-826-1302  
Web Address: http://www.schoolfuelsanmarcos.org/  
Mailing address: 102 Wonder World Drive, Ste 304-120, San Marcos, TX 78666

Name: Hays-Caldwell Women's Center  
Need: Snacks and juice boxes for children, Full sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, lotion etc, Gently used, seasonally appropriate clothes for women and children, Washable tempera paint, Gently used household items like dishes and pots and pans, Small pieces of gently used furniture, New undergarments for women and children  
Contact Name: Zoe Arabzadegan  
Contact Email or Phone Number: zoe@hcwc.org or 512-396-3404

Name: San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter  
Need: Kitten and Puppy food as well as Cat and Dog food (dry and canned), durable heating pads for vet services, laundry detergent, simple green cleaner, pet friendly plants for adoption lobby, hand sanitizers,  
Contact Name: Lauren Volpe  
Contact Email or Phone Number: 512-805-2603