YOU’RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

WHO: Louisiana youth ages 5-25
WHAT: Conduct community service projects
WHEN: April 20-22, 2012
WHERE: Your community!

Environmental project ideas include:
- **Beautification**: Landscaping; planting of trees, other greenery; painting buildings; building or clearing nature trails; picking up debris, trash
- **Recycling**: Performing a waste audit for school/foodbank/hospital, etc.; encouraging commercial offices to implement recycling programs; collection of cell phones, computer equipment; document shredding for nonprofit agencies
- **Conservation**: Plant trees, shrubs, grasses to prevent coastal erosion; develop a list of water conservation tips and disseminate to the public
- **Energy conservation**: Design and make flyers of energy conservation tips for the community

Volunteer Louisiana in the Office of Lieutenant Governor is the state’s Lead Agency for Global Youth Service Day 2012. For more information,
FACT SHEET

What is Global Youth Service Day?
• Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth.
• GYSD is celebrated each year in over 100 countries.
• Young people of all abilities ages 5-25 partner with adult volunteers, schools, youth organizations, community and faith-based organizations, national service programs to address critical issues and change communities on Global Youth Service Day.

Global Youth Service Day Sponsors / Partnerships
Global Youth Service Day is organized by Youth Service America and its Global Youth Service Network, which includes sponsors such as:
• State Farm
• United Healthcare
• Disney
• Sodexho
• Corporation for National & Community Service

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Louisiana Global Youth Service Day Partners 2012
• Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation
• Girl Scouts of Southeast Louisiana
• Capital Area United Way
• Keep Louisiana Beautiful
• Teach for America
• City Year
• City of Service: Baton Rouge
• Louisiana FFA Association
• Boy Scouts
• HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership)
• Legislative Youth Advisory Council
• Louisiana Campus Compact
• Louisiana 4-H
• Louisiana 4-H
• City of Service: New Orleans

Reasons to participate in Global Youth Service Day include opportunities:
• For youth to connect with your community and assist in solving community needs
• To provide positive newsworthy stories regarding youth activities
• To collaborate with businesses, organizations (civic, social, or faith-based)
• To utilize your skills in a productive day of service

Global Youth Service Day 2011—Louisiana
• In April 2011, Louisiana ranked 7th out of 75 Lead Agencies in the number of GYSD service projects conducted.
• A reported 1,289 youth and 255 adult volunteers provided 11,089 hours of service to Louisiana communities. (see attached sheet for examples of projects conducted)
• The value of the needed services provided to communities was $236,861. This was calculated using the Independent Sector’s valuation of a volunteer hour multiplied by the number of service hours provided.
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<td>Litter abatement/beautification</td>
<td>Evans School Learning to Serve Clean Up, Learning to Serve, Serving to Learn Program* Vernon Parish Schools</td>
<td>Grade 8 students wrote and recorded public service announcements for GYSD that were broadcast on their local radio station on April 15-17, 2011. Students hosted a campus clean-up day on April 15 when they raked, picked up litter, and planted flowers around their school campus.</td>
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<td>Sprucing Up the Park! Hattie Watts Elementary St. Mary Parish Schools</td>
<td>Hattie Watts students (PreK-3rd grade), faculty and staff, along with community members and Patterson Garden Club plan to complete a clean up of the park on Main Street and add plants, and flowers to brighten up the area.</td>
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<td>Animal Humane</td>
<td>St. Bernard Animal Shelter Wish List Drive N.P. Trist Middle School St. Bernard Schools</td>
<td>The Trist Student Council contacted the St. Bernard Animal Shelter and created a wish list of items such as blankets, towels, kitty litter, canned food, toys needed by the shelter. Admission to a school dance was a donation of one or more of the wish list items.</td>
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<td>Health/Human Needs</td>
<td>Youth of Excellence (YOE) Elderly Visitation Youth of Excellence Richland Parish</td>
<td>YOE students participated in simulation activities to understand issues faced by the elderly prior to visiting a local nursing home where they read, talked and visited with residents.</td>
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<td>Sparta Aquifer Awareness Project INVEST* Louisiana Tech University, The IDEA Place</td>
<td>Project INVEST high school students presented information and conducted activities related to the conservation of the Sparta Aquifer, the water source for many northern Louisiana parishes during Sci-Port’s Sustainapalooza in Shreveport.</td>
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<td>Nonprofit Shredding Day Adoption Option* St. Elizabeth Foundation East Baton Rouge</td>
<td>Students and faculty at two Ascension Parish schools partnered with Cintas to provide document shredding services to local nonprofit agencies. Students also had the opportunity to take part in various campus beautification projects such as planting trees, painting and building picnic tables.</td>
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<td>LSVI Cares Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired East Baton Rouge Parish</td>
<td>LSVI athletes, along with athletes from 5 other visiting states, planted a memorial tree on the LSVI campus. Students also planted small seedlings in the garden and made Braille signs to identify each row of plants. Under Mr. Rowan’s close supervision, the students used a tiller, prepared the soil, and transplanted the seedlings.</td>
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<td>Wood Duck Boxes The Garden Variety* Vernon Parish</td>
<td>Students constructed and installed wood duck boxes for placement at Alligator Bayou.</td>
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<td>Little Hands Building Big Gardens* Northwestern State University, Teacher Education Center Natchitoches Parish</td>
<td>Students from three local schools released ladybugs as part of their service-learning project to improve the environment. Students also showcased what they learned about planting a garden.</td>
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<td>Arts Awareness Festival St. Charles Satellite Center’s Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism &amp; Culinary Arts Program St. Charles Parish</td>
<td>High school students coordinated and hosted an Arts Awareness Festival for St. Charles Parish residents. The festival showcased theatrical, dance and musical performances from the community.</td>
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<td>LSU Lakes Clean-Up City Year East Baton Rouge Parish</td>
<td>Partnering with a local business that provided kayaks, City Year members coordinated and hosted a clean-up of the LSU Lakes in Baton Rouge.</td>
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<td>SLU students conducted projects involving painting, gardening, cleaning desks, picking up trash, etc. in their community.</td>
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<td>Spring Greening Day Louisiana State University East Baton Rouge Parish</td>
<td>LSU students, staff and faculty worked to beautify their campus and conducted a sustainability expo to educate attendees about the importance of practicing habits that work to preserve our environment.</td>
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<td>Dillard University Orleans Parish</td>
<td>Students conducted workshops for high school students on healthy choices and college readiness, a food drive for a local homeless shelter as well as other activities benefitting their community.</td>
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