

Calendar of Events

April 7, 2026

Foodbank Community of Practice

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GROVE CITY, OH 43123

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Allison Schwartz, 443-552-5336

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Volunteers are often seen as a “free” resource, but anyone who manages a volunteer program knows that’s far from the full story. Behind every successful volunteer initiative lies a range of hidden investments: staff time for recruitment and supervision, consultants, training materials, workspace, technology platforms, insurance, and more. These costs often go unrecognized, underfunded, or absorbed by already-stretched nonprofit teams.

In this eye-opening workshop, we’ll break down the true cost of volunteer engagement and show you how to quantify the financial and operational resources your program really requires. You’ll learn to apply a cost calculation formula that translates hidden inputs into clear numbers, giving you a powerful tool to advocate for adequate funding, justify budget lines, and communicate your program’s value to internal and external stakeholders.

Whether you’re a volunteer manager, program coordinator, or development professional, you’ll leave with:

A practical cost-calculation worksheet you can adapt for your own program

Real-world examples to guide your estimates

Strategies to build a stronger case for investment in volunteer infrastructure

Renewed confidence to shift the narrative around volunteerism from “free help” to “strategic resource”

Let’s stop hiding the cost and start showing the value.

The Speaker:

Brooke Campbell, CNP, CVA, brings a wealth of experience in volunteer engagement, disaster recovery, and instructional design. An AmeriCorps NCCC alum, Brooke has spent her career fostering intentional service learning and strengthening nonprofit programs. She previously led Volunteer Houston, managing a volunteer recruitment platform, a corporate engagement program, disaster volunteer coordination at the system level, and facilitating the Volunteer Engagement Training Program for nonprofit professionals. Brooke has designed a state AmeriCorps program and VISTA workplans, authored and advised national training courses. She currently serves on the Citizens’ Environmental Coalition Board of Directors. Brooke is deeply committed to strengthening volunteer engagement and offers insights and services as a passion project at www.volunteerstrategies.com.

April 14, 2026

ASC National Service Training

Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

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National Service Training (NST) is hosted by America's Service Commissions (ASC), the national association of state and territorial service commissions, in partnership with commissions across the country.

Supporting more than 1,200 national service program and nonprofit staff in their professional development each year, National Service Training provides professionals with the tools needed to effectively manage AmeriCorps and other volunteer-driven programs making a difference throughout the country. Come together with national service program colleagues, state and territorial service commission staff, AmeriCorps agency colleagues, and volunteer engagement partners for an educational and inspiring training opportunity.

Visit NationalServiceTraining.org for more information.

April 16, 2026

ALIVE New Volunteer Information Sessions

Zoom Meeting

01:00 PM - 01:30 PM EST

Rachel,

volunteers@volunteeralive.org

Join us for our next ALIVE Volunteer Information Session. Learn how volunteering with ALIVE supports leaders of volunteers nationwide, builds a stronger sector, and offers you a meaningful way to contribute your expertise. Discover roles that match your interests, meet fellow changemakers, and take the first step toward a more connected and impactful year.

Make 2026 the year you invest in community!

[Click Here to Register](#)

April 16, 2026

**Local Association Community of Practice
online**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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The ALIVE Local Association committee is pleased to announce the first quarterly Community of Practices session. The presenters will be the two authors, Jessica Pang-Parks, CVA, and Saskia Rinkof, of the October 2025, ENGAGE article, "When Associations Fade: Navigating Changes for Leaders of Volunteers". The date is Thursday, April 16th, 2pm EST and 11am PST.

The session will include a brief review of the article followed by a facilitated discussion. Those who register for the session will have access to the article before the session. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, share success stories as well as address challenges local associations face.

The Local Association Committee looks forward to participation by the Local Association partners.

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AmeriCorps Senior COP

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02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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Come meeting up with other AmeriCorps Senior grantees to discuss Tuesday's technical call and to get support for operating your programs. We look forward to meeting with you.

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Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinators Association 55th Annual Conference
Stoney Creek Hotel - LaCrosse Onalaska
3060 South Kinney Coulee Rd
Onalaska, WI 54650

Wednesday 1p thru Friday noon

Allie Acridge, 7154701217

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This is the Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinators Association 55th Annual Spring Conference! It will be held in the LaCrosse area this year.

We have many great speakers this year, including Traci Lato-Smith and Amber Melanie Smith. We will have a variety of sessions for volunteer leaders who are new to the field as well as seasoned volunteer leaders. The workshop with Traci will include time to work on your own volunteer engagement, be ready to brainstorm. We are excited for our Thursday evening social to network, raffles, and more! The raffles fund our conference scholarship program for next year's conference.

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2026 Virginia Volunteerism Summit

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09:00 AM - 03:30 PM EST

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Taking place virtually on May 13-14, the 2026 Virginia Volunteerism Summit is Virginia's leading event for organizations and individuals making a difference in their communities. Hosted by Serve Virginia and the Virginia Service Foundation, this year's Summit will re-energize your passion for service through opportunities to connect with peers and learn from experts in the field!

Keynote speakers include Nicole R. Smith, Executive Director of the Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement, and Cliff Fleet, president and CEO of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. In addition to these inspiring keynote sessions, attendees will participate in multiple hands-on workshops each day as well as virtual networking opportunities and resource-sharing. Sessions will cover everything from Volunteer Management 101 to more advanced conversations about innovations in volunteerism and service, the potential of power partnerships, and more.

Attending this conference can be applied towards hours needed for professional development requirements for initial CVA Certification or CVA Renewal. The CVA (Certified in Volunteer Administration) is the only internationally recognized credential in the field of volunteer administration. If you require proof of the number of hours you engaged in professional development, please contact the organizers of this training. CCVA will not have proof of your attendance to events that they haven't organized. To learn more, visit www.cvacert.org.

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Parks & Recreation COP

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/270751417303?p=bEeKC0sQzYq38JpL9L>

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

Jenny Garver, 217-542-5536

jgarver@maconccd.org

Join fellow volunteer engagement professionals working in urban and rural parks, botanical gardens, recreation programs, and nature preserves. This Community of Practice provides an informal, supportive space to exchange resources, ideas, and best practices. Whether you're seeking advice or sharing insights, you'll find open discussion and a welcoming community. Bring your lunch, brunch, or favorite beverage and join the conversation! Not sure if this group is the right fit? Come anyway—everyone is welcome.

Facilitators:

*Jenny Garver, CVA – Volunteer Coordinator, Macon County Conservation District
Callie Le'Au Courtright, CPM, CVA – Parks & Recreation Supervisor, City of Des Moines*

Yvonne Dunphe, CVA – Volunteer Coordinator, Five Rivers MetroParks

2026 Meeting Dates:

January 21, March 25, May 20, July 15, September 16, November 18

Time:

1:00 PM EST | 12:00 PM CST | 11:00 AM MST | 10:00 AM PST

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

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We're excited to be cohosting this session with our partners at DOVIA-LA.

This is a live virtual webinar. The session will not be recorded.

This one-hour interactive training challenges participants to move beyond traditional "charity" models and re-examine power dynamics within their volunteer programs. How can you ensure that your service opportunities meet your organization's mission and not a volunteers' self-serving motivations? Participants will learn how to audit their recruitment messaging, onboard volunteers with a focus on systemic context, and manage "savior" narratives with grace and clarity. Join us to gain practical strategies for building a more equitable, dignified, and sustainable volunteer culture. We can transform volunteers from well-intentioned helpers into effective allies and partners of our organizations.

The Speaker:

Meghan has a passion for the nonprofit sector and public service. She has participated in three AmeriCorps Programs (Vista, State, and National). She has over a decade of volunteer engagement professional experience. Meghan is a certified CCVA and is a graduate of the ALiVE Bootcamp Series. She has served as Vice President of DOVIA-LA and currently serves on the DOVIA-LA Advisory Committee.

Meghan is an alumna of UCLA, graduating with a B.A. double major in American Literature and History with a minor in LGBT Studies. She is a proud and rare Angeleno with roots in the Harbor area. Behind the scenes, Meghan enjoys spending time with her cats, attending live music shows, and visiting National Parks.

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Museums and Cultural Institutions Community of Practice: AAM Conference Wrapped

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/PxtUztKkQp6heMcGSzszUQ>

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST

Diana Mulamba, 3179231331

dmulamba@discovernewfields.org

Did you attend the AAM Conference and want to decompress? Did you miss the conference, but still want to know what happened? Then this is the meeting for you!

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

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We all encounter ethical dilemmas in our daily work with and for community, but rarely do organizations focus on ethics related to volunteer engagement. This session provides an opportunity for practitioners to understand the difference between personal, organizational and professional ethics. The core values and principles identified by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA) will be shared. Participants will learn a process for ethical decision-making that can be applied in any situation, and then practice this using real-life scenarios related to volunteers. Finally, several specific strategies will be offered for increasing awareness of ethics within an organization and helping both volunteers and staff become more effective at handling ethical dilemmas.

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The CVA study group is a member benefit from ALIVE open to all ALIVE members preparing for the Fall 2026 exam. The study group is led by facilitators who have recently earned their CVA certification and includes presenters from a variety of organizations and backgrounds. The group meets virtually for 9 one-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 12pm ET beginning July 22nd and ending on September 23rd. Interested in the study group? Complete this [REGISTRATION FORM](#) by July 20th.

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01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Allison Schwartz, 443-552-5336

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We will start out by discussing Evaluations. We will also take the time to see if anyone has any burning questions or issues that the rest of the group will be able to assist with. This COP is great for anyone who works in animal shelters, zoos and aquariums, animal conservation or rescue organizations, or those who are interested in the volunteers who help with the welfare and well being of animals.

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01:00 PM - 01:30 PM EST

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November 13, 2026

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November 18, 2026

Parks & Recreation COP

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2253396435697?p=g1MwW7t4yoDBKdouDX>

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

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Join fellow volunteer engagement professionals working in urban and rural parks, botanical gardens, recreation programs, and nature preserves. This Community of Practice provides an informal, supportive space to exchange resources, ideas, and best practices. Whether you're seeking advice or sharing insights, you'll find open discussion and a welcoming community. Bring your lunch, brunch, or favorite beverage and join the conversation! Not sure if this group is the right fit? Come anyway—everyone is welcome.

Facilitators:

Jenny Garver, CVA – Volunteer Coordinator, Macon County Conservation District

Callie Le'Au Courtright, CPM, CVA – Parks & Recreation Supervisor, City of Des Moines

Yvonne Dunphe, CVA – Volunteer Coordinator, Five Rivers MetroParks

2026 Meeting Dates:

January 21, March 25, May 20, July 15, September 16, November 18

Time:

1:00 PM EST | 12:00 PM CST | 11:00 AM MST | 10:00 AM PST

Meetings are held virtually.

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November 26, 2026

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N/A

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

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Thanksgiving Day (USA)

November 26, 2026

ALIVE Industry Social

Virtual event using Zoom

02:00 PM - 02:45 PM EST

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All are welcome to join our monthly networking industry social for anyone involved in Volunteer Engagement.

All Volunteer Engagement Professionals are welcome to attend an industry social event, monthly at 2 PM Eastern for 45 minutes on the fourth Tuesday of each month. 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!

December 1, 2026

Foodbank Community of Practice

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzUyYWlyMmEtZDY4ZS00ZDZiLTk3NzMtOTV

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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Date

Tentative Topics – any topic can be brought up in any session – we're in charge ?

Feb 3

Difficult Situations

Mar 3

Planning for Appreciation

Apr 7

Staff Buy-In

May 5

The Tools We Use

Jun 2

Schools/Unis

Jul 7

Corporate Partnerships

Aug 4

Volunteers for HAM

Sep 1

Recognition

Oct 6

Preparing for the Holiday RUSH

Nov 3

Self-care/VM Day Celebrating US

Dec 1

Managing Expectations

Jan 5

NY Dreams

December 2, 2026

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December 3, 2026

Service Enterprise Information Session

Zoom

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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Discover how Service Enterprise builds organizational capacity through strategic volunteer engagement. Learn how it transforms volunteer engagement into a powerful strategy for mission impact. This proven, research-backed approach helps organizations build capacity, strengthen sustainability, and achieve measurable outcomes by fully leveraging people power. Learn how investing in and adopting Service Enterprise creates stronger organizations, greater return on resources, and lasting community impact.

You will learn:

What Service Enterprise is

How it works

Who can benefit from Service Enterprise

Benefits of Service Enterprise

How to Get Involved

Click here to reserve your spot!

December 7, 2026

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Virtual event using Zoom

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December 17, 2026

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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We all encounter ethical dilemmas in our daily work with and for community, but rarely do organizations focus on ethics related to volunteer engagement. This session provides an opportunity for practitioners to understand the difference between personal, organizational and professional ethics. The core values and principles identified by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA) will be shared. Participants will learn a process for ethical decision-making that can be applied in any situation, and then practice this using real-life scenarios related to volunteers. Finally, several specific strategies will be offered for increasing awareness of ethics within an organization and helping both volunteers and staff become more effective at handling ethical dilemmas.

December 22, 2026

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December 25, 2026

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Christmas Day (USA)