

HOCUS...POCUS... VOLUNTEER FOCUS

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DOES ANYONE VOLUNTEER ANYMORE?



Is volunteerism down in America?
Do people work too much to volunteer?
Do Californians still volunteer?
Where do Californians volunteer?

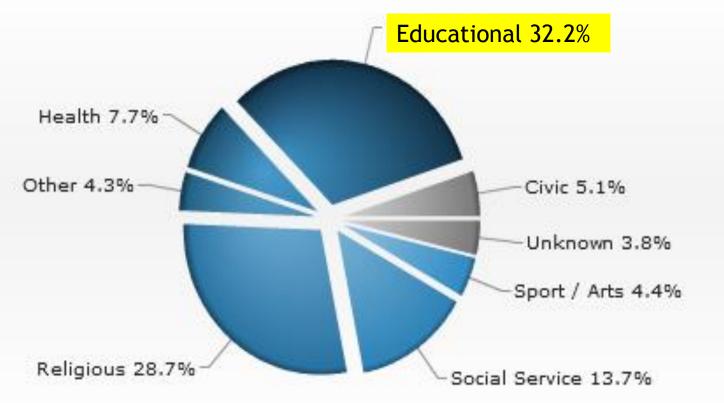


VOLUNTEERS!

- About 26% of California residents volunteered last year.
- 2/3 of California's workforce DO NOT work a traditional 9-5 workday.
- Many California corporations encourage and offer release time for their workers who volunteer.
- Last year, almost 7 ½ million Californians volunteered a total of 980 million hours for a total of \$21.3 billion in volunteer service.

WHERE CALIFORNIANS VOLUNTEER

Where People Volunteer





VOLUNTEERING FOR THE FUTURE...

THINGS ARE **CHANGING!**

WHAT IS CHANGING?

...family structures

...work patterns



...technology

...lifestyles and the disappearance of time.





BARRIERS





TIME FOR A SONG!

Hooray for Volunteers by Arlene Grubbs and Evie Levine

(Sung to the tune of "Hooray for Hollywood")

Hooray for volunteers These extra super special volunteers We couldn't copy without your smiling faces And feel this place is Great because you are here Those tough jobs we wish We could accomplish You take on and do with the best of cheer Hooray for volunteers With you on board our troubles disappear And any one of you will always come through Each time we need you To help us get the job done We think the world of you And of the job you do Hooray for volunteers!

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS!



- Retain rather than recruit.
- Just ask...
 - What they want
 - Make it personal
 - Get their input
 - Use their experience
- Greet when volunteers arrive

Today's volunteer is suffering from the disappearance of time!



MORE STRATEGIES...THE 6 B'S

- 1. Be flexible.
- 2. Be creative about volunteer assignments.
- 3. Be willing to accept workers, rather than meeting goers.
- 4. Be open to families volunteering together.
- 5. Be able to offer opportunities for all ages to serve.
- 6. Be attentive to short-term volunteers.

STRATEGIES...

Avoid Overload!



STRATEGIES...STILL MORE



- Avoid burn out!
- > Adhere to term limit guidelines.
- > Plan ahead for future leadership.
- Divide volunteer projects into bite sized pieces!
- > Partner volunteers; use the committee strategy.
- Avoid favoritism! Treat all volunteers fairly.

STRATEGIES



- > Recruit to a cause.
- > Link input and outcomes to a volunteer achievement.
- > Let newer, younger volunteers plan projects.
- > Help younger volunteer by taking away obstacles.
- Create real world experience from volunteer activities.
- Utilize technology.
- Give meaningful titles.
- Thank families for letting PTA borrow their family member.

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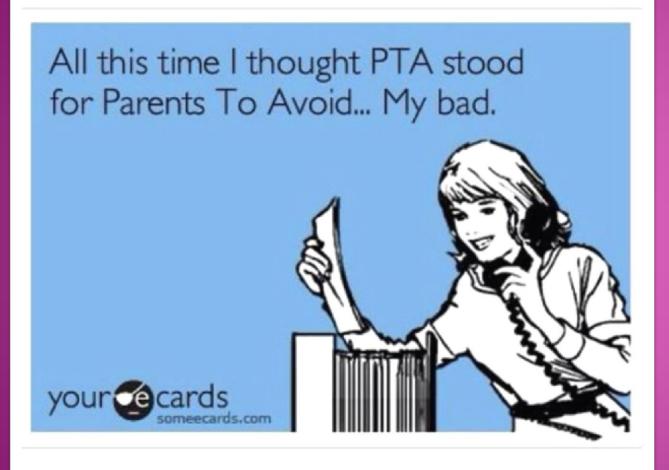
Stand Out From the Crowd!



MAKING IT



- Market PTA!
- > Name badges and business cards.
- Add training to make volunteers successful.
- > Set goals.
- Remember volunteer birthdays, special events.
- > Capture actual volunteer testimonials.
- > Nominate volunteers for awards.





ABC'S OF VOLUNTEERING!





Thank you for participating in our workshop!



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