
YOUTH PULSE

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Youth Pulse is here to show you how to get plugged into where your community needs you most. Get involved and show how important youth involvement is to the Bay Area! Each month we focus on a different community need and highlight volunteer opportunities that will allow you to apply your talents and skills to that need and give back to your community!

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The first official day of summer is June 21st! I'm sure you've got a lot planned--vacations, sports, friends and sleep--but what happens when the boredom sets in? Instead of heading to the movie theater to watch the latest blockbuster, why don't you keep yourself busy by volunteering at a Bay Area film or performance-based nonprofit? It will keep your mind and body active and allow you to expand your horizons and get your creative juices flowing!

Not only will you make a great contribution to the community, but you can make great connections to build up your resume all summer long *and* discover new interests! There are lots of performances, events and screenings that are always looking for help! Keep reading to hear about a few.

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Youth Pulse Highlight



STERN GROVE FESTIVAL – IN CONCERT WITH NATURE

The Stern Grove Festival Association showcases the performing arts all summer long! From R&B to ballet, Stern Grove is dedicated to providing admission-free events for the Bay Area community. They are putting on ten Sunday events for their 72nd season and would love to have the help and energy of youth volunteers!

Do you like working with and helping people? Volunteers are needed as ushers, information booth staffers, donation collectors, hospitality personnel and bike valets. If you're excited about working with young children, Stern Grove has an expanded education and outreach program called Kids Days which needs youth volunteers for event facilitation and pre-concert event set-up.

After your volunteer shift, you will be invited to enjoy reserved seating during the performance and complimentary beverages and snacks. Your help will be much appreciated! Jessica Zeidman, the Volunteer Coordinator, tells us, "Youth are a vital component of our volunteer program at the Stern Grove Festival. They have the stamina, energy and determination to assist us with our 10,000 patrons each Sunday. The Festival would not be possible without our dedicated youth volunteers."

To learn more about the Stern Grove Festival Association and how you can help, [click this link!](#)

Volunteer Behind the Curtain!

If theater is one of your interests or hobbies, FoolsFiERY is interested in YOU! FoolsFiERY



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They are having a theater festival this month, which brings 21 ensemble theater companies from around the world to the Bay Area for 3 weeks of outstanding performances. That means they need a lot of volunteers like you! A variety of opportunities are available during the festival, and you are invited to watch a performance after your shift! You can help out with evening ushering and box office duties, or join the load-in, strike and run crew, which will allow you to meet technicians and artists who will undoubtedly share their theater wisdom and stories with you.

[Click here](#) to find out more!

Help Promote the Cinema!



Interested in the film industry? The San Francisco Film Society works to promote, enhance, educate and celebrate cinematic artistry and innovation through year-round public programs. This organization reaches diverse audiences and communities with programs and events in four core areas: embracing internationalism; educating Bay Area youth; celebrating Bay Area film and media; and exploring new media and digital technology.

Are you interested in gaining some experience with the Marketing and Membership Department? They are looking for volunteers to aid in mailings, data entry and some online research; on-site training is provided. You're bound to learn a lot!

Find out more [here!](#)

Volunteer at a Live Performance!



California Shakespeare Theater puts on an astounding 96 plays this summer in Orinda and is looking for 15 volunteers per play. That means they need 1440 volunteers this season!

Performances are on weekends and weekdays, so why don't you check out Romeo and Juliet in the beautiful Bruns Memorial Amphitheater and help serve the community at the same time! Volunteer ushers are needed to distribute programs, help with seating, assist with will call ticketing and general site upkeep. When seats are available, ushers are invited to relax and enjoy the performance.

[Click here](#) to learn more and sign up to help!

I hope these volunteer opportunities fueled your creativity and motivated you to find the perfect summer volunteer experience! Make sure you find somewhere to volunteer that benefits you AND the community. It's great to give back and even better when you can learn something new at the same time!

Remember, The Volunteer Center website has a lot more fun ideas to check out!

Later!
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