


Boiler Out! Volunteer Program

A Program of the International Students and Scholars (ISS) Office
Purdue University

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2009	2009	2009	2010		2010	2010	2010	2011
March	June - July	August	January		October	November	December	January
Boiler Out! is piloted with a collaborative project with Purdue Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. ISS staff members volunteer alongside international and domestic students.	Single Boiler Out! events continue with increased student interest. Pilot is considered successful and long-term plans begin to take shape. Database is created to track student participation.	Boiler Out! is implemented as tiered certificate program with three qualifying levels (25, 50, 75 hours). Web page is created to market program and allow for online sign-up.	Reception is held to honor all volunteers and three students are awarded certificates for tier one. Program has grown from one event per month to as many as eight in a single month.		October events include 105 volunteers with 51 on waiting lists. November's events are posted; spots are filled within one hour with an additional 171 on waiting lists.	Ways of meeting increasing student demand are discussed. Cohort based program is accepted by administration. Application and selection system is developed.	Applications are reviewed with 100 students being selected to join Spring 2011 Cohort. Students are notified and attend an orientation session.	Boiler Out! introduces new program structure with the Spring 2011 Cohort. ISS staff members and student assistants are assigned to meet growing needs.

Community Partners (A Sample)

Organization	Description	Work Performed
Boiler Volunteer Network	Boiler Blast, Make-A-Difference Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Project Move Out, Share the Love	Assist with a variety of projects for local community organizations as assigned
Columbian Park Zoo	Boo at the Zoo	Run concessions, face painting, give candy to children, man game stations, act out fairytale scenes
Cumberland Pointe Health Campus	Assisted Living Activities	Interact with senior citizens by playing bingo and visiting with the residents during their coffee hour
Food Finders Food Bank	Backpack Program	Sort donations at the main facility and at local schools; fill backpacks with weekly supply of food for lower SES students
Greater Lafayette Commerce	Dancing in the Streets	Sell admission and food tickets to attendees, assist with vehicle registration
Habitat for Humanity	Purdue Habitat	Demolition of houses, landscaping, painting, and staining, and other duties according to project needs
Indiana Parks and Recreation	Annual State Conference	Greet attendees, hand out and collect evaluation forms, record attendance
Lafayette Symphony Orchestra	Concerts	Usher concerts at Long Performing Arts Center
Lafayette Urban Ministry	Thanksgiving Meal and Celebration, Jubilee Christmas	Help prepare and serve annual community meal, sort and help distribute gifts to lower SES families
Tippecanoe Arts Federation	Taste of Tippecanoe	Sell admission and food tickets to attendees
Tree Lafayette	Arbor Day Celebration	Plant trees throughout Lafayette, IN in an effort toward urban beautification, a healthy environment, and sustainability
Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission	De-Trash the Wabash	Clean the river banks as part of community beautification project
Woodland Elementary School	Winter Carnival	Help run various games and assist with face painting at annual school fundraiser
YMCA	Camp Tecumseh	Plant flowers, clear trees, create walking trails in preparation for summer campers
YWCA	Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program	Deep cleaning of residence to prepare for new guests, landscaping around facility

Objective

- To provide international students with the opportunity to engage in meaningful volunteer projects where they serve alongside local community members, as well as other international and domestic students

"It makes me happy personally and with ISS, it's a whole lot of fun, thanks to the counselors who make you feel really special."

(Leela Rama Rao Cherukuri)

Core Values

BOILER

O Outreach

Meeting the needs of our community

U Understanding

Experiencing life outside University walls

T Teamwork

Working together toward a common goal



Participant Feedback

- "Thank you for your wonderful efforts in creating opportunities for international students to be involved in the greater Lafayette community." (Graduate Student, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)
- "I'm very glad to join you as one of the volunteers. Thank you again for offering the chance." (Undergraduate Student, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)
- "Thank you for the information of volunteer opportunity. It sounds very fun!" (Graduate Student, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature)
- "Yeah, I finally make it!! Do you have some more volunteer events on schedule already for this semester? If I am available, I will be more than happy to join." (Undergraduate Student, Department of Mathematics)
- "I really love to become a volunteer and help others." (Undergraduate Student, Krannert School of Management)
- "I want to know how to join the family of Boiler Out and how to attend the volunteer activities?" (Undergraduate Student, Department of Mathematics)

