Join a Team for Dash for Trash!

It’s that time again! The Center for Civic Engagement has started sign-ups for our annual Dash for Trash! Dash for Trash is a litter-collecting scavenger hunt in which student teams help clean up the East Side of downtown Charleston. Partnered with Keep Charleston Beautiful, our office helped create the event as a part of the national Clean Sweep initiative. Just last year, students collected a grand total of 1,400 pounds of trash.

This year we will give out prizes for most recyclables, most points, and most team spirit! As if that’s not enough incentive, breakfast and lunch will also be provided!

Participants must register in advance and can sign up now as an individual or in teams of ten or less by visiting our blog at volunteer.cofc.edu. This is a great opportunity for students involved to meet new people and have fun making a difference in the greater Charleston community. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions. We look forward to working with you!

Saturday, October 22
9:30–1:30pm
Liberty Square
Register as an individual or a team (up to 10 people)!
For more information, email volunteer@cofc.edu

Alternative Spring Break

Go on a domestic or international destination to participate in community service, explore exciting places and make new friends! All trips are led and planned by students and are completely substance-free.

Last year, destinations included San Francisco, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, and Greece among other places. Service projects included Orphanage Outreach, Youth Development, and Animal Rescue/Rehabilitation, so there is something for everyone.

Learn about the spring break trips we will be hosting at one of our informational sessions:

October 12th – Presentation, Maybank 107, 6 pm

October 19th – Table Fair, Stern Lobby, 5-7 pm

October 20th – Table Fair, Cougar Mall, 11-1 pm

Applications Due October 24th, 2011 at 5 pm
Mark your calendars for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week! This year H & HA week is November 14-19. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is a series of week-long events dedicated to inform the community about the issues of hunger and homelessness that are facing our nation and the Charleston area. Last year, we hosted a panel of recently homeless Charlestonians, a Can Castle Competition, a Poverty Stimulation, a trip to an issue-based exhibition, as well as a Service Saturday to put our education to action. We hope that you will join us this year for what we have in store this year!

Volunteer Fair

Our annual volunteer fair was held on Wednesday, September 21st this year. Despite the rain, we had a good turnout of students who visited the 26 non-profit organizations that were present. Thank you for helping us make this event a huge success! If you missed our fair, don’t fret, you can come to our office to find out about the volunteer needs of the Charleston community.