

April 10, 2013

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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
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ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
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SUBJECT: Global Youth Service Day and Earth Day 2013

1. Purpose. To provide information, resources, and partnership opportunities for Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) and Earth Day 2013.

2. Background. Each year, Job Corps students participate in activities during the month of April to engage students in Global Youth Service Day and to commemorate Earth Day. This year, Earth Day is April 22 and Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is April 26-28. Students and staff members are encouraged to participate on and around these dates. Both events mobilize millions of youth around the world to improve their communities through service and service-learning, and give students and staff opportunities to participate in activities that support a more sustainable world.

Job Corps centers are encouraged to focus their 2013 GYSD and Earth Day activities on reducing pollution and addressing climate change. The president's goals for the environment include reducing greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

There are many ways to participate – from projects, education, and campaigns on center, to working with local organizations. Whether building a community garden, helping neighbors save energy, or supporting disaster prevention and relief, Job Corps students can find their voices by taking action and creating real change through GYSD and Earth Day activities. Centers can contact their area's GYSD lead-agency point of contact (Attachment A) to explore additional partnership opportunities. Also, excellent resources (see Attachment B) are available online; students and staff members may use these to develop ideas.

Established in 1988, GYSD is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth. GYSD is celebrated each year in more than 100 countries and is organized through Youth Service America.

Earth Day brings together more than a billion people in Earth Day-related activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. The global theme for Earth Day 2013, “The Face of Climate Change,” highlights the mounting impact of climate change on individuals around the world.

3. Action. Addressees are to ensure this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

Centers are encouraged to post their projects on the Global Youth Service Day website at www.gysd.org; and contact the nearest lead-agency point of contact to register for an event.

By **May 3, 2013**, please submit the results of Global Youth Service Day/Earth Day activities via the online survey located at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6DHK3WS>

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Michele Abel-Stockham at (202) 693-2804 or stockham.michele@dol.gov, or David Wiley at wiley.david@dol.gov or (202) 693-3396.

Attachments

A – GYSD Lead-Agency Points of Contact

B – Global Youth Service Day/Earth Day Every Day Suggested Activities and Resources

C – Best Practices

D – Enhancing Public Awareness of Job Corps

E – Media Advisory Template

F – Sample Job Corps GYSD Release