

This workshop will enable teachers and students to understand the elements and benefits of service-learning and to design service-learning projects for classroom implementation.

## Registration

This workshop is made possible by the generous support of State Farm Insurance Company, a devoted supporter of service-learning. Therefore, there is no fee for teachers or students to attend this workshop.

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*Llano Grande Center*



## Definition of Service-Learning

from the Corporation for National and Community Service

Service-Learning is a teaching and learning strategy through which young people learn and develop by designing, organizing and participating in meaningful service experiences:

- that meet actual community needs;
- that are coordinated in collaboration with the school and community;
- that are integrated into the students' academic curriculum;
- that provide structured time for thinking, writing and talking about what is seen and done in the service-learning process;
- that enhance what is taught in the classroom by providing opportunities for students to apply new academic knowledge and skills in real life situations in their own communities;
- that help to foster the development of a sense of caring for others.

To register, please email the information below to  
[delia.perez@llanogrande.org](mailto:delia.perez@llanogrande.org)

In the subject line, please type "Registration for Service-Learning Workshop."

- Name
- Title
- School
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Email
- Dietary needs
- # of students accompanying

Registration deadline is  
Friday, October 30!



## Service-Learning Workshop for Teachers and Students



Hampton Inn & Suites  
(Nolana & Expressway 281)

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, November 13, 2009



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*Workshop Information* Teachers are encouraged to bring 1 or 2 students with them to this workshop in order to honor one of the important principles of service-learning: to involve students in identifying and developing project ideas. This workshop will be highly participatory and engaging, so it will be appealing for participants of all ages.

## about *Llano Grande*

The Llano Grande Center, a nonprofit organization based in Edcouch-Elsa High School, creates access to higher education by engaging students in community change initiatives and developing youth leadership that respects local history and culture.

Llano Grande staff and students will share examples of service-learning projects and facilitate conversation and activities. Participants will:

- Participate in a World Café to discuss the purpose and outcomes of service-learning and receive information about how to use World Café as an instructional tool.
- Develop ideas for service-learning projects with class or school teams.
- Receive service-learning materials, including a variety of project ideas by subject.
- Understand how multi-media can be used to document the process, impact and outcomes of service-learning projects.
- Become eligible to receive a free Flip video camera (\$100 value) to document your future service-learning projects.
- Learn about grants and funding opportunities for service-learning projects.

Because the Llano Grande Center is enthusiastic about service-learning and its benefits, we want to do our part to expand service-learning opportunities for students in our region. Therefore, we are committed to remaining a resource to teachers who participate in this workshop in the following ways:

- Inform teachers about future service-learning training opportunities;
- Inform teachers through email about funding opportunities for service-learning projects;
- Be available to assist teachers with funding applications;
- Be available to offer feedback or suggest potential partners as teachers design future service-learning projects.

Service-learning has been a key component of our work since the organization's founding in 1997. Teachers and students have demonstrated resourcefulness by utilizing community assets to respond to pre-existing or surfacing community needs. Examples of service-learning projects our students have done include:

- Oral histories conducted and published in history journals;
- Research of community needs presented to city officials for action;
- Community asset-mapping for informing enterprise development;
- Understanding design for rethinking new uses of community spaces.

As our students understand the relevance of their learning to the world around them, they become motivated to set personal goals to do well in school and pursue a higher education. Our students continue to expand their horizons, develop new skills, graduate with superior records, gain entry to America's finest colleges and universities, and return to the Rio Grande Valley to pursue their lives and careers.



*Angie Rodriguez, Edcouch-Elsa Class of 2009*

"Being involved last year in Llano Grande's Ready, Set, Drive project was life changing. Prior to this, I had not thought seriously about the consequences of distracted driving. Informing myself and then helping to inform others about teen driver safety made me realize how important service learning is. It's not about just

giving my time to a service project, but about changing myself, seeing others change as well, and learning things I may not have learned otherwise in a typical classroom."



*Edgar Diaz, Edcouch-Elsa Class of 2009  
and Associate Board Member for  
State Farm Youth Advisory Board*

"Service-learning is important because it allows students the opportunity to provide a service to others while engaging in a meaningful learning experience. As we taught others about an important community issue and promoted driver safety, we helped make a difference."