Hurray For Parents/Volunteers! is a listing of free or low-cost local events, resources, scholarships, contests, and educational opportunities to help parents maximize in-school and non-school time through enhanced academic opportunities for their children. The School Volunteer Program recognizes the outstanding effort made by parents as a vital force in the success of children.

Become a Mentor… Inspire a Child to Dream More and Be More… Helping our foster children to believe in themselves is the first step to making their dreams come true. You can inspire a child by simply giving a little of your time. For further information please call 213-241-6110.

Los Angeles Team Mentoring, Inc.: LATM is currently recruiting volunteers for its mentoring program. Los Angeles Team Mentoring’s after school program is an innovative mentoring program for middle school students (ages 11-13) which brings together teachers, college students, and community/business volunteers as mentoring teams. For more information about our program or to submit an application please visit us at www.latm.org or call us at 213-742-6733.

A Salute to School Volunteer Month: A month in which we recognize our community of dedicated parents, students, businesses, and seniors who volunteer their time, talents, and resources to the students and teachers of Los Angeles public schools. We couldn’t do it without you!

July 4 – Independence Day


July 5 – Target Dance Series at the Ford Amphitheatre The Gift on the Water/Omi Odàra: The Viver Brasil Dance Company Afro-Bahian celebrates water spirits. Target offers $5 tickets for children and students with ID to all dance performances. 8:30 pm. 323/461-3673 www.FordTheatres.org

July 6 – First Sundays are for Families at The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA: In conjunction with As Far as the Eye Can See, discover the connection between visual art and poetry. Geared for children ages 5 and up. Free. 1 pm to 3:30 pm. 213/621-1765. 152 N. Central Ave., 90013. www.moca.org/museum/forfamilies.php


July 7- August 15 – Southern California Tennis Association/National Junior Tennis League/LA 84 Foundation sponsors six-week tennis programs for youths ages 8-17. $10 fee. Scholarships available if needed. For further information and brochure listing all participating sites, contact SCTA at 310/208-3838 #234.


July 11, 12, 13 – 31st Annual Lotus Festival: Asian and Pacific Islander communities share their culture and traditions through fireworks, displays, art, music, dance, and food. The festival dates coincide with the anticipated blooming of the Lotus Flower. Free admission, shuttle, and parking. At Echo Park Lake on Park Ave. between Glendale Ave. and Echo Park Blvd. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm; Saturday, noon to 9 pm; Sunday, noon to 8:30 pm. 213/485-4876. www.laparks.org/grifmet/lotus.htm
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333 South Beaudry Avenue, Suite B2-216 ■ Los Angeles, CA 90017
Phone: 213-241-6900/ Fax: 213-241-8974

July 25 & 26 – Target Dance Series at the Ford Amphitheatre: A Beautiful Struggle and Tercera Raíz: Los Angeles dance troupe Culture Shock performs on the 25th with a hip-hop spin on Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451. 8:30 pm. On the 26th, Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company presents a blending of African influences and Mexican culture. 8:00 pm. $5 tickets for children and students with ID to all dance performances. 8:30 pm. 323/461-3673 www.FordTheatres.org

For information on colleges and a college match search, visit Collegeboard at www.collegeboard.com.

LAUSD Adult and Career Education: For current information on classes and enrollment options including computer and high school diploma courses, call 213/625-3276 or visit http://adultinstruction.org.

LAUSD, Beyond The Bell Branch, School Volunteer Music Program: Program Specialist: Part Time, Valley location Clerical Duties, good communication skills, bi-lingual a plus, good computer skills, record keeping, ordering supplies and maintaining inventory spread sheet. For further information, please contact Ms Dove at (310) 262-5336

Find State, federal and institutional financial aid information for funding post-high school education on the California Student Aid Commission website at www.csac.ca.gov or call the CSA Commission at 888/CA Grant (224-7268).

Los Angeles Public Library Children’s Summer Reading Club 2008 Reading Magic: Sign up at your local branch or online at www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/readingclub.html.

Los Angeles Public Library Teen Summer Reading Club 2008 Passport to Reading: Geared for teens ages 12 to 18, the reading program is intended to stimulate an interest in reading and learning about other countries of the world. Sign-up at your local library or online at www.lapl.org/ya/readingclub.

Teachable Moments
For the Younger set, Home is a Great Place to Learn this Summer

- Read to your child and have your child read to you. Encourage your child to read daily.
- Visit the library often and get a card for your child. Take part in story hours at the library.
- Keep track of how much TV your child watches. If your child watches more than three hours a day, his/her reading will suffer. Try to schedule a reading night.
- If your child is attending school, ask what she or he is learning.
- Write letters and notes to your child.

Recommended Reading

Family Websites

P.S. - If you have information that you would like to share with other parents, please fax a brief statement with specific details to Cheryl Phillips, Hurray for Parents/Volunteers! Editor, Fax # (213) 241-8974, or send via School Mail to the School Volunteer Office, 333 South Beaudry Avenue B2-216.