NEW CSI SITES

Big Brother Big Sisters of Marquette County
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BBBS is looking for 20 to 25 NMU students to work with kids at the Powell Township School. NMU Students would be matched with one or two youth from Powell and spend an hour a week or every-other-week with their mentees (frequency depends on availability of students). Transportation from NMU and back will be provided, as well as FOOD!
Time Commitment: 1 hour a week/every-other-week
No. of Students: 20-25

Child & Family Services of the U.P.
Shelley Young
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This is an internship working with kids. Runs before and after school programs in 5 schools in the county.

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (MiCorps)
Mindy Otto
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I would be looking for one or two people to collect data on Lake Independence and run the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program which is part of MiCorps (the Michigan Clean Water Corps). It is coordinated by water protection groups and run by volunteers on inland lakes all over the state. Volunteers would need to be comfortable in a canoe or kayak and have decent experience in one or the other. They will learn to use water monitoring equipment and test: clarity, dissolved oxygen, temperature, phosphorus and chlorophyll from out in the middle of the lake. These folks need to be around the area during the whole summer and must be willing to come to Big Bay once a week on their own schedule. If you have volunteer(s) with serious interest let me know. As the entire summer project may only take 50 volunteer hours to complete we could find other field activities for the volunteer(s) to work on as well or the project could be repeated the following summer, as it is an annual activity.

Filling the Gap
Lutheran Social Services/Voices for Youth (VFY)
Michael D. Martin
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225-KIDS
VFY is looking for mentors to communicate with their mentee for 1 to 2 hours a week. This communication would concern issues associated with exploring post-secondary options, preparing for class sessions, and fielding questions and/or concerns about campus life. Each mentor would be required to apply for a volunteer position with VFY and attend a one hour program orientation on January 18th, from 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM (there is a fifteen minute meet-and-greet period). The only class session mentors would be required to attend would be the first one which is scheduled for the following week (January 25th). They would only need to attend the beginning of this meeting to meet their assigned mentee. To further assure that boundary issues are respected, same gender assignments will be a priority (i.e. male mentors with male mentees and vis-à-vis). Each mentor will be expected to send a brief report (e-mail) to me each week. This e-mail is vital to the evaluation of the student’s performance which is reported to the student’s principal at the end of the semester in the form of a letter (students receive high school credits, but short reports are used in the place of letter grades). E-mails from mentors will be used in consideration of each student’s out-of-class participation and as evidence of dedication to learning.
Gwinn Area Community Schools
Kathy Lammi
The Gwinn Area Community Schools has a Community Resource Center (CRC) at the Sawyer Elementary School. This CRC provides programs and services for students and parents throughout the school district. Programs such as preschool play groups, family math/science nights, parenting classes, and student after-school enrichment classes; some are manned by a part-time AmeriCorps worker and some by volunteers. The opportunity exists for a Student Fellow to apply their leadership skills in a Community Service Internship at the CRC in the planning, developing, and running programs of interest to students and parents. This person would work with the AmeriCorps worker, a small advisory group, and be supervised by the building principal, Carol Luoma, and the Special Programs Administrator, Kathy Lammi. We need someone with great ideas and the energy to help carry out those ideas.

Keep Your Butts off the Beach
Dan Truckey
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In truth, the problem of cigarette butts on the beaches is really a big problem in the summer time when most students are not around. Unfortunately, the biggest offenders are students hanging out around the volleyball nets at McCarty’s Cove. Maybe an awareness campaign of some type would help. Just a thought. Maybe they could get local school kids involved in asking people not to put their butts out in the sand and hand out plastic bags or something. My wife actually had this idea a few years ago to make bags that said, "Keep your Butts off the beach." Who knows, it might work.

Marquette Senior High School
Dan Bonsall
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Promote diversity related issues—respect, tolerance, acceptance, and the value of diversity to high school students through workshops or presentations.

Skitting Outta Control
Dave Bonsall
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Provide fun, entertaining, and educational skits about diversity, peer pressure, substance abuse, cultural differences, dealing with authority, sex and relationships, social issues, sexism, and/or handicap issues for children in preschool through high school in the Marquette area and for local business/organizations.

U.P. Children’s Bereavement Network
Sarah Harnett
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This volunteer opportunity is for the UP Children’s Bereavement Network. With the UP Children’s Bereavement Network we have several opportunities that would be both appealing and beneficial for some of your students. If you have students looking for hands-on experience with children or would like to be part of resource gathering, we would welcome their help.

A few more details: each month we hold a grief support event. This is offered for children and families who have experienced a loss. We do fun activities as well as grief work. We run a support group for the parents while the children are in a different area (so both feel comfortable and safe to share). In August we hold our grief camp, and at camp we need at least 25 18-25 year olds to serve as one-to-one “buddies” or guides for the children who have suffered a loss. It is helpful for these “buddies” to have experienced a loss themselves, (but not necessary), it is helpful for them to have a knowledge of growth and development, psychology or a related background and be an overall “good fit” with/have an
interest in children. Camp is a weekend-long experience, filled with high-energy experiences as well as therapeutic situations that facilitate sharing memories and learning coping skills.

We also have opportunities, as our network is just growing, for a student/volunteer to help us gather resources around the UP. I can tell you more over the phone, if that’s easier. Let me know if you think this is something any of your students would find interesting or valuable to them...I’d be happy to chat with them or you to tell you more. I have shared this with another professor (Fran Quinnell) and offered to do a presentation for students. Perhaps if you have students interested they could attend that presentation to learn more. It will be a brief (1/2 hour) talk about what our network is, what camp is, what our volunteer roles are and what we expect from our volunteers. I’ll also show a video from last year’s camp. To be honest, we had a few SLFP students who volunteered at last year’s camp and we couldn’t have been happier with them. This could be a weekend volunteer thing for students, or if someone had a particular interest and wanted to invest more, we could certainly look at making this a student’s SLFP project, we have many facets to our UPCBN board and planning.

We are very excited about the grief camp as well as the bereavement network and the monthly events! Watching it grow has been very rewarding. If there’s further information I can provide you with, I’d be happy to. Thanks for your time.

U.P. Volunteer Network
Great Lakes Center for Youth Development
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Program assists in connecting volunteers and nonprofit organizations throughout the Upper Peninsula. Contact Linda for opportunities.

YMCA of Marquette County
Stacey O’Neill
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Assist with web site maintenance and updates. Possibly someone in graphic design or IT field to also train staff as well.

YMCA of Marquette County
Reach & Rise Therapeutic Mentoring Program
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The Reach & Rise Therapeutic Mentoring Program Is offered to youth ages 6-17 through the YMCA. Our focus is on the emotional and social well-being of youth; essentially teaching youth emotional intelligence through a relationship with their mentor. We are currently looking for volunteer mentors at this time. We need volunteers of both genders; however we are really hoping to obtain some male volunteers as we have about five boys waiting. As a volunteer mentor, you would meet once a week for 1-3 hours with your mentee for one year. Mentors must be a minimum of 23 years old. The next new mentor training starts February 2015.