Take your Service-Learning experience to the next level….  

Contact 426-5631 or servicelearning@boisestate.edu for details.

**Get Noticed:**

**Display your SL experience:** participate in the Civic Engagement Student Exhibition. Your submission will be displayed on campus and you will be invited to a reception with faculty, community partners, and campus leaders.

**Be a voice for students:** join the Service-Learning Advisory Board, which meets every other month to discuss SL goals, activities, and strategies.

**Get Paid:**

**Service-Learning Ambassador:** Assist SL students, faculty, and agencies with the implementation, logistics, and promotion of SL.

**Community Work Study:** Work with a non-profit agency off campus, such as the MK Nature Center or Boise Parks and Recreation, using your work study award from financial aid.

**Family Literacy Program:** Tutor elementary kids in reading and math at local elementary schools using your work study award from financial aid.

**Receive money** to pay for tuition or to pay down a student loan by completing community service hours. Completing 300 hours in 12 months = $1000! Visit the Students in Service website at www.studentsinservice.org for information.

**Get Credit:**

Many community organizations offer valuable internships. For more information visit the Career Center website at http://career.boisestate.edu/.

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What is Service-Learning?

Courses with a Service-Learning (SL) component offer students an opportunity to apply course concepts to community service project and to critically reflect on this experience.

“Service, combined with learning, adds value to each and transforms both.”

Examples:
- PSYC 331: Psychology of Health students serve with Boise Parks and Recreation to provide recreational activities and nutrition education to children.
- MGMT 305: Human Resource Management students prepare employee manuals for a community organization.
- ENGR 120: Intro to Engineering students create adaptive devices for people with disabilities.

“SL brings books to life and life to books.”

What are the benefits to students?
- Hands-on application and knowledge.
- Real world experiences that appeal to employers, graduate schools, and scholarship reviewers
- Networking possibilities and references for your resume
- Interaction with people of diverse backgrounds
- Personal insights and growth
- New awareness of community problems and solutions

How do I get started?
1. Go to the Service-Learning website to review a list of courses that offer a service-learning component.
2. Choose a class that fits your personal and academic interests, and register for the class on BroncoWeb.
3. Review your course syllabus to learn how service-learning will be a component of your class.
4. Select a service site by creating a profile and signing up for a project on the SL website. Not all classes require this step; consult with your instructor for specific instructions.
5. Attend an orientation at your service site to learn about the agency and your project. Set a start date and a schedule.

What is expected of me?
- Consider how the experience could help you learn course material as well as further your personal and professional goals.
- Fulfill your commitment to the agency by being prompt, reliable, conscientious, and willing to work through challenges. Respect rules, regulations and confidentiality standards of the agency.
- Plan Ahead. Non-profit organizations are often overworked and understaffed, so they may not be able to return your call/email or attend to your needs immediately. If the agency has not contacted you within 3 business days, contact the SL Office at 426-1004 or servicelearning@boisestate.edu.
- Check your email regularly. Add your site supervisor to your contact list to avoid emails going to junkmail.

How do I get the most out of my SL experience?
- Practice your professional skills by using this time to network and build relationships with agency staff and clients.
- Reflect on your service through activities/assignments in class or informally with agency staff.
- Relate your experience to course concepts, broader social issues, your values, government policies, and your role as a citizen.
- Prepare for closure by giving clients and staff advance notice of your departure or confirming that you will continue to serve as a volunteer.

How can the Service-Learning Program staff assist me?
Contact staff at 426-1004 or servicelearning@boisestate.edu for assistance with:
- Logistics: help with registration, forms, attending orientation, and scheduling.
- Conflict Management: SL staff can help with resolving a conflict or misunderstanding with service site.
- Employment Opportunities: if you have work study, the SL Program hires students for a variety of positions on and off campus. Please see back page for more information.
- Scholarship Opportunities: if you participate in service, scholarships are available. Please see back page for more information or visit www.studentsinservice.org.