

9/11 Day of Service Community Service Projects September 2011

ALAMANCE COUNTY

The **Graham Area Business Association** in partnership with the Graham Recreation and Parks is hosting the "Let Freedom Ring" event that will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 at noon in downtown Court Square. There will be live music, rides, vendors, a car and motorcycle show, a free outdoor movie at night and fireworks. The first 1000 people with a police, fire, military, communications, rescue, or public servants' ID will receive a free BBQ sandwich. For more information, contact Jennifer Talley at 336-516-0908 or grahamareabusinessassociation@gmail.com.



ASHE COUNTY

The **Ashe County Honor Guard** will hold a Sept. 11 service to honor the emergency service workers and military personnel that have lost their lives. The service will be held at the Ashe County Civic Center Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. located at 962 Mount Jefferson Rd West Jefferson, NC. This is open to the public. For more information, contact Glenda Luther at (336) 246-2461 Ext. 225 or glenda.luther@ashecountygov.com.

Members of the **Lansing Volunteer Fire Department** will donate 10 pair of boots to be used to line the route of a regional "Tunnel to the Towers Run", a 5-K run that pays tribute to the 343 firefighters that lost their lives in 9/11 by answering the call to save lives. For more information about local runs and how to volunteer, visit <http://www.tunneltotowersrun.org>.



BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Belville Elementary School will prepare baskets of coffee and breakfast foods to drop off at local fire, police, and sheriff departments on Friday, Sept. 9. Students will make "thank you" crafts and a banner that will be given along with the breakfast baskets. For more information, contact Merideth_Lloyd@bcswan.net or 910-371-0601.



BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Project Conserve: AmeriCorps members will participate in a river clean-up along the French Broad River near Asheville from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. Members will remove litter and other debris from stream banks, on foot and via boat. For more information, contact Amy Stout at 828-697-5777 or projectconserve@carolinamountain.org.

Project POWER, Project Conserve and Asheville City Schools VISTA: AmeriCorps members will host the 'Masters of Disasters' service learning projects at local after-school learning centers from Sept. 7-8. Members will invite first responders to their sites to speak to children about their role in the community. This will give children an opportunity to show appreciation to first responders by making thank-you cards and posters. In addition, members will serve lunch to two Asheville fire departments to show appreciation for their commitment to the community from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. For more information, contact Ashley Campbell at 828-776-3287 or ashleyadelecampbell3@gmail.com.

Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Initiative, City of Asheville, Land of Sky Regional Council RSVP, Foster Grandparents and Senior Corps: Members will impact their community by making a difference in the lives of the homeless. They are seeking to fill more than 300 backpacks with non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, socks and winter hats. Members are seeking volunteers to assist with this activity and donations for the back packs. The community service activity will take place at First Baptist Church of Asheville from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22.



CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

The **Camden County Board of Education** will recognize the Camden Fire Chief, the sheriff of Camden County and Elizabeth City Coast Guard Commander at their regular board meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8. **Camtech High School** students will show a video about Sept. 11 during the recognition and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The video will be posted on the school system website.

Approximately, 600 K-6 students and volunteers of **Grandy Primary** and **Camden Intermediate School** will wear red, white and blue to school on Friday, Sept. 9. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the students will observe a moment of silence for those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Camden Middle School will set up a head table and invite volunteers and veterans to have lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9.

Camden County High School and **CamTech High School** will honor the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 at a football game at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. Camden County Sheriff's Department, Camden County volunteer firemen, and all EMS personnel from Camden County have been invited to attend the game free of charge. At half-time, they will be recognized for their service to their country.

For more information, contact Paula Mickey at 252-335-0831 ext. 236 or pmickey@camden.k12.nc.us.



CARTERET COUNTY SCHOOLS

Atlantic Elementary School will host an assembly on Friday, Sept. 9 with Boy Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Students will show a PowerPoint presentation they created about Sept. 11, and there will be presentations by each class such as patriotic songs, skits and poems. Students will interview staff members about what they remember about Sept. 11 and how it impacted them.

Beaufort Elementary School invites first responders to appear on the school's morning television program to explain their roles in the community on Friday, Sept. 9.

Bogue Sound Elementary School will host a patriotic concert on Friday, Sept. 9. Students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue.

Harkers Island Elementary School students will create mixed media American flags in the style of Jasper Johns with phrases such as "Never Forget," "Remember," and "9/11" collaged on the poster-sized paper. Students will write within the stripes of the flags the reasons why they are proud and thankful to be living in America.

White Oak Elementary School will plant a tree to mark the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11.

Broad Creek Middle School invites first responders for coffee, juice, donuts and student-led tours of the school. First responders will receive thank-you cards made by language arts students.

For more information, contact Tabbie Nance at 252-728-4583 ext. 137.



CHAPEL HILL – CARRBORO CITY SCHOOLS

Hanes Theatre at **Chapel Hill High School** will host a program "Empty Sky: Remembering New York" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9, in honor of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11 and offer support for the survivors, families and friends. The program will include guest speakers who were in New York City on Sept. 11, a video montage of reactions from locals, a performance by a band of teachers, and a performance by the school's drama club of "New York" by David Rimmer. The event is free to the public. For more information, contact Theatre Director Thomas Drago at 919-929-2106 ext. 43114 or tdrago@chcss.k12.nc.us.



DURHAM COUNTY

N.C. Campus Compact—Duke Community Service Center, Lakewood Elementary School Community Garden and Duke University Retirees Organization: Students and volunteers will participate in a grounds beautification activity at Lakewood Elementary School Community Garden from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. For more information, contact Neil Hoefs at 919-684-5213 or neil.hoefs@duke.edu.



FORSYTH COUNTY

HandsOn Northwest North Carolina: Volunteers will commemorate the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 by coordinating several service projects from Sept. 7-11. The service projects will culminate with a memorial service for all volunteers at Winston-Salem State University's bell tower at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Service projects will include numerous beautification projects at K-12 public schools, organizing a food pantry, cleaning up streams, prepping the new SECU Family House and

working with public schools and universities to help encourage students to write letters to local emergency responders and soldiers currently serving. Coordinating partners include: Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University, Salem College, My Sistas Keeper Inc., and the Mayor's Office of the City of Winston Salem. For more information, contact Michelle Bennett at 336-724-2866 or michellebennett@handsonwnc.org.

AmeriCorps and Children Together and HandsOn North Western NC: AmeriCorps members and volunteers will work on a horticulture therapy garden to construct wheelchair access for children at The Special Children's School of Winston Salem on Thursday, Sept. 8. Members will also participate in a memorial service at Winston Salem State University at the Bell Tower on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m. This will be a time for all members and volunteers to reflect on their volunteer service and honor the victims and heroes of the Sept. 11 tragedy, as well as honor local heroes and veterans. Mayor Allen Joines and Chancellor Donald Reaves of Winston Salem State University will present local heroes with awards and honor veterans of the recent Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Fire Chief Anthony Farmer will deliver the keynote address. Students from local universities will take part by presenting music and poetry. For more information, contact Katie Snow at 336-985-2676 or email at ksnow@stokespfc.com.

N.C. Campus Compact—Hands On NWNC with Wake Forest University, Salem College, and Winston-Salem State University: Students will conduct a letter drive for troops from Sept. 9-11 on three college campuses. Students will participate in memorial services on Sunday, Sept. 11 that focus on tolerance and unity, and a reflection ceremony of the 10 year anniversary of Sept. 11. For more information, contact Shelley Sizemore at 336-758-3705 or gravessa@wfu.edu.



GUILFORD COUNTY

Volunteer Center of Greensboro: The Volunteer Center of Greensboro has been chosen to lead in the 10th Anniversary 9/11 Day of Remembrance Observance along with New York City, Boston, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and San Francisco to organize a three-day event. Based on the number of activities and expected per capita participants, this is expected to be the 2nd largest 9/11 event in the United States. A wide variety of community service events will take place from Friday, Sept. 9 to Sunday, Sept. 11 in Greensboro. The three days will culminate on Sunday evening with a tribute and commemoration event. For a detailed events schedule please visit <http://www.volunteergso.org/programs/911-day-of-remembrance-and-service/>. For more information including how to volunteer, contact Skylar Cherniack at 336-373-1633 Skylar.Cherniack@gmail.com.

ACCESS and Senior Corps: AmeriCorps members will organize a food drive to help collect non-perishable food items for a local food bank. Food will be collected the week prior to the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance. Members will donate the food to The Servant Center on Friday, Sept. 9. In addition, members will write thank-you notes to be delivered to three first responder organizations in Guilford County: Greensboro Police Department, Guilford Fire Department, and Guilford County Emergency Services. For more information, contact Cynthia Mejia at 336-256-1375 or email at cynthiamejia66@gmail.com.

The Spirit of Excellence: AmeriCorps members will partner with the American Red Cross to assemble safety kits to be placed on the doorknobs and doorsteps of neighbors within the community from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. These kits will provide information on fire safety and tips for prevention. For more information, contact Chris Wallace at 336-542-7768 or email at cwallace@blackchilddevelopment.org.

Welfare Reform Liaison Project VISTA: Members will collect and prepare donated items for distribution to the community on Friday, Sept. 9. These items, which will include supplies for teachers and clothing, will be distributed in disadvantaged communities.

Senior Resources of Guilford, Foster Grandparents & RSVP: Members will cook and serve dinner to veterans on Friday, Sept. 9 at The Servant Center. In addition, members will make bookmarks for first responders that include a handwritten message of appreciation. Members will deliver the bookmarks on Sunday, Sept. 11 to three first responder locations in Guilford County.



HARNETT COUNTY

Harnett County RSVP: Harnett County RSVP is partnering with Harnett County Departments of Health and Social Services to sponsor the Lillington Community Blood Drive on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Harnett County Governmental Complex in Lillington. The blood drive is dedicated to Harnett County First Responders. All Harnett County first responders are invited to a reception that will coincide with the blood drive. In addition, Harnett County RSVP is coordinating appreciation events throughout Harnett County the week of Sept. 11 – 17 to honor first responders during North Carolina First Responders Appreciation Week. For more information, contact Nancy Wright at 910-893-7579 or nwright@harnett.org.

N.C. Campus Compact—Campbell University: Students will host an opening ceremony from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Campbell University. Students can participate in community service by helping out with a book drive, making cards for first responders and soldiers. For more information, contact Sara McCarthy at 910-814-4726 or mccarthys@campbell.edu.



IREDELL-STATESVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

On Friday, Sept. 9, **Third Creek Elementary School** staff and students will wear red, white, and blue and will write thank-you letters in memory of those who served on 9/11.

Union Grove Elementary School students in grades K-2 will create thank-you posters and a first responder speaker will address students in grades 3-5.

Statesville High School will conduct a Sept. 11 flagpole ceremony for the 10th anniversary at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. The ceremony will honor those civilians and first responders who lost their lives, friends or family members and military members who continue to fight the “War on Terror.” The Statesville High School Army JROTC will sponsor the event and the Statesville High School Choir will perform during the ceremony. During First Responder Week, Statesville Fire and Police Department personnel will raise the flag each morning in front of the gym/auditorium. For more information, contact Frank Gammon at 704-872-0064 or gammonf@iss.k12.nc.us.



JACKSON COUNTY

N.C. Campus Compact—Western Carolina University's Center for Service Learning: Students will have the opportunity to serve various organizations throughout Jackson County on Saturday, Sept. 10. Service sites will include fire departments, police departments, non-profits and an on-campus organic garden. On Sunday, Sept. 11, students will attend a remembrance event on campus that will take a look back at the events of Sept. 11. For more information, contact Derald Dryman at 828-227-2592 or derald.dryman@gmail.com.



JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Dixon Road Elementary first graders will hear “The Man who walked between the Towers,” during story time and make American flags on Monday, Sept. 12. For more information, contact Principal Dawn Alligood at 919-894-7771 or DawnAlligood@johnston.k12.nc.us.

South Johnston High School students will dedicate one hour of service during third block classes to serve lunch to local members of the fire department, police force, EMS and Johnston County Sheriff’s Department at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12. The JROTC color guard will begin the program with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of the 9/11 victims. After lunch is served, the names of those being honored will be named. For more information, contact Deandra Stewart at 919-894-3146 or deandrastewart@johnston.k12.nc.us.

Smithfield Selma High JROTC will lead the band, chorus, faculty and student body in a ceremony to honor the victims of Sept. 11 and the first responders from the community at 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. For more information, contact Michael Taylor at 919-934-5191 or michaeltaylor@johnston.k12.nc.us.



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

N.C. Campus Compact—UNC Charlotte Volunteer Outreach, Student Activities and Veteran Students Outreach: From Sept. 7-10, students will participate in a variety of events to pay tribute to the 10-year anniversary of Sept. 11. Events range from a remembrance wall in UNC-Charlotte student union, memorial services, and post cards with information about the twin towers throughout the week. For more information, contact Victoria Gonzalez at 704-687-2245 or vgonza11@uncc.edu.



NASH/EDGECOMBE COUNTIES

N.C. Campus Compact—N.C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount: Students will participate in a food drive that will be held from Sept. 7-11 on campus. In addition, students will participate in a memorial ceremony to show appreciation and remembrance for those who lost their lives during the attack of Sept. 11. For more information, contact Jillian Hauf 252-985-5276 or jhauf@ncwc.edu.



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Cape Fear Volunteer Center: Cape Fear Volunteer Center will engage over 3,000 volunteers in projects to improve their communities and state. From Sept. 1 to Sept. 15, volunteers will clean monuments, plant memorial gardens and lead community remembrance ceremonies. In addition, many volunteer opportunities will place a special focus on active service members, military families and veterans. The largest site, Cape Fear Volunteer Center will be partnering with the Cape Fear Community College North Campus Ceremony, engaging hundreds of volunteers in projects including collecting coats for the Montagnard-Dega refugees in North Carolina, gathering paperbacks for Operation Paperback as well as toiletries for the troops. The coats will be distributed by Save the Montagnard People, an organization formed by retired US Special Forces soldiers. For more information, contact 910-392-8180 or visit www.capefearvolunteercenter.org.

New Hanover County RSVP and Foster Grandparents: Members will host the "September 11th Basket of Thanks" by making and collecting cookies and a variety of snack items for first responders at fire stations in New Hanover County. In addition, children in classes served by Foster Grandparent volunteers will draw pictures for firemen thanking them for service. The drawings and items collected for the baskets will be delivered on Friday, Sept. 9.



ONSLow COUNTY

Onslow Civic Affairs Committee: Volunteers will participate in a memorial service on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 8:15 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the memorial where a steel beam will be presented to the community from the firefighters of New York City. An honor guard from the Jacksonville Fire Department will be present. In the afternoon of Sept. 11, there will be a ceremony at 2 p.m. at North Side High School, the "9/11 10th Anniversary Community Commemoration". Military officials from the area will participate and a series of presentations will be included in the ceremony. For more information, contact Sandra Wyrick at 910-938-4357 or email swyrick@unonslow.org.



ORANGE COUNTY

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Corps and AmeriCorps Access JobLink Alumni: AmeriCorps members will set up a booth on Saturday, Sept. 10 at a local venue where community members can participate by writing thank-you notes for first responders in the Triangle. Members will distribute the notes to the appropriate first responder organizations in the area. For more information, contact Allie Davis at 919-403-6950 or americorps@childcareservices.org.

North Carolina Literacy Corps: During the week of Sept. 11-17, AmeriCorps members will have their learners, volunteers, and staff write thank you notes to members of their local fire departments. For the learners and staff who are old enough to remember the Sept. 11 tragedy, they will include their reflections on how important first responders were on that day. For more information, contact Lynne Walter at 919-962-5470 or lwalter@email.unc.edu.



PENDER COUNTY

Pender Volunteer Center and Town of Burgaw, RSVP: The volunteer center will host "Songs, Poems and Prayers for the Nation" in the Town of Burgaw at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. First responders will be recognized for their daily commitment to protect others. In addition, during the event the volunteer center will collect non-perishable food to be donated to the Pender Christian Services. For more information, contact Barbara Mullins at 910-259-9119.



PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Perquimans Central School will gather around the flagpole at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. The school will recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the national anthem. The school will sing "This Little Light of Mine" while holding up red, white and blue paper candles. When the song is finished, balloons will be released in the air.

Perquimans County Middle School art teachers will create a memorial that reflects the tragedy of Sept. 11 during the week of Sept. 9.

Perquimans County High School will conduct a service of remembrance and a breakfast for all emergency workers in the community at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. For more information, contact Brenda Lassiter at 252-426-5741 ext 239 or blassiter@pcs.k12.nc.us.



ROWAN-CABARRUS COUNTIES **(Kannapolis City Schools)**

Forest Park Elementary students will write thank you cards to first responders to commemorate Sept. 11. For more information, contact Principal Melia Neale at 704-932-8121 or melia.neale@kcs.k12.nc.us.

Jackson Park Elementary will honor all first responders from the community with a "Hearts of Heroes" ceremony around the flagpole at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8. For more information, contact Principal Beth Marshall at 704-933-2831 or beth.marshall@kcs.k12.nc.us.

Shady Brook Elementary will announce 9/11 facts and first responder facts during morning announcements for the week of Sept. 7-9. Students in grades k-2 will create a thank you poster for first responders to be displayed in the school hallways, grades 3-4 will write and mail letters thanking first responders in Kannapolis. For more information, contact Melissa Godfrey at 704- 933- 2434 or melissa.godfrey@kcs.k12.nc.us.

Members of the Principals' Advisory Committee will announce 9/11 and first responder facts during morning announcements at **A.L. Brown High School** on the week of Sept. 7-9 at 8:40 a.m. each day. For more information, contact Principal Kevin Garay at 704-932-6125 or kevin.garay@kcs.k12.nc.us.

ROWAN-SALISBURY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Corriher-Lipe Middle School will host an assembly that will include a staff choir and speakers representing local law enforcement and service veterans. The guest speaker will be a former student who was in New York City on Sept. 11 who decided to change her normal route to school that day. For more information, contact Rita Foil at 704-630-6103 or foilrk@rss.k12.nc.us.



STANLY COUNTY

N.C. Campus Compact—Stanly Community College: Members will host the third annual Operation: Thank Your Soldier, by organizing care packages to be shipped overseas at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The packages will go to a chapel that will disperse them to service men and women who are heading out to battle. For more information, contact Melody Braswell at 704-991-0154 or mbraswell5932@stanly.edu.



WAKE COUNTY

N.C. Campus Compact—Wake Tech Community College: Students will set up booths to allow other students to write thank-you cards to troops for their dedication during the week of Sept. 11. The letters will go to Military Missions in Action, a local nonprofit in Fuquay Varina, that places the letters in care packages that are sent to troops from North Carolina. For more information, contact Mariel Steinbeiser at 919-866-5429 or mcsteinbeiser@waketech.edu.