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Greetings!

It's May. Can you believe it?

The vast majority of adult education classes cease meeting during the summer months, and generally there is a good

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We want to feature YOU

Upcoming Events

May Day (5/1)

Cinco de Mayo (5/5)

Mother's Day (5/12)

Armed Forces Day (5/18)

Memorial Day (5/27)

Fifth Friday (5/31)

Learning to Achieve (6/20-21)

TEX Basic ESL Training, Garland (8/24-25)

TEX Basic ESL Training, Fort Worth (9/6-7)

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Assessment Guide for Educators

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Testing Technology Webinar

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2014 Test 101 Webinar

Reasoning through Language Arts Webinar

Social Studies Module Webinar

Science Module Webinar

Mathematical Reasoning Webinar

reason for this practice. Summer is a time when many of our volunteers go on vacation and our adult learners may work long hard hours. What's an instructor or a volunteer to do during this slower season? Hopefully you realize that summer is our opportunity to do something extraordinary if you're willing to be a bit creative.

At the very least, it is critical to maintain contact with your students during the summer break to relay important information to your students regarding when classes resume and to ensure students return to class at the conclusion of summer.

Summer also provides a great opportunity for instructors and tutors to do some studying and preparing for the next semester of classes. GED teachers can dive into the 2014 GED resources and become very knowledgeable on the subject to transform your GED classes into programs able to prepare students for the more rigorous exam. ESL instructors can attend training events and conduct web searches to create and plan interactive lesson plans that increase learner involvement. Volunteers can also attend trainings and learn more about the particular needs of students they serve.

If your program does offer summer programing, consider encouraging students and their families to take advantage of community learning opportunities such as participating in library programs like the Fort Worth Library Year Round Reading or visiting local museums and historical sites. You can also turn summer holidays into learning experiences for the whole family by having a Fourth of July cookout and story telling (or even dramatic reenactment) bringing the meaning of the holiday to life.

The biggest challenge resulting from breaking for summer is overcoming summer learning loss. Instructors need to carefully consider how they can minimize the negative effects of irregular summer learning patterns and make the most of student contact to encourage learning focused involvements.

Sincerely, Jennifer Rollins Community Outreach Coordinator

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The Spelling Bee is behind us and summer training events and AmeriCorps recruitment lies ahead. To follow all our daily activities please "Like" us on Facebook and follow facebook.com/AmeriCorpsDFW.



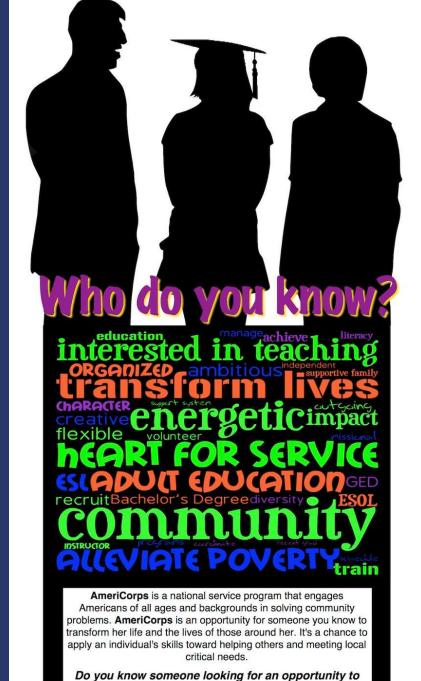








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