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MEMBER PROFILE: ALEKS, FREE CYCLES

Aleks is a junior majoring in Resource Conservation with a double minor in Anthropology and International Development Studies. Aleks has been a Campus Corps member with Free Cycles since February. She came across Campus Corps by accident, she was in the Office for Civic Engagement looking for information about AmeriCorps positions available after college, and was introduced to Campus Corps by Colleen Kane, the Student Programs Manager at the Office for Civic Engagement.



At Free Cycles, Aleks oversees the Volunteer Nights, which are every Wednesday from 7-9. She is also working on fixing up a giant bike trailer, which is a challenge because she is not “super mechanically inclined”, although she is becoming more so the longer she works at Free Cycles. In addition, Aleks is helping to organize the Festival of Cycles. Festival of Cycles is an annual Free Cycles event that takes place in Bonner Park to kick off [Bike Walk Bus Week](#). This year Festival of Cycles will take place April 24th from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Festival of Cycles is described as a huge “bike party” to celebrate cycles. People can bring their bikes to tune them up, with the help of a Free Cycles volunteer if they need it, or there are a variety of other activities going on. There is an obstacle course, two bands will play live music, there will be fun events for kids, and food and refreshments will be served at Café Bicletta. In addition, hundreds of bikes are brought to Bonner Park from what is called the “bike pit”. People can choose bikes from the “bike pit” and fix them up with the bike parts and tools that are on hand.

In addition to her work at Free Cycles, Aleks organized a bake sale, with a group of friends, to raise money for Haiti, called “iBaked for Haiti”. On March 4th students sold cookies at Lewis and Clark Villages from 5:00pm to midnight. That event was so successful that Aleks decided to sell cookies again on March 17th, but instead of delivering in Lewis and Clark Villages, Aleks took her cookies to campus. On Saint Patrick’s Day, Aleks rode around the Oval and sold cookies to students from her bike. Aleks and her friends funded the bake sale, which was sponsored by Campus Corps through the Office for Civic Engagement. Aleks sought support from Campus Corps after Lewis and Clark

Village rules prohibited her from fundraising without support from a formal organization. Aleks decided to donate the money made from cookie sales to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is using donations to fund construction of transitional housing that can be made permanent over time for Haitian families. This housing could help prevent more disaster for families, as the rainy season is not too far off in Haiti. By building this transitional housing, Habitat for Humanity is trying to help the island's villages withstand the rains.

MEMBER PROFILE: JEREMY AND SARA, BLACKFOOT LANGUAGE GROUP

Jeremy and Sara are graduate students studying linguistics at The University of Montana and serving as Campus Corps service-learning members with the Linguistics Department, specifically working for the [Blackfoot Language Group](#).

Blackfoot Language Group is a linguist group at the University of Montana which works to produce Blackfoot language materials for Blackfoot linguistics research and language teaching.

Blackfoot is a language spoken in Montana and Alberta, Canada, with very few native speakers, the greatest numbers of whom reside in Alberta.

Because the Blackfoot language is at the critical stage of language endangerment, the work done by Jeremy and Sara and fellow members of the Blackfoot Language Group is contributing to the revitalization of the Blackfoot language.



For their Campus Corps project Jeremy and Sara are creating a children's book written in Blackfoot. Jeremy and Sara both came to The University of Montana from out of state, Jeremy from Upstate New York and Sara from Colorado. Before studying at UM neither had heard of Blackfoot. Now they have taken classes in Blackfoot and worked with lead-



ing experts in the Blackfoot language, like Don Frantz, and native speakers of Blackfoot to complete their Campus Corps project. The book will be 10 pages long and will be posted on the internet to make it an interactive learning experience. The text, when clicked on will play audio clips of a native speaker reading, and an English translation will be available. In addition, with the help of some volunteers, they have created colorful images to go along with the text.

For this project, Sara and Jeremy have worked closely with Annabelle Chatsis, an instructor in Native American Studies, and native speaker of Blackfoot. Annabelle Chatsis teaches a Blackfoot language class here at UM, which is offered again this fall (NAS 141), and the book that Sara and Jeremy have produced will be used as a teaching aid for the class. Chatsis also contributed the voice recordings that will be used with the book when it is posted online. The book is expected to be up and running by August.

MEMBER PROFILE: ANNEMIEK, OFFICE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Annemiek is the Volunteer and Events Coordinator Campus Corps member with the Western Montana Volunteer Center and Office for Civic Engagement. In her role, Annemiek coordinates Service Saturdays and other service events. Service Saturdays take place biweekly and are meant to provide volunteers with a positive service experience. In the past, Annemiek has organized a Service Saturday cleanup at Greenough Park, and a Service Saturday volunteer project at the Moon-Randolph Homestead.

The Moon-Randolph Homestead is an old ranch in the Rattlesnake foothills, less than 2-miles from downtown Missoula. The Homestead was purchased by the City of Missoula in 1996 and is open to the public on Saturdays from 11-5, May-October. At the Moon-Randolph Homestead, Service Saturday volunteers helped prepare the Homestead for tours by helping to cleanup the property. In addition to Service Saturdays, Annemiek has been working hard to organize Global Youth Service Day (for more information on GYSD, see following article).



Annemiek is a sophomore studying Broadcast Journalism here at The University of Montana. She came across Campus Corps and the OCE by volunteering for Service Saturdays. Annemiek volunteered a lot in high school, and felt it was important to continue serving the community while in college. Of volunteering Annemiek says, "It's a great way to give your daily life meaning. You get to meet so many dedicated people and develop dependability skills. Everyone is there to serve and help."



To learn more about Service Saturdays, or to be updated about new volunteer opportunities, contact Annemiek by calling 243-5531 or e-mailing wilsonam07@gmail.com.

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY



Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Youth are encouraged to help plan events to celebrate GYSD and to engage their peers in GYSD activities. GYSD can be traced back to 1988 when Youth Service America (YSA) and the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL) organized the first National Youth Service Day. Nearly 1,000 programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia participated. In 2000, YSA founded Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) by adapting the successful model of National Youth Service Day in the United States.

GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in over 100 countries. On GYSD, youth address the world's most critical issues in partnership with families, schools, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and governments. In Jakarta, Indonesia, young people are being mobilized to combat global warming. By participating in an essay writing contest, 10 Indonesian youth will have the opportunity to participate in a global warming workshop and create a program to tackle the issue of global warming. The students then have three months to work towards the implementation of their program. By involving their peers and mentors, these youth work to bring into fruition programs that have a direct impact on the state of the environment. In Safi, Morocco, a group of students are working to brighten up the classrooms at their school. They hope that by making the classrooms more welcoming they can help reduce the school drop-out rate, which is high in their community. For more information about GYSD check out [http://gysd.org/!](http://gysd.org/)

In Missoula there are a couple of events happening for GYSD. On **Thursday, April 22nd** and **Friday, April 23rd**, volunteers will be going to De Smett school to work with the students to expand their school gardens and also talk about the importance of food choices that are healthy for individuals and healthy for the environment. On **Saturday, April 24th** volunteers will be participating in the 1000 New Gardens project. From **10:00am-2:00pm** volunteers will be working with Missoula youth to turn as many lawns into organic gardens as possible. We need lots of help for this event so put your work clothes on and come enjoy the sunshine. To participate be at the Kiwanis Park in Missoula, by 10:00am!

For more information about volunteering for Global Youth Service Day, contact Annemiek by calling **243-5531** or e-mailing wilsonam07@gmail.com.



Volunteer for Walk n' Roll Week

Walk n' Roll Week is coming up at The University of Montana, and the Office of Transportation is looking for volunteers! **April 26-30** will celebrate alternative means of transportation by having volunteers hand out free raffle tickets to those on campus who biked, walked, bused, or carpoled to the University. Volunteers can sign up for a two-hour shift and receive a free t-shirt! To sign up, visit the Office of Transportation in **UC 114**.

Campus Corps Opportunities!

The Office for Civic Engagement is currently recruiting for **summer Campus Corps** positions, 10/11 **academic year Campus Corps student-**positions, and a full time 10/11 **Campus Corps Team Leader** (non-student). For more information or to see position details, please visit our website at <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/occe>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 19-25- Organ Donor Drive

April 22- Earth Day

April 23-25- Global Youth Service Day

April 26-30- Walk n' Roll Week

May 5- Last team meeting 5:30-6:30

May 8-15- AmeriCorps Week

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