

# YELLOWJACKET RESERVES

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY AND AUGUST

*Opportunities are listed in alphabetical order.*

### 1909 Society Party on Mount Olympus

**Saturday July 17, 2021 3:00 to 8:00 PM**

1909 Society is an exclusive member only club with Billings Depot. Party on Mount Olympus is a toga party for 1909 Society members and their guests. Guests can dress as their favorite god or goddess or, even a simple toga will do.

Assist with this exclusive arts & culture event downtown. [Sign-up.](#)



### Compassus Hospice

Make a difference, using your talents, to someone's end-of-life journey. Whether you are studying healthcare, music, psychology, history, or something else, volunteering at Compassus is a well-rounded experience which will benefit you. For more information and to sign

up, contact volunteer coordinator Diane Bushey at (406) 294-0785.



### Downtown Billings Alliance: Strawberry Festival Saturday July 10, 2021

This long-time cherished community event kicks off the summer event season. This large event with arts & crafts, vendors, food trucks, interactive children's areas, and more draws people throughout the northwest region to Downtown Billings under Skypoint.

Become a part of the community by lending a helping hand. [Sign-up.](#)



### Eagle Mount of Billings

This invaluable nonprofit organization provides therapeutic adaptive recreation for individuals with disabilities. Volunteers are paired with an Eagle Mount participant to encourage them to step outside of their

comfort zones, ensuring their safety throughout the activity, and coaching them in new skills.

Volunteer for the Summer Camps happening now! [Sign-up](#).



### Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter

Do you have a soft spot for animals of all kinds? YVAS volunteers help around the shelter by taking on tasks that staff would never have time to complete all by themselves. Every task is important to the health and well-being of the animals and makes a huge impact on our ability to care for these animals.

Care for the animals of Billings. [Sign-up](#).



## FRESH FACES: GET TO KNOW THE NEW STAFF

Holly Jones (she/her) is the new Civic Engagement Coordinator at MSU Billings. Jones relocated, with her family, to Billings from Arizona in mid-May 2021. She replaces predecessor Peter Buchanan, who is now working for Montana Campus Compact.

Jones earned her Bachelor of Arts in History summa cum laude from Arizona State University in May of 2019 as a nontraditional transfer student. Prior to attending there, she had earned her Associates in Science at Mesa Community College in May of 2015. Throughout her high school and college years, she completed over 300 service-learning hours in the Mesa, Arizona community in multiple areas of interest including arts & culture, animal welfare, community outreach, education, vulnerable communities, senior care, health care, environment, and food provision.



## THE MANY BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING FOR STUDENTS

Students can pair academic learning with meaningful service with the community and purposeful civic learning. During your various volunteer experiences, you will

- ✓ Make a difference in the community by sharing talents and skills.
- ✓ Network (interact with others to develop professional or social contacts).
- ✓ Develop socially and personally.
- ✓ Interact with increased respect and inclusion, with people in the community from different backgrounds.
- ✓ Learn new skills through hands-on learning.
- ✓ Gain critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities.
- ✓ Explore careers through shadowing experiences.
- ✓ Strengthen resume and scholarship applications.
- ✓ Clarify personal values and dedication to chosen degree program.

You may submit your volunteer hours on [Service Sting](#).

For more information, visit the [Civic & Community Engagement website](#).