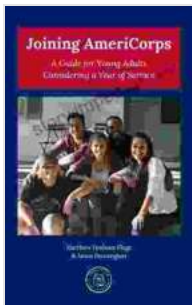


Your Ultimate Guide to a Meaningful Year of Service

As a young adult, you have a unique opportunity to embark on a journey of self-discovery, purpose, and personal growth through a year of service. Whether you're interested in traveling to a faraway land, volunteering in your local community, or engaging in a social justice initiative, there's a year of service program out there that's perfect for you.



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This comprehensive guide will provide you with everything you need to know to make the most of your year of service. You'll learn about the benefits of service learning, the challenges you may face, and how to prepare yourself for this incredible experience.

The Benefits of a Year of Service



MAKE A LOCAL IMPACT
GAIN HANDS-ON NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE

CEDAM is seeking 25 AmeriCorps members who will serve at nonprofit organizations statewide!

[Apply Now!](#)

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Personal Growth: A year of service will challenge you to step outside of your comfort zone and grow as an individual. You'll learn about yourself, your strengths, and your weaknesses, and you'll develop new skills and perspectives.



Leadership Development: A year of service will give you the opportunity to develop your leadership skills. You'll learn how to work with others, motivate people, and solve problems.

6 Steps for Young Adults to Build a Financial Foundation

1 Create a Budget

Subtract your monthly living expenses (e.g., rent, food, utilities) and loan payments (e.g., student and/or auto loans) from your monthly income to see how much you'll have left over each month to save or invest.



2 Build an emergency fund

Stash away a small amount from each paycheck until you have a few thousand dollars built up that you can access in the event of a financial emergency.

3 Pay your bills on time

Automate payments with online bill pay. If you run into financial difficulty, be proactive and contact your lender before you miss a payment.



4 Use credit wisely

Avoid racking up unnecessary credit card debt and pay off your bill in full each month. If you can't, don't use your credit card.

5 Contribute to a Roth IRA and/or workplace 401(k)

Time is your friend. Start saving for retirement now, and your older self will thank you. Consider starting with 3% of your pay and increase from there.



6 Live within your means

Forget about what others are doing and set your own financial rules and goals. Live your best life by striving to live within (or below) your means.



Community Engagement: A year of service will connect you with your community and make a difference in the lives of others. You'll learn about the challenges facing your community and the ways you can help to make it a better place.

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Career Exploration: A year of service can help you to explore your career options and find your passion. You'll learn about different fields of work and the skills you need to be successful.

The Challenges of a Year of Service

While a year of service can be a rewarding experience, it's important to be aware of the challenges you may face. These challenges can include:

- **Culture Shock:** If you're traveling to a new country, you may experience culture shock. This can include feeling disoriented, homesick, or frustrated.
- **Language Barriers:** If you're not fluent in the language of the country you're visiting, you may face language barriers. This can make it difficult to communicate with others and get around.
- **Physical and Emotional Challenges:** A year of service can be physically and emotionally demanding. You may have to work long hours in difficult conditions, and you may be exposed to poverty, violence, or other traumatic events.
- **Financial Difficulties:** Many year of service programs are unpaid or low-paid. This can make it difficult to cover your living expenses while you're serving.

How to Prepare for a Year of Service

To prepare for a year of service, it's important to:

- **Research Different Programs:** There are many different year of service programs out there, so it's important to research your options and find a program that's right for you. Consider your interests, skills, and the location you want to serve.
- **Learn About the Culture:** If you're traveling to a new country, take some time to learn about the culture before you go. This will help you to avoid culture shock and adjust more quickly.

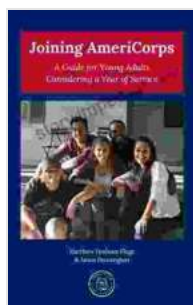
- **Get Physically and Emotionally Fit:** A year of service can be physically and emotionally demanding, so it's important to prepare yourself. Start exercising regularly and eating healthy, and make sure you're getting enough sleep.
- **Fundraise for Your Expenses:** Many year of service programs are unpaid or low-paid, so it's important to start fundraising for your expenses before you go. This can include asking for donations from friends and family, or applying for scholarships and grants.

A year of service can be a transformative experience for young adults. It can help you to grow as an individual, develop your leadership skills, make a difference in the lives of others, and find your passion. If you're thinking about ng a year of service, I encourage you to take the plunge. It's an experience that you'll never forget.

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To learn more about the benefits, challenges, and preparation involved in a year of service, Free Download your copy of the *Guide for Young Adults Considering a Year of Service* today. This comprehensive guide will provide you with everything you need to know to make the most of your year of service.

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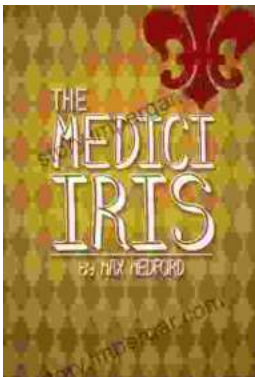
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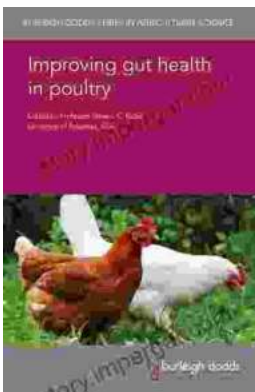
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