

GSA NETWORK 2010-2011 CALENDAR

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July-August 2010

We kicked the year off with **ACTIVIST CAMP**; one of our hottest youth run activities during the year. The Camps include three days of intensive training and leadership skills where youth learn about running a successful campaign, how to have a kick-ass GSA, class power & privilege, and multi-issue organizing as well as networking with other GSA members.



September 2010

Once participants have gone through Activist Camp many are not only emboldened to go back to their own schools and fight to end homophobia and transphobia on their campuses but they also see the importance of contributing to the overall work we do and join their regional **YOUTH COUNCIL**, where they will make a 1-year commitment to lead trainings, plan our annual conferences, and work with their GSA on mounting a campaign in campus. To join a Youth Council, go to: www.gsanetwork.org/about-us/youth-council



At the beginning of the school we always do three things to strengthen the GSA clubs and prepare them for a year of fierce grassroots activities and campaigns. Every **registered** club in California receives a **SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF PACKET** with resources, materials and contact information. Youth Council members and Statewide Advocacy Council members go through an orientation and start mapping out their school campaigns. They also go through a **TRAINING OF TRAINERS** so that they will be prepared to run workshops, trainings, and activist camps for hundreds of GSA members in their region throughout the year. **NEW CLUB REGISTRATION** also happens in September and October as many clubs are formed at the start of the year. To register, go to www.gsanetwork.org/register-your-gsa

October 2010 - June 2011

Our regional staff are available to provide **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** in helping you run a campaign on your campus to create a safer school for LGBTQ youth. They will do this by email, phone consultation or make the trip out to your school. You can also request that they come out and do a **MINI LEADERSHIP TRAINING** for GSA members and allies. To find your regional staff, go to: www.gsanetwork.org/about-us/staff

October 2010 - GLBT History Month Throughout October, GSAs can celebrate GLBT History Month using the 31 historical icons celebrated each day of the month on www.glbthistorymonth.org. GSAs can also use GSA Network's guide on how to teach your school about LGBT people in history: www.gsanetwork.org/glbthistorymonth



October 11, 2010 - National Coming Out Day! Use this day to raise awareness of LGBT & straight ally youth at your school. Organize film screenings of LGBT & ally historical figures, have people come out as allies in your school, or launch a campaign at your school to fight slurs!

December 2010 - Youth Empowerment Summit (YES)

GSA Network organizes a **STUDENT ACTIVIST CONFERENCE** every year in San Francisco that draws hundreds of students from the region and provides a day of workshops, roundtables, and a dance to cap off the night. For more info, contact kiely@gsanetwork.org

November 20, 2010

November 20th was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. **TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** was first held to honor Rita Hester, whose murder in 1998 kicked off the “Remembering Our Dead” project. The event has grown to encompass memorials for many people in dozens of cities across the world. GSAs can participate during the week of November 15-19.

February 2011 – Expression Not Suppression (ENS)

An all day GSA Network LGBTQ conference planned and organized by and for youth in the Central Valley, which will end with a dance for youth. **For more info, contact joey@gsanetwork.org**

February 12, 2011

Every year on February 12th, the country celebrates **FREEDOM TO MARRY DAY**. Inspired by the student-led actions and education about marriage equality that happened in 2005, GSA Network encourages GSAs to organize an action that Monday or during the week of February 7-11 at their campuses to highlight same-sex marriage equality as a fight for civil rights, tolerance, and equality for all. (www.freedomtomarry.org)

April 2011



After over a decade of fighting for queer youth rights, with over 2,000 youth from across the state of California having now participated in the event, GSA Network and several other organizations will sponsor **QUEER YOUTH ADVOCACY DAY** at the State Capitol in Sacramento in Spring 2011. We will bring youth from across the state to converge in Sacramento for an all-day gathering to educate legislators about the needs of LGBTQ youth in their schools and communities.

April 15, 2011

Organized by GLSEN, the **DAY OF SILENCE** is the largest annual day of direct action in the country with thousands of GSAs in the country participating on their campus. (<http://www.dayofsilence.org>)

May 22, 2011

Thanks to hundreds of GSA activists, California celebrates **HARVEY MILK DAY**, a day of special recognition that schools are encouraged to celebrate annually on May 22nd, the birthday of Harvey Milk, the first openly LGBT elected official in California. Since May 22nd falls on a Sunday in 2011, celebrations in school can take place on Monday, May 23rd. Visit www.gsanetwork.org/hmd to get ideas!

June - July 2011

PRIDE! LGBTQ youth and straight allies will join GSA Network in our Pride celebrations in San Francisco, Fresno and Los Angeles. It's also time to start getting ready for **GSA ACTIVIST CAMP!** **For exact dates and to apply, go to:** <http://gsanetwork.org/events/activist-camps>



YEAR-END EVALUATION – Through our annual survey, GSA Network will reach out to GSA club advisors, presidents, and members about what worked and didn't work on your campus as well as gain valuable information about how we can do better.

HOW DO I STAY INFORMED?

GSA NETWORK NEWS – We create and send a bi-weekly e-newsletter to all our registered members and hundreds of allies that have signed up for our e-mail news blast. It includes a GSA Network highlight, actions and activities that we are sponsoring as well as event postings that have been submitted to us from various GSAs and ally organizations around the state. **Sign up at** <http://gsanetwork.org/news/gsa-network-news>