

GSA NETWORK 2011 – 2012 CALENDAR

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2011

empowering youth activists to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools since 1998

JULY -
AUGUST

ACTIVIST CAMP – 3 days of training and leadership skills where youth learn about running a successful campaign, how to have a kick-ass GSA, class, power & privilege, as well as networking with other GSA members! Camps are held in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

SEPTEMBER

Committed activist youth join their regional **YOUTH COUNCIL**, where they make a 1-year commitment to lead trainings, plan our annual conferences, and work with their GSA on mounting a campaign at their school. To join a Youth Council, go to:

www.gsanetwork.org/about-us/youth-council

At the beginning of the school-year:

- Youth Council and Statewide Advocacy Council members start mapping their school campaigns and do a **TRAINING OF TRAINERS** so that they can run regional workshops, trainings, and activist camps for hundreds of GSA members throughout the year.
- Every **registered** club in California receives a **SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF PACKET** with resources, materials and contact information. **Don't forget to RE-REGISTER EVERY 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

LGBTQ LATIN@ HISTORY MONTH – Making plans to celebrate Latin@ History Month? Team up with groups at your school to celebrate the accomplishments of LGBTQ Latin@ historical figures. Find ideas at www.gsanetwork.org/nuestroarcoiris

OCTOBER

October 2011 – June 2012 – Our regional staff are here to help YOU! Do you need us to visit your GSA meeting or give you help on the phone? Give us a call or e-mail! You can also request a **MINI LEADERSHIP TRAINING** for GSA members and allies. **To find your regional staff, go to:** www.gsanetwork.org/about-us/staff

...And check out our ongoing GSA events at www.gsanetwork.org/events

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

10.11.11 – NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY! Use this day to raise awareness of LGBT & ally youth at your school. Organize film screenings, encourage people to come out as allies, or launch a campaign to fight slurs!

NOVEMBER

11.20.11 – This day 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, and now the event has grown to memorialize many transgender people across the world.

DECEMBER

12.10.11 – YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT (YES) – a **STUDENT ACTIVIST CONFERENCE** every year in San Francisco that draws over 400 of students from the region and provides a day of workshops, networking, and a youth dance! **For more info,** www.gsanetwork.org/yes or **contact:** amanda@gsanetwork.org

2012

FEBRUARY

2.12.12 – The country celebrates **FREEDOM TO MARRY DAY**. Inspired by the student-led actions about marriage equality in 2005, GSA Network encourages GSAs to organize an action on Monday the 13th or during the week of February 6-10 at their school to highlight same-sex marriage equality as a fight for civil rights for all. www.freedomtomarry.org

LGBTQ BLACK HISTORY MONTH. Making plans to celebrate Black History Month? Team up with groups at your school to celebrate the accomplishments of LGBTQ Black historical figures. Find ideas at www.gsanetwork.org/blackedOUThistory

MARCH

EXPRESSION NOT SUPPRESSION (ENS) – An all day GSA Network LGBTQ conference planned and organized by and for youth in the Central Valley, which ends with a youth dance! **For more info, contact** victoria@gsanetwork.org

APRIL

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 sponsor **QUEER YOUTH ADVOCACY DAY** at the State Capitol in Sacramento in Spring 2012. 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.

4.15.12 – 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

5.22.12 – Thanks to hundreds of GSA activists, California celebrates **HARVEY MILK DAY**, a day of special recognition on May 22nd, the birthday of Harvey Milk, the first openly LGBT elected official in California. Visit www.gsanetwork.org/hmd to get ideas!

YEAR-END SURVEY – Through our annual survey, GSA Network reaches 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. There's a \$100 raffle for clubs who participate!

It's also time to start getting ready for **GSA ACTIVIST CAMP!** **For exact dates and to apply, go to:** www.gsanetwork.org/events/activist-camps

JUNE

PRIDE! – LGBTQ youth and straight allies join GSA Network in our Pride celebrations in San Francisco, Fresno and Los Angeles.

STAY INFORMED!

HOW DO I STAY INFORMED?

GSA NETWORK NEWS – We send a bi-weekly e-newsletter to all our registered members and hundreds of allies. It includes a GSA Network highlight, actions and activities that we sponsor, as well as event postings that have been submitted to us from various GSAs and ally organizations around the state.

Sign up at www.gsanetwork.org/news/gsa-network-news