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Teen Trend: Loafing? Out. Community Service? In.

More than 800 SCUSD students trade lazy days on the couch for helping their neighborhoods, schools

July 21, 2011 (Sacramento): Research shows that “millennials” – teens and people in their 20s – are civic-minded and socially conscious. Proof of that trend can be found right here in Sacramento, where more than 800 middle and high school students volunteered to spend six weeks of their summer vacation serving the community.

The teens participated in “Summer of Service,” Sacramento City Unified School District’s innovative, service-learning initiative that gives kids leadership and teamwork skills and gives the community teams of enthusiastic young helpers.

To celebrate the students and their work, SCUSD is hosting a “Summer of Service Showcase” from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, at John F. Kennedy High School. At this tradeshow-like event, teens will be available to explain visual displays, discuss their projects and answer questions.

“We are incredibly proud of our young people who willingly made the decision to work for their own betterment and to make their communities better,” said Superintendent Jonathan Raymond. “This flies in the face of society’s stereotypes of teenagers as disengaged. Our hope is that these young people keep up their dedication to being leaders as they move through life.”

WHAT: Summer of Service Showcase
WHO: Hundreds of students
WHERE: John F. Kennedy High School, 6715 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.
WHEN: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 28

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