



## Missouri Community Betterment 2016 Regional Meetings



### Agenda

Introduction by the Regional Planning Commission/Council of Governments  
Introduction by Missouri Community Betterment

#### Recruiting Volunteers

The first step in recruitment is to understand volunteers by examining the changes in volunteerism, who is volunteering and why people choose to volunteer. From there, participants will develop a specific recruitment plan including 'job' descriptions, advertisements, volunteer application/questionnaire, and recruiting elevator speech. Next, the workshop will cover volunteer interviews, orientation, and training.

Break

#### Retaining Volunteers

This session will bust some volunteer retention myths and give participants the strategies to become effective volunteer supervisors, evaluate a volunteer program, and build continuous improvement into the volunteer program. Participants will learn about a variety of volunteer management software developed for retaining the modern volunteer.

**March 29, 2016**



**Trenton**

#### **Regional Meeting Agenda**

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**RSVP Deadline  
One Week Prior  
to Each Meeting**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Trenton First Christian Church  
Activity Center  
1700 Princeton Road  
Trenton, MO 6468

[Christa Atchison](#)  
Missouri Community Betterment

**April 5, 2016**



**St. James**

1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Meramec Regional Planning Commission  
4 Industrial Drive  
St. James, MO 65559

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**April 12, 2016**



**Poplar Bluff**

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission  
3019 Fair St.  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

**April 20, 2016**



**Missouri State**  
UNIVERSITY



***Southwest Missouri  
Council of Governments***

**Galena**

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
(Lunch Provided)  
Stone County Library  
322 MO 248  
Galena, MO 65656

**April 26, 2016**

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**Perry**

1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
42494 Delaware Lane  
Perry, MO 63462

**April 27, 2016**

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**Concordia**

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
802 S. Gordon St.  
Concordia, MO 64020

*Regional Meeting Speaker:  
DeNae Gitonga*



*DeNae Gitonga began working for the University of Missouri Extension in Madison County as the Community Development Specialist and County Program Director in the spring of 2014.*

*DeNae comes to us with experience with non-profit organizations within the realm of food security, food sovereignty, local food system development, and sustainable lifestyles for twelve years. After earning her Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Studies: Community Organizing and Volunteering from Northland College in Ashland, WI, Mrs. Gitonga spent a year as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer. The work she completed in 2005 in AmeriCorps led her to a Master's of Science in Natural Resources focusing on Sustainable Food*

*Systems from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. The Global Environmental Management program in Stevens Point provided a summer opportunity for DeNae to travel and teach farmers in Kenya in 2007.*

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