

# Youth Dance Weekend 2008

## Discussions focused on soliciting help in organizing dances

*Original Post: <https://youthdanceweekend.org/resources/bread-butter/>  
(Reposted on the CDSS website with permission)*

### **FROM THE YDW ORGANIZERS:**

During Youth Dance Weekend 2008 we had a great discussion about a wide range of issues related to youth involvement and leadership in dance and music. We brainstormed a long list of questions together, wrote them up on large sheets of paper all around the room, and then spent a while walking around and writing down our individual ideas and suggestions.

The exercise was meant to start discussion about these various topics. There are a lot of great ideas here, and not everyone agrees about every answer. Some of the topics overlap in interesting ways. We hope you'll take what you can from this brainstorm, try it out in your community, and keep talking with others about what works. You can leave comments at the bottom of each topic page, where it says continue the conversation...Enjoy!

### **HOW CAN A DANCE ORGANIZER SOLICIT HELP?**

- ASK! Make a signup list. Take down emails
- Play up the need!
- Announcements: "we need help taking down stuff tonight, so please stick around after" – it's easier to get someone to do something NOW than get them to remember to email you about it tomorrow
- Offer free admission for volunteers
- If you are on a college campus, learn to play the administrator game and make friends in the Student Activities Office.
- It's easier to help if the needed tasks are specifically enumerated/listed/known
- It's nice to have rotating/co-organizers so everyone has a chance to play and work.
- Organizers "run" the dance – not the CALLER!