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## VOLUNTEER LETTER

**ROCKCORPS ROCKS OUT – CLEANS UP:** What better way to earn free concert tickets than to clean Lake Merritt? Several dozen young folks found out on Good Friday when the RockCorps made an Oakland stop on it's national tour. With staff from the south, from eastern states and from the west coast, this group travels around, broadcasting their events live on a local radio station. Their winning combination is community service and free music, and it is popular.



*We sent them around the Lake with nets, trash bags, gloves and barrels.*

*The dipped, scooped and got the trash.*

*Then they got free concert tickets.*



Lots of folks showed up who usually don't clean Lake Merritt, and after seeing what litterbugs do to our water, several said they would never litter again. There's nothing like cleaning up to deter littering.

**ST. PAULS FAMILIES CLEAN UP:** Students, staff and parents from St. Pauls Episcopal School teamed up on March 24<sup>th</sup> to clean Lake Merritt. They were rewarded by finding a bible, a trash can and an umbrella, as well as the usual trash, and by a spot on a local television news program!



*Hey, this is fun!*

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