SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

Community

• Celebrate NPs and promote awareness by wearing a blue ribbon November 10-16 and talk about the NP profession with colleagues and patients.

• Make your November chapter meeting a special celebration. Use this time to honor some of your colleagues. Write letters to local institutions asking them to nominate their outstanding NP.

• Contact local hospitals, medical facilities, schools and libraries to set up displays and distribute the “What is a Nurse Practitioner?” fact sheet included in this toolkit for National Nurse Practitioner Week.

• Sponsor a health fair, conducting preventative screenings in an underserved area. Co-sponsor an event with a large institution like a hospital or health club to share expenses and event planning details.

• Sponsor a coloring/art contest or poetry contest for school children using the National Nurse Practitioner Week theme. The drawings could be displayed in local hospitals, malls, schools, etc.

• Volunteer at schools to teach students about the many roles of NPs. Contact local civic groups such as rotary clubs, chambers of commerce, PTAs, girls and boys clubs, etc. to get on the agenda to present a program on healthcare in general and NPs in particular.

Media

• Post all events and activities on CANP’s Facebook page and encourage friends and family to “like” CANP on Facebook.

Political

• Invite local, state or federal elected officials to your practice site to tour and become aware of the many healthcare services that a NP provides.

Membership

• Tell your friends and colleagues if they join CANP in the month of November they receive two complimentary months of membership.