Top Ten Reasons Why the Computing Community needs to get involved in National Lab Day

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10. It’s not what you think.
9. You are impressed by the power of social networks.
8. Your President encourages you to.

I want to persuade you to spend time in the classroom, talking and showing young people what it is that your work can mean, and what it means to you … to think about new and creative ways to engage young people in science and engineering … encourage young people to be makers of things, not just consumers of things.

President Obama April 2009
7. It’s easy.
6. It would be good for your students too.

Service learning (and teaching) are often win-wins.
5. Who else is telling the kids about the magic and beauty of computing?
4. We need to increase awareness of the silent “C” in STEM.
3. We need to build bridges to K-12.
2. You’ll have fun.
1. Someone has to introduce all those middle school girls to the new Mattel Computer Engineer Barbie.
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