

SPRING 2008 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

"Take Pride in Blue Marsh Day"

Saturday, April 19, will be the annual spring clean-up and maintenance of the Blue Marsh park and trails. Volunteers from all over the county will gather to work from 9 AM to 4 PM (although you may work only part of the time if you wish).

Lunch will be provided. You must pre-register for this.

Other opportunities are available for maintenance and trail patrol throughout the Spring & Summer. Call Blush Marsh Lake or Nathan Friewall, Volunteer Coordinator, at 610-376-6337.

Conrad Weiser Music Association Sponsors Competitions

The CW Music Association needs volunteers to help with set-up & clean-up, selling food, guiding visiting groups around the middle school on **Saturday, 4/5** from 7 AM to 6 PM.

Contact Mr. Lutz in the Bandroom or call 610-693-8517 for more information.

Fishing Enthusiasts

The Robesonia Fishing Rodeo is Saturday May 10th. Volunteers are needed on **5/7, 5/8, & 5/9 at 5:00 PM** to build and stock dams and on **5/10** to help with the fishing rodeo.

Contact Wally Wenrich at 610-693-9837 to volunteer!

Postman's Food Drive

The Womelsdorf, Robesonia, and Wernersville Post Offices are again participating in a nation-wide food drive on **Saturday, May 10th**. As the mailmen make their deliveries, they will collect canned goods put out by local residents. Help is needed in cars following the postmen to take the food back to the post office. Collection hours are 9 AM to 2 PM.

All the food will go to local residents. Contact your local post office to sign up!

Robesonia: 610-693-5541 Womelsdorf: 610-589-4541 Wernersville: 610-678-7668

CW Boosters Kauffman's Chicken BBQ Sale

On **Saturday 4/26 from 10 AM to 2 PM** students can help hand out food and direct traffic.

You might even get to wear a chicken costume.

Please contact Kathy Muldoon @ 610-693-5777 or show up the day of the sale!

Kid's Club Needs Helpers

St. Paul's Church in Robesonia will be starting their Kid's Club on Wednesdays after school beginning **April 2nd**. Kid's Club is from 3:30 to about 5:30 and is 6 weeks long. Contact Leanne Clark @ 717-471-4794 or 610-589-2030 to volunteer.

Bingo Runners Needed at Marion Fire Company

Every Tuesday evening from 6 to 10 PM, students are needed to help check Bingo Cards and award prizes.

Bingo is held at the Marion Fire Company Social Quarters on Main St. in Stouchsburg.

Contact Tony Brubaker @ 610-589-5600 to volunteer!

South Heidelberg Easter Egg Hunt

Students are needed to help at the craft table, set-up areas, spread eggs, refill the eater Bunny's basket and dress in the Easter Bunny suit.

The Easter Egg Hunt is **Saturday 3/15 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM**.

Volunteer by contacting Mrs. Seacrest @ 610-678-0783

Wernersville State Hospital

Help is always needed in the gardens, in the consumer library or with the patients for crafts and activities. Please call Michelle Bodanza at 610-670-4164 to Volunteer.

Put your Walking Shoes On!

Gather your friends and walk for one of two local charity fundraising events.

March of Dimes Walk: Sunday, April 27th, at RACC under Yocum Library

Register online at www.marchforbabies.org

MS Walk for Multiple Sclerosis: Sunday, May 4th, at Gring's Mill.

Register online at www.nationalmssociety.org/MSwalk

West PTO Needs Babysitters

Babysitters are needed to watch children during the monthly East & West PTO meetings.

West meetings are for the 4th Monday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

East meets the 2nd Thursday of the Month beginning at 6:45 PM.

Call Heidi Williams @ 610-589-1419 to volunteer for West

Call Cindy Rumpf @ 610-927-3432 for East.

Local Libraries Love Students!

Our local municipal libraries have asked for help doing computer work, bulletin boards, book-cataloguing, preparing for story hour, etc. Call:

Wernersville Library – 610-678-8771

Womelsdorf Library (they have Sunday hours) – 610-589-1424

Robeson Library – 610-693-3264

After-School Homework Club at CW East & West

The Homework Club at East meets everyday from 3:00 to 3:25.

Call Ms. Jen Hassler @ 610-678-9901 to help.

The Homework Club at West meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:25.

Call Mrs. Schneider @ 610-589-2501 Ext. 238 to help.

Reading Hospital & Medical Center – Teen Volunteer Work Groups

A variety of opportunities are available from direct service to patients in the hospital to once and done projects that can be completed by a group at school.

There are some great projects for a club or youth group!

Call the hospital's volunteer office @ 610-988-8477 to volunteer for Wednesday, **3/19 & 4/2**, 4 to 6 PM.

Please contact at least 1 week in advance:

Lebanon Valley Sportsman Association - Monthly Work Party

The Lebanon Valley Sportsman Association, located on Sportsman Road in South Heidelberg Township, needs help the **1st Saturday of the month** beginning at 8:30 AM to do club maintenance activities. This involves clearing limbs, trees and bushes, repair of range and archery course,

loading the trap houses, and general grounds activities.

Contact the club on weekends @610-693-6490.

Baseball Buddies Needed

The CWCA Baseball/Softball Association is sponsoring a Little League Challenger Team. This program is offered for mentally and physically disabled youths so that they can enjoy the full benefits of Little League. Students are needed to be buddies for team members.

Practices and games will be Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings at the CW East Lower Field beginning in April. Help for one practice/game or for the entire season.

Call Holly Baim 610-693-6614.

Volunteers needed for Weiser Track Meets

Help is needed for Weiser Home track meets: **4/9, 4/15, 4/23, 4/25, 4/29 & 5/6**

Track meets begin at 3:45 PM.

To volunteer contact:

Clint Kiscadden at 610-693-8525 or c_kiscadden@conradweiser.org

Concession Stand Help for Weiser Baseball Games

Concession stand workers are needed during High School and Jr. High School Baseball Games.
Volunteer directly after school for about 2 hours.
Check the school calendar for dates of home games and
Sign-up in the Counseling Office with Mrs. Carman (610-693-8579 or 610-693-6602).

Robesonia Pool Painting & Clean-Up

Summer will be here soon. Help get the Robesonia pool ready for the summer.
Pool Painting on **April 19** (4/20 raindate) from 8 to 3
Pool Clean-up & Set-up on **May 10** (5/11 raindate) from 9 to Noon.
Come and help even if you're late or must leave early or
Contact Tony Wirebach @twirebach@echovalleygraphics.com!

Special Olympics Needs Volunteers

Berks County Special Olympics needs your help from March through June.
Call Deborah Albitz @ 610-927-2699 or sopbcmgr@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Kite Festival & Fiddle Festival at Berk's Heritage Center

The Kite Festival is scheduled for **April 27th** from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
The Fiddle Festival is scheduled for **May 31st** from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
Please call Becky Richards @ 610-374-2944 OR Cathy Wegener @ 610-374-8839 more details.

Phoebe Berks Health Care Center

Opportunities always exist at the Health Care and the Assisted Living Centers.
Typical volunteer activities include: companion/visitor, activity helper, distribute water,
deliver mail, office helper and seasonal decorating.
Contact Michelle Gettel, Volunteer Coordinator @ 610-927-8132.
Volunteers for the Health Care Center need a TB Test & volunteer a minimum of 25-hours.

Like Kids?

Two daycares in our area are always willing to have high school students help care for children.
ABC Daycare is at Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf; call Mrs. Pastor at 610-589-4312.
The CW School Age Center @ East Elementary Center, (before & after school care) call 610-678-6271.

Visit a Shut-In

There are several facilities in our area for the elderly. They love seeing the smiles of young people.
Activities could include visiting, playing games or reading, helping with craft projects,
transporting residents from one activity to another,
and taking care of houseplants or helping w/ picnics or birthday parties.
Berks Heim: Dorris Evans at 610-320-7424
Danken House: Paul Leonardo at 610-678-9282
Golden Ridge: Lynn Zerbe 610-693-5850
Furnace Creek Manor: Linda Preston 610-678-5735

Berks County TV needs Helpers

Help set up a TV studio for live telecasts, operate a camera, run audio and do all that is necessary for live
TV productions. Call John Furdyna @ 610-374-3065

Trinity Lutheran Church of Robesonia – Food Pantry

The last Wednesday & Thursday of each month volunteers are needed from 4:00 to 6:00 PM
to help stock shelves and bag food donations for 83 needy families.
Call Cherrie Benfer @ 610-589-4289 or Cheryl Young @ 610-670-5945 to schedule a time to volunteer.

Do You Like Working on Computers?

Free Geek Penn is a non-profit group who repair and recycle computers. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 10 to 4 and during the week until 6 PM. Contact Annette Hess or Steve Bailey @ 717-721-2494 to volunteer.

Assistant Soccer Coaches for CWCA Youth Programs

Students are needed to assist volunteer coaches teach boys and girls soccer. The season begins in March and run through early May. Students are needed in the evenings from 6 to 8:00 PM. Please contact Corey Gilmer @ 610-823-3857.

Easter Seals

Easter Seals has opportunities for students to volunteer for their Recreational Groups. Recreation Groups Spring Sessions from **Mid-April to Mid-June**. Activities include Play Groups, Movie Nights, Yoga Classes & Let's Eat-Around the World. Evening Series Contact: Erin Higgins, 610-775-1431 or Erin.Higgins@easterseals-easternpa.org

Humane Society

The Humane Society is always looking for volunteers to help walk animals, clean kennels & help with special promotions, etc. Call Lebanon Office (located in Myerstown): Mike or Greg 717-273-3300

Renova Center of Lebanon is Always looking for Volunteers

The Renova Center in Lebanon helps mentally handicapped individuals develop to their fullest potential, & enhance their quality of life in a caring, home-like atmosphere. You can help these individuals with their daily living skills. Contact Volunteer Coordinator @ 717-274-0493 to help.

Western Berks Ambulance

The WBA Association would like help with clerical work (data entry, filing, etc.) at their West Lawn Office. Call Nan at 610-678-1545 ext. 10.

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