

SUMMER 2008 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Robesonia Community Street Fair - June 12, 13 & 14th

Volunteers are needed to work booths, to setup for and clean-up after the carnival.
Call Chris Rumer @ 267-884-6834.

Local Libraries Love Students!

Our local municipal libraries have asked for help doing computer work, bulletin boards, cataloguing, preparing for story hour, etc. During the summer they sponsor summer reading programs involving games, crafts & other activities. Call:

Wernersville Library - 610-678-8771
Womelsdorf Library (they have Sunday hours) – 610-589-1424
Robesonia Library – 610-693-3264
West Lawn Library, Barbara Kline, 610-678-4888

Play with Kids

Two daycares in our area are always willing to allow high school students who care about children to help. ABC Daycare is at Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf; call Mrs. Pastor at 610-589-4312.

The Conrad Weiser School Age Center is at the East Elementary Center, and cares for children.
Call Donna Knorr @ 610-678-6271.

Reading Hospital & Medical Center

A variety of opportunities are available from direct services to hospital patients to once and done projects that can be completed by a group or an individual.

Call the hospital's Volunteer Office, Lucine Sihelnik @ 610-988-8216 to volunteer.

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.

Caring for Animals

The Humane Society of Lebanon (located in Myerstown) is always looking for volunteers to help walk animals, clean kennels and help with special promotions, etc.

Call Greg 717-273-3300

Summer Playground Volunteers

The playground leaders can always use extra help with coordinating activities during organized playground hours from June to the middle of August. If interested, please contact one of the following:

Wernersville Playground: Jeanna Strausser during playground hours @ 610-678-6570
from 9:00 - Noon & 6 - 8:00 PM

Robesonia Playground: Vicki Richards @ 610-693-6373

Wernersville State Hospital or South Mountain Workshop

Help is always needed in the gardens, in the consumer library or with the patients for craft and activities. South Mountain Workshop is a in-house work program for patients.

Please contact Michelle Bodanza @ 610-670-4164.

Western Berks Ambulance

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

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!

Robesonia Pool

Stop by the Robesonia Pool anytime this summer to help with any number of projects.
See Kristin Stoltzfus (610-693-5002).

Watch Children for Motivated Moms

Motivated Moms, an English as a Second Language Program, is held on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6/10 to 8/14 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to help watch the toddlers and preschoolers while their Moms are learning English.

The program is held at the First Presbyterian Church @ 5th & Franklin Streets in Reading.
Contact Mary Alice Rissmiller @ 610-373-5777 to volunteer.

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 610-376-4841 ext.4

Danken House: Paul Leonardo at 610-678-9282

Golden Ridge: Lynn Zerbe 610-693-8011

Phoebe Health Center: Michelle Gettle, Volunteer Coordinator @ 610-927-8132

Berks Community Television 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

Berks County Heritage Center

Festivals are being held throughout the summer and help is needed in a variety of ways. There are also many activities with the County Recreation Dept such as

"The Big Wheel Race" on 7/7

"Step Back in Time" on 7/20,

"Triple B Competition" (Bikes, Blades & Boards) on 6/21

Call Becky Richards or Cathy Wegener 610-374-8839 to Volunteer.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Robesonia - Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The last Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 & 6 to 8, &

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help stock shelves and bag food donations for 83 needy families.

Call Cherrie Benfer @ 610-589-4289 to schedule a time to volunteer.

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, Marie Engle @ 717-274-0493 to help.

Girls Basketball Coaches & Assistant Coaches

Students are needed to help coach youth girls Blacktop Basketball over the summer at City Park.
Contact Lisa Ayala @ 610-775-9037

Feed the Needy

Visit local churches and centers to help prepare and serve meals:
Kennedy House 7/5 & 7/6 - Call Betty Schmoyer, of St. Francis De Sales Church @ 610-678-3717
to schedule a time to serve. Transportation is available.

Lunch Time Soup Kitchen at Central Park United Methodist Church (138 S. 6th St., Reading)
Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:30PM
Please contact Ann Wallace, Soup Kitchen Coordinator @ 610-375-3310

Easter Seals

Easter Seals has opportunities for students to volunteer at their
Summer Camps & Summer Recreation Groups.

Camp Lily Too (Liggett Ave. Reading) is for 4 to 7 yr olds - from 6/16 to 7/3 – 9:00 AM to Noon
Camp Lily (Mt Penn Campground) is for older students - from 7/7 to 8/15 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Camp Contact: Michele Rittle, 610-775-1431 or Michele.Rittle@easterseals-easternpa.org

Summer Recreation Groups - Summer Sessions - from 7/7 to 8/15.

Activities include swimming, social groups & horseback riding

Summer Recreation Contact: Erin Higgins @ 610-775-1431 or Erin.Higgins@easterseals-easternpa.org

Do You Like Working on Computers?

Free Geek Penn (400 W. Main St. Ephrata) 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 Steve Bailey @ 717-721-2494 to volunteer.

Computer Wizards

Furnace Creek Manor Apartments (270 S. Freeman St. Robesonia) is looking for students to help teach
basic Computer Operation to their Senior Residents.
Students can also visit residents for evening games and activities.
Call Linda Preston at 610-693-3419 Monday to Thursday mornings.

Assistant Soccer Coaches for CWCA Youth Programs

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