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Volunteerism and NVRC volunteer opportunities at NVRC



OBJECTIVES

- Why your high school student may be interested in volunteering
- Talk about summer camp volunteer opportunities
- Discuss the process for volunteering
- Talk about your role as a parent
- Answer any questions you may have



Why Do Students Volunteer?

- Help their local community
- Test-drive career options
- Polish job-readiness skills
- Leadership skills
- Upgrade portfolio
- Complete Graduation Requirements
- Make connections for future employment opportunities



Why Do Students Volunteer?



I volunteered at a spring break day camp with kids aged 4-6. Learning the way they thought of things was really interesting. It was the little things they did such as interacting with each other that were all so different from how an older kid might have reacted. One of the younger girls just wanted to play checkers, but her take on how to play the game was a little different than mine. Adapting to her rules was fun because we ended up making rules of our own. My learning experience with these kids was great, they made me realize how much I enjoy being around kids of their age or just volunteering. It helped me with learning what ages I like to help with, along with giving me experience. Over all my experience with everything so far has been a 10 out of 10.



Summer Camp Volunteering

Volunteers Choose:

- Preference of location,
- Which weeks
- Age group



Application Process

- Online Application Form
- Two references (teachers, coaches, tutors, someone they tutor, etc.)
- A Code of conduct agreement they read and sign
- Police Information Check
- Camp Preferences Form
- Photo Release Consent



Locations to Volunteer

Delbrook Harry Jerome

John Braithwaite Karen Magnussen

Lions Gate Loutet Field

Lynn Valley Myrtle Park

Princess Park Ron Andrews



How Can Parents Support Their Students?

- **Encourage** your student to find the "right" fit for them.
- **Support** your child by coaching him or her through the volunteer application and screening process
- **Help** facilitate a successful experience. Ensure your child understands the expectations and commitment and gets to their volunteer placement on time.

Questions



I had a very fun experience at the volunteer camp, and with the younger kids. The main reason why I joined North Van Rec was for school service hours, I am so glad I took this opportunity. Now though I realise it is much more then that, it's about improving the community around you and lending a helping hand to others.

I really enjoy doing this and its been a great learning experience for me, I don't care if I get service hours or money because it has no relevance to me, being able to work and improve the lives of others makes me very happy.

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