Volunteer Opportunities

~ A Summary of local Volunteer Opportunities ~

VOLUNTEERS: PASSION, ACTION IMPACT

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Volunteer Opportunities working with Children & Youth:

Journeys Therapeutic Riding Society

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Facebook: Journeys Therapeutic Riding Society

Organization Summary:
Journey’s Therapeutic Riding Society offers therapeutic riding; including grooming & tacking, where the students will be mounted. In addition, Journey’s Therapeutic Riding Society offers Equine Assisted Learning where the participants are un-mounted. Journey’s Therapeutic Riding Society welcomes students from the private sector as well as schools. As every student learns at a different pace, goals will be set for each student at the onset of the program. Volunteers assist the students on an individual basis. Parents/Guardians or paraprofessionals are welcome and encouraged to attend classes.

Volunteers are required for:
Journey’s Therapeutic Riding Society requires volunteers to assist with grooming, tacking & leading a horse, side walking, greeter, public relations, fundraising, Board of Directors, photography, budget/finance, volunteer coordination and orientation. Journey’s Therapeutic Riding Society welcomes all volunteers and offer positions that best suit the volunteer’s skills and experience.

Girl Guides of Canada – Nanton

Contact via: Phone: 403-646-2422

Organization Summary:
Girl Guides of Canada – Nanton provides girls with opportunities to learn how to be prepared for life’s daily events. Girls are taught camping skills. Girls also have opportunities to participate in crafts. In addition, community service is a key tenet of Girl Guides of Canada – Nanton and girls are given opportunities to provide community services to local service groups.

Volunteers are required for:
Volunteers are required to lead weekly unit meetings.

Porcupine Hills Early Childhood Coalition (PHECC)

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Website: www.phecc.org
Facebook: Porcupine Hills Early Childhood Coalition

Organization Summary:
One PHECC goal is to raise the awareness of the importance of the Early Years. By first listening to parents and then responding to suggestions, we provide a variety of activities to support preschool children.

Volunteers are required for:
PHECC volunteers are encouraged to attend monthly meetings, share ideas, and provide support. This may include assisting in organizing, setting-up, participating in and cleaning-up activities that occur within the community for families with preschool children.

Volunteers MUST LOVE children, and playing!

Junior Achievement South Alberta - Foothills Region

Contact via: Phone: 403-601-5834
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Website: www.jasouthalberta.org
Facebook: JA Southern Alberta

Organization Summary:
For more than 50 years Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta has been engaging local business and community leaders in its mission to help students develop an entrepreneurial attitude, a solid and practical understanding of business and finance and a commitment to community. Through both in school and out of school programs, Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta reaches nearly 22,000 students annually with 1,400 dedicated volunteers. Junior Achievement provides a link between education and the world of work by giving youth the confidence and knowledge they need to define personal success, enhance their workforce readiness and pursue their dreams.

Volunteers are required for:
Volunteers facilitate educational programs in school to children in grades 5-12. Volunteers must be comfortable presenting in front of a group, have a positive attitude, interested in youth, and have a willingness to learn.
Volunteer Opportunities working with Children & Youth...cont.

Nanton Lacrosse
Contact via: Phone: 403-646-2422
Email: nantonlax@yahoo.ca
Facebook: Nanton Lacrosse League

Organization Summary:
Nanton Lacrosse offers Lacrosse programs for children and youth, ages 4 to 15.

Volunteers are required for:
Nanton Lacrosse is not able to operate without volunteers. At this time, Nanton Lacrosse required volunteer Board members (for example: President, Treasury, and Directors.) Board members, no skills are required just the love for lacrosse!

In addition, Nanton Lacrosse also requires coaches for each team. Without volunteer coaches, teams cannot operate. Coaches need to have coaches certificate.

Nanton Lacrosse also searching for volunteer refs. Refs need to have training.

Nanton Marlin Swim Club
Contact via: Phone: 403-601-1310
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Website: nantonmarlins.com
Facebook: Nanton Marlin Swim Club

Organization Summary:
Nanton Marlin Swim Club is a summer swim club, part of the Alberta Summer Swimming Association. The Nanton Marlin Swim Club provides a fun filled, yet competitive atmosphere for children aged 5 to 17 and Adults 18+, working on stroke and speed improvement. The Nanton Marlin Swim Club travels all over southern Alberta to 10 meets per season which is May 1 to mid-August, ending with the Provincial Championship meet in Edmonton each year.

Volunteers are required for:
Volunteers are needed to sit on the Executive Committee of the Nanton Marlin Swim Club. The Executive consists of volunteer members, primarily parents of the swimmers in the club. Volunteers for the Executive, require good people skills, organized, honest, and creative.

In addition, the Nanton Marlin Swim club is seeking volunteers with swimming experience, namely swimming 101 or higher. To be poolside or aiding in the water volunteers are required to have/take the Community Coaching Course at a minimum.

Volunteer Opportunities within the Community:

Nanton Ministerial Food Bank
Contact via: Phone: 403-601-4201

Organization Summary:
The Nanton Ministerial Food Bank provides temporary emergency provision of Food.

Volunteers are required for:
The Nanton Ministerial Food Bank is looking for volunteers to assist with packing food hampers and interacting with food hamper recipients. Shifts are available Thursday afternoons from 1 - 4:00 pm.

Volunteers require basic people skills, reading and writing English.

Nanton & District HandiVan Society
Contact via: Phone: 403-336-1541
Email: nantonhandivan@hotmail.com

Organization Summary:
Our organization offers transportation for people to medical appointments within Nanton and to other towns where their appointments may be.

Volunteers are required for:
People can volunteer to be on the board, or as a spare driver for transporting clients to medical appointments. As a driver, volunteers are required to have a clean driving record and the ability to assist elderly or disabled persons in and out of the vehicle.
Volunteer Opportunities within the Community...cont.

Citizens on Patrol

Contact via: Phone: Nanton RCMP 403-646-5722 or Brian 403-646-3250

Organization Summary:
The purpose of Citizens on Patrol is to patrol Nanton and lookout for any suspicious activities, then record/report as required. Nanton's Citizens on Patrol act as an extra "set of eyes and ears" for the RCMP and community. Volunteers with Citizens on Patrol are doing their part to help reduce crime in the community!

Volunteers are required for:
Citizens on Patrol is currently looking for volunteers to assist with patrols. Volunteers are asked to complete one volunteer shift per month, which is completed in the evening or night. Volunteer hours/shifts are flexible! During each shift, volunteers patrol the area by vehicle, in partners.

In addition, Citizens on Patrol meetings are held bimonthly at the Nanton Fire Hall, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age; pass a RCMP security check; and have vehicle access (patrols are done in partners by vehicle.)

Nanton Literacy & Learning Society

Contact via: Email: nantonliteracycls@gmail.com

Organization Summary:
NLLS supports and promotes existing learning opportunities in Nanton and area, and funds local literacy and learning initiatives of many kinds.

Volunteers are required for:
The Nanton Literacy & Learning Society operates through a volunteer board, and our events/programs are run by volunteers, such as Parade of Garage Sales book table, Food Bank Christmas Hamper Children's new book program, Used Book Corner, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities working with Seniors:

Alberta Health Services/Silver Willow Lodge

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Website: www.mosquitocreekfoundation.ca
Facebook: Alberta Health Services Volunteers

Organizational Summary:
The Silver Willow Lodge provides subsidized senior’s housing. In addition, Alberta Health Services provides a Designated Assisted Living (DAL) unit, which is available to those seniors requiring a higher level of care.

Volunteers are required for:
Volunteers are necessary to assisting with ongoing socialization and recreation activities for our residents at the SWL and AHS DAL. Assist with recreational activities, entertainment, visiting with your pet, crafts, special occasions and more!

Volunteers should have the following skills and/or abilities:
• experience working with seniors;
• Knowledge of general arts and crafts;
• Ability to work with accuracy and with minimal supervision;
• Excellent communication skills;
• Good physical condition;
• Be able to walk long distances;
• Be able to push a patient in a wheelchair,
• Be able to sit, bend, reach and perform light lifting;
• Maintain confidentiality;
• Have a desire to have fun and meet new people!
Volunteer Opportunities working with Seniors...cont.

Nanton Quality of Life Foundation
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Organization Summary:
The Nanton Quality of Life Foundation contracts with the Town of Nanton and the M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 to manage and operate the Nanton and Area Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program. The Nanton and Area FCSS program provides preventive social services and programming to residents within the Town of Nanton and the surrounding rural area.

In addition, the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation operates the Nanton Family Resource Center. The Nanton Family Resource Center is a multi-purpose facility available for non-profit groups, agencies and organizations (as defined by the Societies Act of Alberta) and social and/or support groups.

Volunteers are required for:

Meals on Wheels:
The Nanton Meals on Wheels program operates through partnership with the Silver Willow Lodge, Alberta Health Services, and the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation. Together, these three organizations provide an essential program of support for those individuals requiring home food support.

The Nanton Quality of Life Foundation has an amazing group of volunteers who dedicate countless hours to the Meals on Wheels program. Our volunteers play an integral and valued role within the Meals on Wheels program. They provide much needed support to Meals on Wheels program clients by providing daily home delivery of nutritious meals. As such, our Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers enhance the quality of life for recipients of the Meals on Wheels program.

The Meals on Wheels Volunteer Driver is currently recruiting new volunteers!

Music & Memory Program:
Do you have a desire to help people find joy again? Would you like an opportunity to help individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and/or Dementia to reconnect to the world? If so, volunteering with the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation’s Music & Memory program is for you!

The approach used in the Music & Memory program is simple, elegant and effective: Volunteers are trained on how to set up personalized music playlists, which are then delivered on iPods, to program participants. These musical favorites tap deep memories not lost to dementia and can bring program participants back to life, enabling them to feel like themselves again, to converse, socialize, and stay present.

The Music & Memory Program is based on extensive neuroscience research about how our brains respond to music. This program has been extensively tested throughout Canada and the United States. The Music & Memory personalized music system has provided therapeutic benefits for thousands of individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and Dementia. Repeatedly, caregivers tell us that our program is often life changing for everyone involved.

Volunteers are needed to assist and support this exciting new program!
Volunteer Opportunities at Museums:

Bomber Command Museum of Canada

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Website: www.bombercommandmuseum.ca
Facebook: Bomber Command Museum of Canada

Organization Summary:
The Bomber Command Museum is the only facility in Canada whose primary goal is to honour those who served with Bomber Command.

Goals of the Bomber Command Museum of Canada include:
- to honor all those associated with Bomber Command during World War II.
- to commemorate the activities of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in Alberta.
- to work towards the complete restoration of the Ian Bazalgette Memorial Lancaster to its wartime configuration.
- to collect, restore, and exhibit aircraft and artifacts related to Bomber Command and the BCATP.
- to inform the public as to the contributions and sacrifices made by the men and women of Bomber Command and the BCATP.

Volunteers are required for:
The Bomber Command Museum of Canada requires volunteers to assist with greeting visitors and working in the gift shop.

Canadian Grain Elevator Discovery Centre

Contact via: Phone: 403-646-1146
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Organization Summary:
The Canadian Grain Elevator Discovery Centre is a participation base museum, which tells the stories of the grain elevators and the history that it shared with Prairie Communities.

Volunteers are required for:
The Canadian Grain Elevator Discovery Centre requires volunteers to provide front counter customer service, provide museum tours, cleaning, marketing and public relations, and also to participate in parades!

Volunteers require the desire to learn, and a desire to have fun!

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