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## HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME A NORTHVANREC VOLUNTEER?

- ◆ Identify your area of interest and availability
- ◆ Apply Online
- ◆ Complete the required paperwork (application form, references, criminal record search, volunteer agreement form)
- ◆ Phone for an orientation or individual interview (dependent on timing)
- ◆ Placement

## YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED BY:

- ◆ Orientation and Training
- ◆ Ongoing Support
- ◆ Recognition

## YOU WILL BENEFIT BY:

- ◆ Meeting a diverse range of people
- ◆ Learning or developing new skills
- ◆ Acquiring new interests and hobbies
- ◆ Being a part of your community
- ◆ Making a difference!



*My experience with volunteering at summer and spring break camps was amazing! i really enjoyed how friendly the leaders are and the camps were not only fun for the children, but for the volunteers too! I enjoyed how by the end of the week, each of us bonded in some way or another, and I was sad once the week ended. I wish the week lasted longer... normally i hate waking up early but these camps made me look forward to waking up and i would do it every week if i could! M.Z.*

**PLEASE TURN OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## **ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER**

**Consider** the right fit for you. Identify your skills, goals and the time you want to spend. Ask questions and ask for help if you are unsure. The more specific you are about what you want the easier it will be to place you.

**Understand** your roles and ask any questions.

**Give Feedback.** We want to hear from you. If the position is too demanding or not challenging enough, talk to us. We can help.

**Have fun!** The best fit is where you and the organization both benefit. If you aren't having fun, please let us know. We want you to enjoy your experience!

*We look forward to connecting and working with you.*

## **ROLE OF THE PARENT**

**Encourage** your child to find the "right" fit for them. A volunteer experiences success when he or she is placed in a position that fits *their* motivation.

**Support** your child by coaching him or her through the volunteer application and screening process (don't do it *for* them--- this is a great opportunity for them to learn and experience).

**Help** facilitate a successful experience. Ensure your child understands the expectations and commitment and gets to their volunteer placement on time.

*Remember your child will benefit most from their experience if you encourage him or her to do the work themselves -- limit your role to providing support behind the scenes.*

Apply online at [www.northvanrec.com](http://www.northvanrec.com)

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