



**INFORMATION AND VOLUNTEER CENTRE**  
FOR STRATHCONA COUNTY  
CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

# YOUTH Volunteer Opportunities

**May-August 2008**

## **Connecting Organizations with Youth Volunteers**

For additional information call the Volunteer Centre and ask for Le-Ann Ewaskiw, Youth Coordinator for Capture Our Spirit at 780.464.4242, email [le-ann@ivcstrathcona.org](mailto:le-ann@ivcstrathcona.org) or check our searchable database at [www.govolunteer.ca](http://www.govolunteer.ca) or our website at [www.ivcstrathcona.org](http://www.ivcstrathcona.org). You can also request to receive our complete updated listings on a regular basis.

### **ARDROSSAN DREAMCATCHER NATURE-ASSISTED THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

Ages 12+  
Where Strathcona County  
Address 53044 RRD 213, Ardrossan  
Website [www.dreamcatcherassociation.com](http://www.dreamcatcherassociation.com)  
Contact Eileen Bona 780.922.1047 [ebona@telusplanet.net](mailto:ebona@telusplanet.net)

**Chicken Coop/Shelter Cleaner, Snow Removal Specialist & Lawn Maintenance Volunteer** \*\*Volunteer will be responsible for various jobs such as removing soiled animal bedding and replacing it with fresh straw, cleaning and filling feeders and waterers, shoveling snow from the front deck where programming takes place, and moving grass on the front lawn and down the sides of the driveway and moving/stacking wood.

### **CAPITAL CARE STRATHCONA**

Ages Vary for different positions.  
Where Strathcona County  
Address 12 Brower Drive Sherwood Park  
Website [www.capitalcare.net](http://www.capitalcare.net)  
Contact 780.417.4329 Yvonne [yvonnemnicoll@capitalcare.net](mailto:yvonnemnicoll@capitalcare.net)

**Recreation Helper** \*\*Have loads of fun participating in the Recreation programs. There's music, movies, crafts, floor hockey, bingo, and so much more. Youth 12+.

**Piano Player** \*\*Play a variety of music that the residents enjoy. Introduce the musical selections, and play at a pace and volume that is comfortable for the residents. Youth 12+.

**Visitor** \*\*Be a visitor and read, play Games (checkers, scrabble, crib ect...) Youth 15yrs + OR 12yrs + with an Adult .

**Bingo Caller** \*\*Encourage residents to socialize, and enjoy playing Bingo by calling out the bingo numbers. Youth 12+.

### **FESTIVAL PLACE**

Ages 15+  
Where Strathcona County  
Address 100 Festival Way Sherwood Park  
Website [www.festivalplace.ab.ca](http://www.festivalplace.ab.ca)  
Contact Gavin 780.464.2852 [Gavinf@festivalplace.ab.ca](mailto:Gavinf@festivalplace.ab.ca)

**Special Events** \*\*Volunteer at theatre and special events at a local art centre. Usher, take tickets, and merchandise sellers.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Ages See below for specific roles  
Where Edmonton and area  
Address 8210 Yellowhead Trail  
Website [www.hfh.org](http://www.hfh.org)  
Contact Louise Henin 780.479.3566 ext 222 [lhenein@edmonton.hfh.org](mailto:lhenein@edmonton.hfh.org)

**Construction Volunteers** \*\*Help Habitat for Humanity build decent homes. Meet new individuals. Gain experience in construction. Positions from the absolute beginner to the journeyman trades person. 16 yrs +

**Cookie Brigade Volunteers** \*\*Help Habitat for Humanity by baking cookies for the site volunteers. With approximately 40 people on the build site this is an excellent opportunity to help with the meal service for any individual, youth groups, seniors, families and clubs. 12 yrs + (with adult supervision)

## PARENT'S PLACE ASSOCIATION OF SHERWOOD PARK

Ages 12+  
Where Sherwood Park  
Address Locations vary with each position  
Website [www.members.shaw.ca/parentsplace](http://www.members.shaw.ca/parentsplace)  
Contact Cheryl Roberts ~ 780.464.3217 ~ [parentsplace@shaw.ca](mailto:parentsplace@shaw.ca)

**Special Events Workers** \*\*Help at various community events during the year to bring awareness about the centre, and fundraise or complete a project.

**Toy Library Helpers** \*\*Help families choose age appropriate toys and resources. Maintain order of libraries and purchase new items and catalogue them. Participate in an annual toy wash.

## STRATHCONA COUNTY CLOTHES LINE

Ages 13+  
Where Strathcona County  
Address 38 Sioux Road  
Website [www.theclothes-line.com](http://www.theclothes-line.com)  
Contact Loretta ~ 780.464.7786

**Volunteer Store Helpers** \*\*Volunteers needed to steam clothing and take items into the store and straighten shelves.

## STRATHCONA COUNTY RECREATION PARKS AND CULTURE

Ages 13 yrs +  
Times Morning, Afternoon, Evening-Flexible  
Where Broadmoor Lake Park and Sherwood Park Arena  
Address Varies for each position  
Contact Amber Staden 780.464.8470 [staden@strathcona.ab.ca](mailto:staden@strathcona.ab.ca)

**Variety of Events** \*\*Volunteers are needed for various events and positions throughout the year such as photographers, registrations, inflatable attractions, security, mascots and much more. Events included are Festival of Lights, New Years, Canada Day and more....

**2008 Mayors Recreation for Life Walk/Run** This event takes place on Sunday, May 4 from 12 noon-3pm at Broadmoor Lake Park. There are several areas that require volunteers in order to make this a successful event, please call for more detailed information.

## TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE

Ages 15+ with Grade 9 Science  
Where Edmonton  
Address 11211 142 Street, Edmonton  
Contact Margaret Hay 780.452.9100 ext 2241

**Gallery Guide/Interpreter** \*\*Volunteers act as facilitators for our gallery visitors, encourage problem solving, inquiry and decision making as visitors explore the challenges of hands-on learning.

See next page for more Telus World of Science opportunities....

Telus World of Science cont'd.....

**Theatre Usher** \*\*Volunteers greet and usher patrons into the theaters of the Centre, monitor attendance by checking for appropriate tickets and control the flow of visitors in the theatres and lobby area.

**Assistant Observatory Attendant** \*\*Volunteers share their knowledge of astronomy and supervise the set-up and use of telescope during public observing sessions.

**Assistant Program Leader** \*\*Volunteers assist staff with the delivery of course material and provide support to young participants in science and/or computer camps by encouraging interactive learning through a variety of activities.

**Gallery Usher** \*\*Volunteers provide a greeting and ushering service to guests entering the exhibit galleries, present general facility information and monitor gallery access by checking for appropriate tickets.

**Telus Robotics Lab & DOW Computer Lab Attendant** \*\* Call for details

**Amateur Radio Operator** \*\*Call for details

**Visitor Hospitality Host/Hostess** \*\* Call for details

**Birthday Party Hosts** \*\* Call for details

### **YOUTH COUNCIL - STRATHCONA COUNTY**

Ages 12 – 17

Where Strathcona County

Contact Barb Rix 780.464.4044 [rix@strathcona.ab.ca](mailto:rix@strathcona.ab.ca)

**Youth Council Members** \*\*Teens who want their opinions to count and have fun too should try the Youth Council. Help get youths needs/concerns addressed. Plan and participate in special projects, volunteer activities and community events. Meetings are held a couple times a month.

### **YOUTH EMERGENCY SHELTER**

Ages 15+ (or 12+ with a parent)

Where Edmonton and area

Address 9310 82 Avenue Edmonton

Website [www.yess.org](http://www.yess.org)

Contact Dana Myers 780.468.7186 ext. 234 or 780.468.7070 [volunteercoordinator@yess.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@yess.org)

**Special Event Assistant** \*\*Assist with special fundraising events over the year such as selling tickets, registrations, organizing auctions, etc.

### **Capture Our Spirit YOUTH PAGE**

Ages 10+

Where Information and Volunteer Centre for Strathcona County

Address 100 Ordze Avenue, Sherwood Park

Website [www.ivcstrathcona.org](http://www.ivcstrathcona.org)

Contact Le-Ann Ewaskiw 780.464.4242 [le-ann@ivcstrathcona.org](mailto:le-ann@ivcstrathcona.org)

**Committee Member** \*\*The Sherwood Park Strathcona County Newspaper has dedicated a full page every one to two months to a committee of youths who write about youth volunteerism and involvement within the community. ARE YOU CREATIVE? There are several opportunities such as writing, drawing, graphic's, photography, research ect.. or just a good idea person. It's fun, it's free and offers so many benefits so call or email today for more information.

**NEW OPPORTUNITIY** :We are looking for youth to help with our "Pay It Forward" project so contact us if your interested.

### **ROBIN HOOD ASSOCIATION**

Ages 13+

Where Sherwood Park

Address 141 Broadway Blvd.

Website [www.robinhoodassoc.com](http://www.robinhoodassoc.com)

Contact Carrie Pattison 780.464.4242 [pattison@robinhoodassoc.com](mailto:pattison@robinhoodassoc.com)

**Individual and group volunteering** \*\*The Robin Hood Association offers a wide variety of volunteering opportunities and will work with you on making your available times fit. There is opportunity to work with youth ranging from 21/2 to 18 years of age depending upon your interests and talents. There are 3 areas of ages groups 2 1/2 – 7yrs, 7-12 yrs and Teen Groups. A lot of the volunteer opportunities consist of interacting with the clients such as , playing board games, reading, watching movies and assisting on field trips. During the summer they run a

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Children's Summer Camp and do require several more volunteers during this period. They also have their annual baby sale and require people to help set up and clean up or help with advertising. Volunteering can be done as an individual or as a group.

### **STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY**

Ages 12 yrs and up  
Where Strathcona County Library  
Website [www.sclibrary.ab.ca](http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca)  
Contact 780.449.5801 or email [rskaley@sclibrary.ab.ca](mailto:rskaley@sclibrary.ab.ca)

#### **TACs (Teen Advisory Committee @ the Library)**

No passes required. Drop-in Find out about how you can meet friends, have a say in what the Library offers for teens, & get some great volunteer experience. Snacks!

Check out the [TAC Zone](#) to download an application form & read the calendar of events!

Application forms are available at the Info desk or fill one out when you come to the meeting! Bring along a friend!

■ **Last Wed. of each month, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

### **STRATHCONA COUNTY RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURE**

Ages 13-17 yrs  
Where Rural Meeting (Ardrossan Hall) Urban Meeting (Cloverbar Junior High School)  
Website [www.cpra.ca](http://www.cpra.ca)  
Contact Laura Flaman 780.619.3061 [lflaman@ualberta.ca](mailto:lflaman@ualberta.ca)

#### **Everybody Gets to Play (Recreation without barriers) > Community Investigators Wanted**

Looking for a cool way to get involved? Got bright ideas? We need you to tell us how it is...and how it could be.

Terms of work: a few hours every couple of weeks, in the evenings, some weekend activities

Compensation: all costs associated with recreation activities are covered

Number of Positions: as many as there are willing people, ages 13-17 years

Experience: not necessary, must be willing to learn and have fun

Purpose: To investigate youth inclusion in the design and access to recreation programs and services

First meeting: Rural – Thursday, June 12, (6-8pm) \* Ardrossan Hall

Urban – Wednesday, June 11, \*Cloverbar Junior High School) Bring along a friend!

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Ages 13 yrs and up  
Where The Best Western Sherwood Conference Centre  
Contact Susan 780.464.4242 or email [susan@ivcstrathcona.org](mailto:susan@ivcstrathcona.org)

#### **Festival of Trees**

Are you looking for a fun place to meet new people? Do you want to be a leader in the community? Do you require quick volunteer hours that would give you a lifetime of experiences and memories? Or how about just sharing some Christmas spirit with the people that live near you?

The Information and Volunteer Centre for Strathcona County (IVC) is delighted to present our 1st Annual Festival of Trees! This spectacular holiday event will feature a variety of seasonal activities, including a decorated tree auction. We expect over 8,500 residents to attend this event.

IVC is proud to connect our community through this family friendly festival. In line with IVC's longstanding tradition of community service, the proceeds from the Festival of Trees will support youth volunteer initiatives within Strathcona County.

Don't be shy, bring along a friend or the entire family.....it's bound to be a blast!

If after you have browsed through the listing and are not able to find a volunteer position that interests you please feel free to contact our office so we can help you locate an opportunity that most suits your interests and talents.

A thought .....

As the youth of Canada, it is upon us to uphold this great tradition of giving and sharing. We strongly encourage every student to get involved in our community, whether it is at school events, the local Agencies, or on the global scale. It is important to find a volunteer opportunity where you can display your passions and talents.

Volunteering at school events is a great way to start. It is also an engaging way to meet many of your peers. The knowledge, the skills and of course the satisfaction you will attain from sharing your time and knowledge is priceless. Get out there and start to make a difference!

**We believe in you....**