



VOLUNTEER POSTING

Thursday, April 1, 2010

Special Needs Youth Program Assistant

All YMCA Membership Centres

Hours/Days Wanted:

Variable- starting immediately

Situation:

The YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington is the 5th largest YMCA in Canada with an annual operating budget of \$25 million. The Association offers programs and services including health, fitness and recreation, family and children's services, camping and outdoor education, youth leadership development, community outreach and international development education.

This position requires a commitment to the YMCA mission and core values of: Responsibility, Honesty, Caring, and Respect, as well as, a commitment to building developmental assets in children and adults

Nature & Scope:

Under the supervision of the Program Manager, youth program volunteers have the following responsibilities:

- Assist program staff in planning and implementing skill appropriate activities for youth aged 6-12
- Communicate with staff/co-instructors/parents in a professional manner
- Set up and take down of program equipment
- To portray a professional image at all times including wearing a YMCA uniform
- To be prepared and organized to assist a child in performing an activity to develop the participant's skills in a fun way

- To provide substitute instructor if unable to teach and relay the change to the Program Manager, Children's Services Coordinator or Team Leader
- To be responsive and friendly to all staff, members and other volunteers in addition to interacting with children in program
- Demonstrates behaviours with an understanding and appreciation for the core values: caring, respect, honesty and responsibility
- Providing a special needs child with a healthy and safe environment to learn and play to help ensure that everyone has a positive program experience
- To report all accidents or unusual incidents to the Team Leader, Program Manager, Children's Services Coordinator or other YMCA Staff
- To be familiar with YMCA Emergency Procedures and respond to emergencies to the level of your training

Qualifications/Requirements:

- A cleared police security clearance. Security clearance forms should be forwarded to Human Resources. Volunteers will be responsible for the cost of the police security clearance once the security clearance has been approved by Human Resources.
- Complete all YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford training within three months of start date including Developmental Assets and Health and Safety Training
- Experience working with children with special needs in a recreational setting is an asset
- Strong communication skills and resourcefulness

Volunteer Commitment:

- Upon completion of a probationary period determined by the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford, volunteers are eligible to use the facility and programs within the facility they volunteer in on the day of their volunteer work.
- Training related to the volunteer position will be provided by the YMCA on an annual basis at no cost to the volunteer
- One YMCA uniform piece will be provided at no cost to the volunteer

Contact Person:

Program Manager

If you are interested in this position, please submit your letter of application and resume by **Saturday, December 31, 2011** to:

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