

Volunteer Referral Program - Fall & Winter 2009 - 2010

* Fairfield Parks and Recreation After School Programs

Pre-registration of volunteers is required and space is limited to 1 volunteer per class. Contact Ginna Paules at the Rec. Dept. to register, 203-256-3191. Various after school programs needing high school age volunteers described in the Rec. brochure www.fairfieldrecreation.com Consult the on-line brochure for program dates. Volunteers will assist the instructor in teaching the class and should have interest or experience in the program being offered. All of these after school programs take place at the Recreation Department, 75 Mill Plain Road. (sometimes a program will not run due to insufficient enrollment.)

Wednesdays: Paint Draw & More, 4:00 – 5:30 pm for children age 5 to 8

Thursdays: Little Scientists, 4:00 – 4:45 pm for children in K – 3rd grade, Hands on Science class

Fridays: Acting Classes, 5:05 – 6:00 pm K – 3rd grade and 6:05 – 7:00 pm for 4th – 8th graders. Previous Acting experience is required for interested volunteers.

February Vacation Camp at Ludlowe Middle School Tues. – Thurs. 2/16/10 – 2/18/10, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

April Vacation Camp at Ludlowe Middle School – Tues. – Thurs. 4/13/10 – 4/15/10 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Working with 1st – 5th grade children. Contact Ginna Paules at Fairfield Recreation, 203-256-3191 to register.

* Fairfield Parks and Recreation Special Needs After-School Programs

Volunteer's duties include socializing with the special needs children and assisting with the activities.

* **After School Chill** Runs 9/30/09 – 12/12/10 & 2/22/10 - 5/28/10, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Beanery on Old Dam Road, 2:45 – 5:45 pm. Session 2 runs 1/5/09 – 5/8/09

* **Better Bowler** Runs Tues. 9/29/09 – 10/27/09 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm at the Beanery

Contact Program Director, Kathy Morehouse at 203-556-0287 or by e-mail: Kmorehouse@fairfield.k12.ct.us

Additional Community Organizations With Volunteer Opportunities

* **Working with Ponies** - Unique Volunteer Opportunity for high school age students interested in ponies. Volunteers will help in caring for ponies which have been made available to area children by a non-profit organization. No experience necessary, just a desire to work with and/or around ponies...volunteers will be trained and will have the opportunity to gain a wealth of knowledge about caring for ponies and horses. A variety of schedules can be accommodated. Contact Susan Bemus at 203-520-2070 or susanfennbemus@optonline.net to discuss the possibilities. The ponies are located on a small farm in Fairfield near St. Pius Church on Brookside Drive.

Therapeutic Playgroups for Children with Special Needs – High school students interested in going into the field of Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, or Special Education will assist adult professionals in working with children with special needs in a fun relaxed atmosphere. The program is offered on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:45 pm or on Saturdays 9:00 am to 2:45pm (1 hour, 15 minute sessions) in Fairfield. Contact Carrie O'Leary at 203-218-3312 Cvcota@optonline.net for details.

Burr Elementay School Fall Fair – Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, 2-hour volunteer shifts – contact Beth Hofmann, 255-7775 or e-mail ehofmann@jny.com

McKinley World's Fair – Saturday, October 24th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm contact World's Fair Chairperson, Marie Stalling, H - 696-1469, mstalling1123@hotmail.com . www.mckinleyschoolpta.org
http://www.mckinleyschoolpta.org/pages/community_events.htm

* **Fairfield Public Library** on the Post Road – Check out all the interesting volunteer opportunities and programs that the Library offers for teens at: <http://www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org/teens-volunteer.htm> and access their newsletter at: <http://www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org/teens-newsletter.pdf> Students may also contact the Teen Librarian, Nicole Scherer at 203-255-7394.

Public Health Nursing located at the Senior Center on Mona Terrace in Fairfield
Contact: Sarah Levy – 256-3150 or e-mail: slevy@town.fairfield.ct.us
Organizational/ research/ brochure and graphic design/ help in health promotion/ disease prevention field.

* **Operation Hope Food Pantry** – Contact: www.operationhopect.org click on volunteers

* **Kennedy Center** – Emma Genster at 203-332-4535 X223 - ok for volunteers (14 years and older) to call directly to set up service hours. Working with children with disabilities.

* **Audubon Society** Contact 259-6305, volunteer at the Nature Store and seasonal sanctuary work and trail work – All volunteers must pre-register with the Audubon Society. www.ctaudubon.org

* **Fairfield Welcome Club – Contact:** Marylynn Iorfino Welcome Club Co-President 2009 - 2010
president@welcomeclub.org 203-522-4980 www.welcomeclub.org

Needs volunteers for their special events. First event Saturday 9/26/09 at the FFLD Theatre CO. from 11:00 am – 2:30 pm