

# Volunteering

Students must bring a form to document their service and request that the event supervisor enter the hours earned, complete an evaluation, and sign.

Forms are available in the *College and Career Center*; you may also **print a form** by going to <https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/Domain/324> and selecting the left tab marked "Volunteer Forms."

## Volunteer Opportunities – Find Them!

The following sites list or search for volunteer opportunities.

<b><i>America's Natural and Cultural Resources Volunteer Portal</i></b>	Use the "Find a Volunteer Opportunity" tool to find opportunities in this area.	<a href="https://www.volunteer.gov/">https://www.volunteer.gov/</a>
<b><i>Find Your Match</i></b>	Volunteer Matching Service.	<a href="https://www.volunteermatch.org/">https://www.volunteermatch.org/</a> Enter <b>Lacey WA</b> or <b>Olympia, WA</b> in the box following the prompt "What do you care about in _____?"
<b><i>Thurston Talk</i></b>	This site lists events throughout Thurston County.	<a href="https://www.thurstontalk.com/olympia-events-calendar/cat_ids~662/">https://www.thurstontalk.com/olympia-events-calendar/cat_ids~662/</a>

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## Volunteer Opportunities – One Time Events

**One Time Events:** These events are scheduled for a **specific date** and time.

Sponsoring Organization	Event / Location / Special Criteria or Restrictions	Date & Time Online sign up	Contact Information

## Volunteer Opportunities – Ongoing

**Ongoing:** These organizations have a continual need for volunteers.

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<b>Adopt A-Trail</b>	<p>The City of Lacey. The goal of this program to have cleaner environment and enhanced trail appearance. Any group such as a <b>club here at Ridge, youth group, team</b>, or any other. The group can earn money by collecting and recycling materials found during clean up (<i>profits from the sale of these items belong to your group</i>).</p> <p>Trash bags &amp; grabbers and safety vests provided.</p>	<p>Date and time flexible.</p> <p>Minimum age <b>14</b>. under 18 must have parental release form.</p> <p>Groups must have 1 adult per 8 minors.</p>	<p>Jason Simmonds, 360.413.4353, <a href="mailto:jsimmond@ci.lacey.wa.us">jsimmond@ci.lacey.wa.us</a></p> <p><a href="#">City of Lacey Adopt-A-Trail</a></p>

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<b>City of Lacey</b>	Community Projects include, - helping out at middle school A.C.T. nights - preserving the Lake Lois Habitat Reserve <b>14</b> and older	Multiple dates & times. See site	
<b>Club House Program</b>	Work with 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders after school at Lydia Hawk & Pleasant Glade Elementary Schools.	September – June* Lydia Hawk – after school until 6:00 p.m. Pleasant Glade – after school until 5:30 p.m.	<a href="http://thurstontgether.org/What-We-Do/Club-House">http://thurstontgether.org/What-We-Do/Club-House</a> *Contact Program Director for information on time commitment, Nora de Sandoval, 350.4932230 x111
<b>Garden Raised Bounty – GRuB</b>	This organization partners with lower-income people to create gardens for growing their own food as well as numerous outreach and education/training campaigns. Volunteers can paint, make phone calls, letter signs, take photos, weed gardens, repair tools, post flyers, and perform many other tasks in addition to building raised garden beds. <b>Orientation required.</b>	Coordinate dates & times with Volunteer Coordinator; see site	<a href="https://www.goodgrub.org/volunteer">https://www.goodgrub.org/volunteer</a>
<b>Hands On Children's Museum</b>	Volunteers may sign up for special events, regularly scheduled days, or internships. Duties could include face painting, cleaning up, greeting visitors, helping with art activities food service, marketing/promoting, and more. <b>Working in the store</b> requires a <b>6-month</b> commitment.		<a href="https://www.hocm.org/volunteer/">https://www.hocm.org/volunteer/</a>
<b>Harlequin Productions</b>	Age <b>16</b> and older can work in <b>Production</b> –carpentry, sound & lighting, scenic painting or sewing  Age <b>18</b> and older can work in the <b>Front of House</b> as ushers, stage guards, concessionaires, and ticket takers	Various dates and times throughout the year; contact the volunteer coordinator.	Before you contact, go to site below and read the Volunteer Handbook  Call 360.786.0151 or email <a href="mailto:volunteers@harlequinproductions.org">volunteers@harlequinproductions.org</a>

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<b>Lacey Timberland Library</b>	Volunteers stamp books, put on new covers, shelve items, assist patrons, and deliver books to the homebound. Volunteers may also participate in the summer reading program	Arrange your volunteer times with the library's Volunteer Coordinator	<a href="https://www.trl.org/how/volunteer-library">https://www.trl.org/how/volunteer-library</a>
<b>North Thurston Public Schools</b>	Students may volunteer in any elementary or middle schools in our school district. Some schools have after school programs and/or evening events sponsored by the school or PTA.	Once the application has been approved, students coordinate the time/dates they will volunteer a teach school.	<a href="https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/volunteer">https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/volunteer</a>
<b>Providence Health International</b>	Over 12,000,000 pounds of medical surplus is <b>disposed of every single year</b> in the U.S. Volunteers sort, package, and load some of this surplus which will be sent to over 25 countries in <b>desperate need</b> .	Shifts are typically 3 hours long, but can be shorter if needed.  <b>ACT Wednesdays</b> are good days to help out; your whole club can go together.	<b>E-mail</b> <a href="mailto:laura.rodriquez@providence.org">laura.rodriquez@providence.org</a> to set up dates and times
<b>Rebuilding Together Thurston County</b>	Volunteers for Rebuilding Together help improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners. Volunteers need not have any building skills – they will find work for you!  Read more about it at <a href="https://www.rebuildingtogethertc.org/">https://www.rebuildingtogethertc.org/</a>	There only a few opportunities during the winter months.  May 1 <sup>st</sup> is the annual Build Day	Contact by email, <a href="mailto:info@revuildingtogethertc.org">info@revuildingtogethertc.org</a> or by phone 360-539-7830
<b>South Sound Reading Foundation</b>	Opportunities include reading to children, boxing up and delivering books, office help and more. Contact SSRF with questions and complete youth volunteer form on their site.	Volunteer drop in hours are: Tue, Fri, & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 10 am – 12 pm; 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 pm. Arrange other times by contacting SSRF.	Call 360-412-4499 or Email <a href="mailto:read2me@nthurston.k12.wa.us">read2me@nthurston.k12.wa.us</a>  <a href="https://www.southsoundreading.org/how-you-can-help/">https://www.southsoundreading.org/how-you-can-help/</a>

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<p><b>STEP</b> <i>Sharing Teens &amp; Elders Project</i></p>	<p>An intergenerational inspiring program connecting youth with elders. You'll have fun, improve your listening skills, make connections, and meet new people. Elders have amazing stories to tell and they want to hear yours too.</p> <p>Meetings located at the Olympia Senior Center, 222 Columbus St. Downtown Olympia.</p>	<p><u>First:</u> Attend youth training: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Olympia Senior Cntr. contact Linda Terry for next training date</p> <p>Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month</p>	<p>Email <a href="mailto:linda.terry4@gmail.com">linda.terry4@gmail.com</a> or Call 360-480-1894</p>
<p><b>The Habitat Store</b></p>	<p>These stores accept donations of new, used and surplus building supplies, appliances and other home improvement items for resale to the general public.</p> <p>Volunteer jobs include: Sorting donations, Organizing different departments, Assisting and greeting customers, Fixings donated items, Unloading donation trucks, Donation Pick up Assistant, Volunteer Program Assistant, Lunch Provider, Helping out with general Maintenance</p>	<p>Application available online at <a href="https://spshabitat.org/get-involved/volunteer-in-our-habitat-store/">https://spshabitat.org/get-involved/volunteer-in-our-habitat-store/</a></p>	<p>Email our volunteer coordinator at <a href="mailto:volunteer@spshabitat.org">volunteer@spshabitat.org</a> or Call 360-956-3456 Ext. 6 if you have any questions.</p>
<p><b>The Stream Team</b></p>	<p>Stream Team's goal is to educate, protect and restore Washington waterways.</p> <p>Volunteer jobs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building bird, bee, bug and bat houses</li> <li>Identifying native plants, lichens and fungi</li> <li>Viewing Pacific salmon</li> <li>Attending lectures about bats, dragonflies, climate change and more</li> <li>Visiting local forests, prairies and shorelines</li> <li>Removing invasive plant species</li> <li>Planting to restore natural areas</li> </ul>	<p>On-going projects. Go to their site and look at the events calendar</p>	<p><a href="https://streamteam.info/get-involved/">https://streamteam.info/get-involved/</a></p>

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<b>Thurston County Food Bank</b>	Volunteers can expect to stock shelves, assist customers, and/or perform other administrative and manual labor tasks. Located at 220 Thurston Ave. in downtown Olympia, 2 blocks from the Intercity Transit center	Daytime shifts, Mon – Fri; Evening shifts, two times a month Special events, varying times.	<a href="https://thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/volunteer/">https://thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/volunteer/</a>
<b>Volunteer Services with Catholic Community Services</b>	Multiple opportunities. Help low-income seniors and adults with disabilities in need. Multiple, varied volunteer jobs  NOTE: to volunteer independently, you must be 18, but 17 and under may volunteer with someone 18 or older	Various dates & times; once approved, volunteers may access a list of available jobs and select ones they want Call to begin volunteering process	<b>Rebekah Graham</b> , Program Coordinator, 360-586-2915 x.27
<b>Washington Trails Association</b>	Volunteers dig and/or maintain trails throughout Washington. Go to site and select “How to Volunteer on a Trail” to find work parties nearby.  Parental consent form required if under 18.	Select the dates and times from the list of opportunities	<a href="https://www.wta.org/get-involved/volunteer">https://www.wta.org/get-involved/volunteer</a>
<b>YMCA</b>	Varied opportunities in all YMCA locations. Note that the website does not yet have a direct link to volunteer opportunities, however, students may complete the general volunteer application and it will be forwarded to your area of interest.	Arrange your volunteer hours directly with the site coordinator	Email <a href="mailto:nearr@ssym.ca.net">nearr@ssym.ca.net</a> Or Call Robbi Near 360-918-0310  <a href="https://southsoundymca.org/">https://southsoundymca.org/</a>

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YWCA	<p>The YWCA works to eliminate racism and empower womxn. Read “What We’re Doing” on the homepage. Two types of volunteers are needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Volunteers - One-time opportunities of 2+ hours (volunteers may sign up for multiple 2+ hour shifts on <b>multiple</b> days)</li> <li>▪ Mission advocates – requires a commitment which varies by program; program list on site</li> </ul>	<p>Arrange your volunteer hours directly with the site coordinator</p>	<p>Email <a href="mailto:ywca@ywcaofolympia.org">ywca@ywcaofolympia.org</a> or Call 360-352-0593</p> <p><a href="https://www.ywcaofolympia.org/">https://www.ywcaofolympia.org/</a></p>

## Volunteer Opportunities – Longer Term

**Longer Term:** Volunteers are asked to **commit** to a specified period of time to benefit both the sponsoring organization and the volunteer.

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<i>Boys and Girls Club of Thurston County</i>	<p>Volunteer to help out at the Club with art, teen center, games room, and athletics. Many different places to help out.</p> <p>You may also tutor elementary school students in basic math and language arts.</p>	<p>Can volunteer between 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. Contact Kirk Van Irvin for a volunteer application Requires minimum <b>3-month commitment</b></p>	<p>Kirk Van Irvin <a href="mailto:kvanirvin@bgtc.org">kvanirvin@bgtc.org</a> or Chase LaBranch <a href="mailto:claabran@bgctc.org">claabran@bgctc.org</a></p>

<p><b>Newly listed</b> <b>Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason Counties</b></p>	<p>If you are a good listener and are interested in the fields of mental health, chemical dependency, suicide, Interpersonal violence, and crisis intervention, working . Requires <b>60 hours</b> of training, a <b>one-year</b> commitment, and one four-hour shift per week.  Minimum age is <b>15</b> with parental consent.</p>	<p>Arrange your volunteer hours directly with the organization.</p>	<p><a href="https://crisis-clinic.org/volunteer/">https://crisis-clinic.org/volunteer/</a></p>
<p><b>Lacey Police Department's Explorer Post 747</b></p>	<p>This is an opportunity to experience different areas of law enforcement, service to the community, and the development of skills related to leadership and discipline.  Minimum age is <b>15 ½</b></p>		<p>Brochures and applications available in the <b>College and Career Center</b>  <b>Call</b> Officer Matt Koehler 360-459-4333 <b>email</b> <a href="mailto:mkoehler@ci.lacey.wa.us">mkoehler@ci.lacey.wa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Newly listed</b> <b>Providence Health &amp; Services Washington</b></p>	<p>See site for descriptions.  Commitment of <b>100 hours</b> of service. Usually takes 6-7 months volunteering, one four-hour shift per week  Minimum age is <b>16; for some services, 18.</b></p>	<p>Arrange your volunteer hours directly with the organization.</p>	<p><a href="https://washington.providence.org/locations-directory/s/st-peter-hospital/donate-and-volunteer/volunteer-opportunities">https://washington.providence.org/locations-directory/s/st-peter-hospital/donate-and-volunteer/volunteer-opportunities</a>  <b>email</b> <a href="mailto:Volunteer.servicesPSPH@providence.org">Volunteer.servicesPSPH@providence.org</a></p>
<p><b>Thurston County Animal Services</b></p>	<p>Volunteer duties can include being a kennel helper, office helper, project helper, public events worker, shelter helper, fostering a pet, and more. Due to intensive training required, <b>must commit</b> to 4 hours per month for at least <b>6 months</b>. Volunteer forms <b>will not</b> be signed until the 6-month commitment has been met. Minimum age <b>14</b>.</p>	<p>Arrange your volunteer hours directly with the organization.</p>	<p><a href="http://jointanimalservices.org/volunteer/">http://jointanimalservices.org/volunteer/</a>  <b>Contact</b> Volunteer Coordinator: 360-352-2510 <a href="mailto:volunteer@jointanimalservies.org">volunteer@jointanimalservies.org</a></p>
<p><b>Thurston County Search and Rescue (Washington Explorers)</b></p>	<p>Youth and adult volunteers are dedicated to helping those lost or injured in wilderness or urban settings. They also assist the Sheriff's Department in other missions such as flood control and crime scene evidence searches. Other activities can include: parking lot attendants and sand bagging during floods</p>	<p>Training for new members is offered twice a year. Feel free to attend any meeting, however, to find out more.</p>	<p><b>Call</b> Roger Ramsdell 360-789-6737  More information at <a href="http://www.tcwesar.com/index.htm">http://www.tcwesar.com/index.htm</a></p>



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