

## **Summer Volunteer Opportunities for High School and recent graduates**

Summer is a great time to do some volunteering and is an excellent way to start building a resume. Volunteer opportunities allow you to practice job skills, meet new people who can be a reference for you and learn about jobs and organizations in our community.

### **Bellingham Parks Work Parties**

The Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program offers small-scale community work parties during fall, winter, and spring at parks and trails throughout the city. Most work parties take place on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

We provide tools, gloves, hand sanitizer, and instructions. Please dress for the weather and wear your mask, sturdy shoes, long pants, and weather-appropriate clothing. Parking information and reminders will be emailed to registered participants. If you sign up, please show up!

<https://cob.org/gov/public/volunteer/parks-volunteer/volunteer-work-parties>

### **City of Bellingham Volun-Teens Program**

Weekly Sessions Start July 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Cost \$80; open to grades 6-11

Four Days of building leadership skills, spending time with friends and giving back to the community. All campers receive a certificate for up to 20 services hours at the end of the week.

For more information and to sign up: [WWW.COB.ORG/EZREG](http://WWW.COB.ORG/EZREG) or 360-778-7000

### **Lions Club Rental Equipment Volunteer / Lynden Fair**

The Bellingham Lions Clubs rents assistive equipment such as strollers, wheelchairs and walkers to Fair attendees and they need help! All shifts will be supervised by a Lions Club Member. Students are welcome to sign up for 1, 2, 3 shifts or more! Dates August 12-21, 2021

If interested in getting on their volunteer list please contact Patty Allen-White, [pattylouallen@gmail.com](mailto:pattylouallen@gmail.com) or call 253-905-6025 and let them know you would be willing to help!

### **DVSAS Safe Start Mentor**

Volunteer mentors have the opportunity to implement and assist with Safe Start Children's Services mentoring children attending Safe Start Playgroups or Family Hours with parents access DVSAS services. Currently accepting applications for the next training in September. Qualifications: Genuine respect for children; Experience with a wide range of ages 6mos-12 years; willingness to learn, 18 years old [www.dvsas.org/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.dvsas.org/get-involved/volunteer/)

### **Salish Sea Guild - Seed Garden Volunteer**

10-1pm Thursdays and Saturdays

Come get your hands dirty during this busiest part of planting season! We will be tending to our early planed crops and continue to prepare new beds.

[Info through Whatcom Volunteer Center](#)

### **Kamp Korey- Friendship bracelets, Rock painting, Craft kits, Quilting and more!**

Help create crafts and items for campers at [Kamp Korey](#)

[Sign up through Whatcom Volunteer Center](#)

### **Help a Senior with yard care!**

Volunteer with the Chore program and help a senior with yard care. Just a couple hours a month could be a huge source of support for someone in our community. Timing is flexible according to your schedule.

[Sign up through Whatcom Volunteer Center](#)

### **Habitat for Humanity Volunteer**

Are you interested in the issues surrounding affordable housing? Want to start working towards a solution? The Habitat Store sells donated new and used furniture, appliances, housewares and building materials to the public. The money generated from sales helps build homes. We need volunteers to help accept, price and merchandise donations, light cleaning, cashiering, answering phones. Must be 16 or older.

[Volunteer Application and training videos here](#)

### **Whatcom YMCA**

Help with Girls on the Run and Trail Blazer's Summer Camps; For more information contact [SStone@whatcomymca.org](mailto:SStone@whatcomymca.org)

### **Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA)**

NSEA hosts work parties at restoration sites around Whatcom County on scheduled Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. All ages are welcome!

[Stream Stewards Program — Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association \(n-sea.org\)](http://n-sea.org)

### **Lions Camp Horizon, Blaine, WA**

Volunteers needed to help serve meals (2 hours shift) to campers.

[Volunteer Application](#)

### **Columbia Neighborhood Association 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Live in the Columbia neighborhood? The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade organizers need your help! Distributing flyers, setting up small signs on the street easements, handing out chalk on Saturdays June 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. If interested, please contact BHS Career Center, [marlene.hayes@bellingshamschools.org](mailto:marlene.hayes@bellingshamschools.org)

## **Sardis Raptor Center**

Rescue and Rehabilitation center for injured birds of Prey. Saturdays: Help with food preparation and cleaning, opportunities for more hands on care responsibilities over time. Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Call for more specific information: 7472 Valley View Rd., Ferndale, WA, 360-366-3863

## **Brigadoon Service Dogs**

Brigadoon is always looking for help with:

- Raising and socializing a puppy
- Walking and grooming dogs
- Property maintenance
- Planning and helping at events
- Fundraising
- Laundry/Cleaning
- Ambassador Club

<https://www.brigadoondogs.org/volunteer>

## **School Garden Care**

Volunteer with Common Threads to help care for 20+ school gardens across Whatcom County. Volunteers are invited to adopt a garden for a week at a time to help with watering, weeding, re-sowing, and occasional building projects.

[volunteer@commonthreadsfarm.org](mailto:volunteer@commonthreadsfarm.org)

**Things you can do over the summer to get Training and Certification for a paid job later:**

## **American Red Cross Babysitting and Childcare Online Courses**

Child and Baby first Aid/CPR/AED \$35

Babysitting Basics \$45

Advanced Child care training \$45

[Info and Registration](#)

## **Food Handler's Permit**

Required for any food service, restaurant or grocery position

Cost \$10

<https://www.foodworkercard.wa.gov/>