

South Kingstown Parks and Recreation
2017 Volunteer Opportunities
Hours are available for those currently in grades 8 – 12

Throughout the year the South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department holds several large events which require a lot of help in order to make them possible. Each year we look for enthusiastic individuals who are willing to assist with a variety of tasks. All events are family friendly! Listed below is a basic event description which may need to be altered as the event approaches. Those volunteering should be prepared to move tables, chairs, clean up after event as well as other tasks. Individuals must be willing to interact with the general public. Those who sign up will receive an email prior to the event asking them to confirm their attendance. Any changes to the event will also be listed in that email as well.

EVENTS in 2017

***SWAP IT** – Saturday, January 21 (snow date is January 22)

- Event Hours from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Volunteer hours from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Event consists of individuals dropping off items (books, games, puzzles, etc) and then returning to pick up “new” ones.
- Volunteer requirements: assist with event set up/clean up, organizing items throughout event, etc
- Event location: Neighborhood Guild

***YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** – March 2, 3, 4

Event hours vary but are tentatively scheduled:

Friday 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. / Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. / Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- Volunteers hours vary: minimum of 4 hours per shift per day
- Event consists of games for approximately 80 teams from across the state, concession sales, admission to games and some clean up.
- Volunteer requirements: collecting admission fee, sale of wknd passes, working concession stand.

Note: if you have knowledge of scoring or running the clock hours are available as well

***EASTER EGG STUFFING** – March 14 – March 30

- Volunteer hours from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (or right after school gets out) on Tues, Weds, Thurs
- Volunteer requirements: assist with stuffing 10,000 plastic eggs with candy
- Event location is at the Guild

***EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST** – Saturday, April 8

- Event hours from 8:15 – 10:00 a.m.
- Volunteer hours from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- Event consists of crafts, kids entertainment, visits with the Easter Bunny
- Volunteer requirements: assist with event set up/clean up, serving of food, assist with Bunny crowd control, assist with entertainment crowd control, etc
- Event location is in the SKHS Cafeteria.

***EASTER EGG HUNT** – Saturday, April 8

- Event hours from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Volunteer hours from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Event consists of hunt for multiple age groups and pictures with the Easter Bunny
- Volunteer requirements: assist with event set up/clean up (egg distribution), assist with crowd control, etc
- Event location Hazard Field

***FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT – Saturday, April 8**

- Event hours from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Volunteer hours from 6:00 – 8:30/9:00 p.m.
- Event consists of hunt for ages using flashlights
- Volunteer requirements: assist with event set up/clean up, crowd control, etc
- Event location Old Mountain field (tentative)

A few points of interest for those volunteering:

*It is important that students, not the parent send the emails since they are the ones volunteering. If a student does not have an email then a personal visit to the Guild will suffice (again by the student not the parent). While we understand that students are in school during the day and many have commitments afterwards (sports, etc) it is a vital part of the process for them to make contact with staff and follow through once that is done.

*Each event has a certain number of volunteer slots available – that number varies by event so we encourage students to sign up early. So, if you have hours due in May, we suggest you do not wait until mid March to try and complete them. Many students sign up in advance therefore limiting the number of available spots.

*Individuals must sign up in advance via email and state which event(s) they are available for. Some events run longer as they require more set up/clean up therefore it is also important to know if a volunteer will be there for the entire time or just a few hours.

*Students will receive an email from the Recreation Supervisor confirming their attendance - until you receive that email you are not signed up. Please note that if you do not receive a response within a few days, you should either send a second email or call to verify.

*We strongly suggest that students bring the proper form/paperwork that is required from the school on the day of the event. Only official forms will be signed!! The Recreation Supervisor or a designee of the Recreation Department will sign them at the event. In the event you forget the form, **you have only 1 week after the event to get them signed.**

If an emergency arises on the day of an event you are unable to attend, we ask that you send an email so that we know not to expect you. If you sign up and don't show up, you will not be able to volunteer for the remainder of the school year.

Unless otherwise noted, attire for the events is casual. For example: jeans without holes, sneakers, Uggs, etc – no flip flops, sweatpants or t-shirts with (advertising) writing on them. We strongly suggest that you dress for the forecasted weather. Our outdoor events tend to be windy and on occasion have gone from 50 and cloudy to 75 and sunny.

To sign up or if you have any questions please contact Tracy McGarty, Recreation Supervisor at tmcgarty@southkingstownri.com.