

Volunteer Opportunities

Animal Rescue League of Berks County: 610-373-8830

BCTV Reading: Contact Ambur Bernhard (abernhard@bctv.org) if you are interested in becoming a technical volunteer.

Berks County Conservation District: Contact Bob Hopkins at 610-372-4657

Berks County Parks & Recreation: www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Parks/Pages/VolunteerattheParks.aspx for a full listing of volunteer opportunities at Gring's Mill, the Heritage Center, or Berks Leisure Area.

Borough of Topton: Students have completed a number of projects for the borough over the years. Students should contact the Borough Manager at 610-682-2541. There are opportunities with the borough itself, the parks and recreations department and the Topton Community Pool.

Brandywine Community Library: The library welcomes any volunteers to assist in a variety of areas. Contact the Head Librarian, at 610-682-7115 or brandywinecl@berks.lib.pa.us.

City Year, Washington, DC (AmeriCorps Program) – Graduating seniors who are not sure what they want to do after high school should consider applying for a paid community service position with City Year, Washington, DC. This is a group of 17-24 year olds committed to full-time service for ten months in the Washington, DC community. Benefits include: living stipend (\$200 per week), health care coverage, free metro pass, and \$4,725 educational scholarship. For more info: www.cityyear.org or call: 202-776-7780. Recruitment open houses will be held once a month at their headquarters: 918 U Street, NW, 2nd floor, Washington, DC, 20001.

Civic Theatre of Allentown, PA: Volunteers@civictheatre.com or call 610-432-8943.

Diakon Hospice Saint John: Volunteers assist in providing necessary care and compassion to individuals and families receiving hospice care or can assist with office work. Information can be obtained by contacting the Volunteer Coordinator at 610-320-7980.

Diakon Volunteer Home Care: This is an outreach program to assist individuals in need in the community. Volunteers assist with shopping, meal preparation, household and outdoor chores, transportation, etc. You can obtain information by contacting the Program Manager at 610-682-1448.

Easter Seals Society: The Society provides a number of evening recreational activities and a summer program (Camp Lilly) for students with disabilities (primarily physical). Students interested in volunteering should contact the Recreation Director, Michelle Rittle at 610-775-1431.

Friend Inc: Is a multi-service community agency providing support to area families. They seek volunteers in a variety of areas. Contact the Project Manager, Cathy Dill at 610-683-7790 or cathy@friendinc.org.

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary: The Sanctuary is a bird sanctuary and environmental education center. Students who are interested in volunteering should contact Susan Wolfe at 610-756-6961.

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network: The hospital conducts volunteer service programs for students who are 14 years old and have completed 8th grade. These programs are available both during the school year and during the summer. Call 484-884-2229 or visit [www.lvh.org.Volunteers](http://www.lvh.org/Volunteers).

Longswamp Township Summer Playground: The township provides a summer playground for young children in the township. Students who are interested in volunteering should contact the Recreation Committee Chairperson, Mary Beth Hendley, through the township office at 610-682-7388.

The Lutheran Home at Topton: The Volunteer Services Department offers a Summer Youth Program for students ages 12 to 16. Students spend one or more mornings each week helping with activities, ice and water, transporting residents and visiting/interacting with the residents. Contact the Director of Community Life, Lou Wntz at 610-682-1420 for information. Students can also volunteer during the school year.

Miller Center for the Arts: 610-607-6205.

One By One Cat Rescue: Is a cat rescue and adoption agency in Kutztown. Students interested in volunteering should email info@1by1catrescue.org.

Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival: For volunteer opportunities visit www.pashakespeare.org/psf/volunteer.php.

Reading-Berks Habitat for Humanity: Habit for Humanity rehabilitates and builds houses for low-income individuals. Students who are interested in volunteering should contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Donna Crossland, at 610-373-3439.

Reading Hospital & Medical Center: The hospital conducts volunteer service programs for students who are 15 years old or have completed 8th grade. These programs are available both during the school year and during the summer. Applications for the summer Junior Volunteer program are due in mid-February. You can obtain information by calling 610-988-8477 or at www.readinghospital.org/content/volunteer.htm.

St. Joseph Medical Center: The medical center accepts volunteers for a variety of duties throughout the hospital. You can obtain information by contacting the Director of Volunteer Services, Susan Kappenstein at 610-378-2469 or susanhappenstein@catholichealth.net.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ: Visit www.stpauls-kutztown.org/need.html for a list of volunteer opportunities or call 610-683-3393.

The Pennsylvania Playhouse, Bethlehem, PA: House Managers and Ushers are needed. If you are interested email frontofhouse@pisplayhouse.org.

Topton Community Ambulance Corps: The Ambulance Corps welcomes student volunteers and will provide the necessary training. Contact the Operations Manager, Steve Kline at 484-256-5197 or Topton5752@yahoo.com.

Topton Community Swim Team: Look for opportunities by visiting www.swimtopton.com.

Topton Volunteer Fire Company #1: The Fire Company welcomes students to become a part of their Junior Firefighter program and will provide the necessary training. Interested students should contact the Deputy Chief, Jason Robinson at 484-256-5576.

United Way of Berks County: Through its Volunteer Center, the United Way assists individuals in locating volunteer opportunities throughout Berks County. The Center's website, www.uwberks.org, allows individuals to search for various types of opportunities.

Vacation Bible Schools: St Mary's Church in Kutztown (610-683-7443); St John's Lutheran Church in Kutztown (610-683-3140); Grace E.C. Church visit www.graceecc.org and scroll down to the VBS section for more info; Zion Moselem Lutheran Church (610-683-6853); Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church visit www.mtzionkutztown.org/index.php/Volunteers.