

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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Buddy Program offers enriching experience for youth volunteers

How would you like an opportunity to develop your leadership skills? Do you want to have fun? Are you interested in learning from diverse cultural backgrounds?

We are currently looking for young volunteers in grades 8-12 to participate in the Buddy Program at Kelowna Community Resources. The Buddy Program is designed to mix newcomer youth with Canadian youth between the ages of 9 and 15 in recreation and learning activities.

Newcomer youth have immigrated from countries such as China, South Korea, Nepal, The Philippines and Iran. They need to make friends, to build social networks and to broaden their community connections. English skills become stronger through chatting with Kelowna youth volunteers in a group setting.

As a group, we enjoy horseback riding, bowling, go-cart rides, swimming, mini-golf, camping, paint-balling, laser tag, picnics, outdoor and indoor skating, matinee movies at the theatre, as well as tubing at Big White Ski Resort. Admission costs for these activities are paid for by Kelowna Community Resources.

Activities do not conflict with school. We plan during winter, spring and summer break, as well as professional development days. Events are always supervised by paid staff members. A ratio of ten youth to one staff member is maintained.

Youth volunteers are asked to participate in at least one event per month, lasting approximately three hours. You are expected to assume a mentorship role and treat fellow participants with dignity, courtesy and respect.

The application process includes filling out a volunteer application and giving at least two references. A parental / guardian consent form is also included in the application package.

If you are an enthusiastic, friendly and cooperative individual between the ages of 9 to 15, please contact Chelsea Braby to begin the application process. Phone 250.763.8008 or email elna@kcr.ca.

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