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Select areas of interest for volunteering

Creating your volunteer profile is a great way to stay in touch with new volunteer opportunities throughout the year. You receive email notices whenever volunteer openings match your areas of interest.

What are you interested in doing? That question can seem overwhelming. Some days you just don't know where to start.

When you customize a volunteer profile, the process is made easy for you. There 19 general areas to scan. You can zero in on one or pick several.

Are you an administration kind of person? Do animals pull at your heart strings? Arts and culture might bring out your creativity. Maybe you like hands on projects in construction or home maintenance.

Some of the other topics include: education, environment, family services or food preparation. Are you athletic and avidly involved with sports and recreational activities? Special events might grab your attention.

Within each of these areas of interest, you can select the types of tasks or activities that appeal to you. Think about the skills you would like to share and the skills you would like to gain.

Is communications and marketing your area of interest? You can choose one of more of the following: amateur radio operator, conference exhibit assistant, desktop publishing, graphic design, marketing, photography, public relations, public speaking, video production or writing and editing.

Are you interested in criminal justice and legal service? You have options such as advocacy, alternative dispute resolution, court watching, crime prevention, crime victim/witness support, or neighbourhood watch.

Special events provide a wide range of areas for involvement. There is bartending, concessions, event coordination, greeter, parking lot attendant, host, security, setup and cleanup, sporting event monitor, and ticket sales.

It is time to take the plunge. Go to www.kcr.ca. Click on Volunteer Opportunities Search. Create your Volunteer Profile. Get involved. Impact our community.

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