

## Community Services Capital News: Volunteer Centre Column 2013 May 9

## Volunteers needed who are children at heart

World-class performers, hands-on creative experiences, exposure to the arts and children focused – that in a nutshell describes the Interior Savings Fat Cat Children's Festival.

Scheduled for June 7-8, 2013 at Waterfront Park in Kelowna, the success of this Festival is due in large part to a vibrant team of volunteers who help create the magic.

What moves you to get involved? Are you a people person? Do you enjoy children? Is your interest in keeping people organized and safe?

There are lots of roles for you to consider. Use your hands to paint faces, set up the stage, help at an activity station or direct others. Every position is vital to making this Festival happen.

Established in 1990, this annual festival was organized to establish a high-quality, professionally produced education summer festival for children in the Central Okanagan.

In 2007, the vision of the Festival expanded to a two day event in June that includes a School Day on Friday and the Community Day, complete with parade on Saturday.

School Day Friday runs from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm for schools across the Central Okanagan and engages children in hands-on programming and workshops.

Community Day Saturday begins with the parade at 10:00 am and at 11:00 am more fun begins. Stage performances, roving performers, interactive activity stations and cultural showcases offer loads of choice and excitement.

The admission fee is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four. Families who plan ahead can save by picking up their early bird passes for \$10 at any Interior Savings Branch.

Help make this event a reality by sharing yourself.

You can contact Kim Butt, Volunteer Director, at <u>fatcatvolunteers@gmail.com</u>. Volunteer job descriptions and application forms are available at <u>www.fatcatfestival.ca</u>.

Information about this Festival and other ways to volunteer are available at <u>www.kcr.ca</u>, Volunteer Opportunities Search Central Okanagan.

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