

## Volunteer Opportunities at Deer Park 2008-08

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**Baking for the Senior Citizen Snack:** Bring a baked good to the production center on Wednesday mornings for senior volunteers that come to help Deer Park in the production center.

**Bingo:** Help organize and coordinate. Solicit area businesses for donations for prizes. Coordinate refreshments.

**Book Fair:** Assist with set up and strike in the library, with selections for students and families, and as check out cashier.

**Building & Grounds/School Clean Up:** Help to develop plans for the beautification of the school. Help to landscape and beautify the school's outdoor area by planting trees, bushes, flowers, etc. Generally done in the Fall & Spring.

**Classroom Opportunities:** Be a Room Parent/Assistant, assist with celebrations, special projects, and one on one reading with students. Assist teacher with communication to parents regarding class activities and request.

**Community Outreach:** Provides a variety of opportunities for students to help others in need. Past activities include: a canned food drive, clothing corner, and car wash. New ideas are always welcome.

**Cultural Arts:** Coordinates school-wide assemblies and provides limited assistance to individual grades in selecting programs to support their curriculums. Performance dates require a volunteer to greet performer(s) at school and provide assistance as needed, facilities tour and ensuring artist's needs are met throughout their performance(s).

**Deer Pals:** Help coordinate and organize programs to welcome new families into the Deer Park School community.

**Deer Tracks/Weekly Reminders:** Submit any useful information, events, and articles to be published in the monthly Deer Tracks & Weekly Reminders which are on the Deer Park website.

**Donation Committee:** Helps with the request for donations of gift certificates, services, and prizes for Deer Park events. Volunteers will mail or hand deliver and follow-up on pre-written form letters to local area companies.

**Family Dance:** Help organize and coordinate an early spring family dance. Help includes assisting with the set-up and clean up of the dance location. Arranging for food items and/or baked goods to be distributed during the dance.

**Gift Wrap:** There are several volunteer opportunities for this fall fundraiser including publicity, promotion, packet distribution, order collection, and product delivery. Also needed are volunteers for the Back-to-School Night booth.

**Golf Tournament:** Help organize and coordinate a spring golf tournament fundraiser. Help includes soliciting donations from local vendors, registration check in at the tournament, setting up and taking down signs from sponsors on the course on the day of the tournament.

**Hospitality:** Help organize and assist with PTA sponsored social events. Activities include baking, centerpieces, calling for goodies, set-up, etc. Events include back to school breakfast for the school personnel the 1<sup>st</sup> day back in August, special persons and teacher appreciation weeks, Thanksgiving Luncheon, secretary day, etc.

**Labels for Education & Trash to Treasure:** Collecting labels/UPC's from Box Tops, Tyson products & Campbell's products. You can help from home for any of those by clipping, counting, and bundling items for mailing. By shopping at Giant, Safeway, Target & Harris Teeters you can turn your everyday shopping into cash for Deer Park.

**Market Day:** Help processing orders and calling when orders due to arrive. Assist in set-up and distribution of orders usually first Monday of the month from 4:30-6:30pm for delivery from 5-6pm.

**Minority Achievement:** Promote programs and activities to foster better relations and improvement of minority students and families at Deer Park. Bilingual parents are needed to translate any correspondence between school and parents.

**Movie Night:** Assist with the movie license, promotion, set up of popcorn, drinks, and strike after the movie.

**Original Works:** Coordinate student artwork with art teacher to send to company for transferring onto gift items. Assist with distributing and collecting order forms. Help deliver items to students.

**PAK (Pass Along Knowledge) Program:** Coordinate activities with and provide transportation for Forest Glen Volunteers on Wednesday mornings.

**Picture Day:** Help getting classes where they need to go for pictures. Collect envelopes for photographer.

**Production Center:** Work at school in the production center assisting in the production of learning tools, flyers, artwork through cutting, Xeroxing, and collating to support classroom instruction. No experience necessary. Walk-ins welcome.

**Publicity:** Arrange for publicity and gather information and pictures about Deer Park to send to area papers.

**Reflections:** Encourage students to participate in the PTA art contest through publicity. Handle applications and disseminate program rules. Coordinate judging of work, hang exhibit and plan award ceremony. First place entries are delivered and picked up from the district competition. Timeline is approximately September to November.

**Restaurant Spirit Nights:** Help when needed to set-up, assist at or promote various restaurant spirit nights.

**School Supplies:** Coordinate sale of school supply packs in the spring. Help distribute school supply packs in August to classrooms for students to pick up at Open House.

**Skating Party:** Help organize and coordinate a skating party. Help includes assist with the set-up and clean up of the party.

**Spring Fling:** Organize and coordinate a spring carnival held in the spring. Help includes coordinating the sale of wrist bands and raffle tickets, organizing games, attractions and purchasing food, prizes, etc.

**Spirit Wear (T-shirts):** Coordinate orders for school spirit wear in the fall and spring. Help distribute t-shirts to the individual classrooms when received from the vendor typically done in one afternoon during school hours.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Help room parent to organize and coordinate activities for their home room teacher and special classes.

**Theme Baskets:** Help solicit area businesses for donations to create theme baskets to be auctioned off at an event in the winter months. Coordinate the publicity and sale of tickets. Assemble and create a display for baskets.

**Web Page:** Create and update PTA website to list all information regarding PTA activities, communications, contacts and fundraisers.

**Yearbook Pictures:** Take pictures at school events. Deliver copies of pictures for possible inclusion in yearbook to chairperson. With each picture identify: all names, grade, event and date taken. Help coordinate and place orders for the yearbooks. Help distribute yearbooks upon arrival. Provide assistance on Picture Day.

To volunteer, contact the volunteer coordinator, Wanda Miller. If you have any questions about any of the volunteer opportunities at Deer Park please contact the PTA President, Maria Vetsch at 703.803.6389 or by email at [Mariavet@cox.net](mailto:Mariavet@cox.net) .

**Thank you for volunteering!**

**We can have another great year at Deer Park when parents like you help in any capacity.**