

# Naperville Area Summer 2005 Volunteer Opportunities

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The enclosed information was supplied by area non profit organizations. We recommend you contact them at the numbers/email addresses listed below for more details. We encourage you to donate a month or more of your time this summer to help these organizations fulfill their charters.

Many of these activities are opportunities for children to participate individually or as part of a group or family event. Additional opportunities will be added via [our website](#) .

You can also check out [www.positivelynaperville.org](http://www.positivelynaperville.org) or their monthly newspaper for more events.

## Organization Information

Organization Name: DuPage Children's Museum	Contact Person: Diane Ernst
Address: 301 N Washington Street	Website: <a href="http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org">www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org</a>
City Naperville	Phone: (630) 637-8000 ext 4680
State IL	Email: <a href="mailto:dernst@dupagechildrensmuseum.org">dernst@dupagechildrensmuseum.org</a>
ZIP Code 60540	Fax: (630) 637-1276

## Date(s) of Activity: Volunteer opportunities available 7 days a week

Museum open:  
Sunday 12-5 pm, Monday 9-1 pm, Thursday 9-8 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9-5 pm

## Age Requirements for Activities

Minimum age is **14** for a teen to volunteer on their own; person younger than that must volunteer with an adult

## Activity Description

Volunteers must attend Information Session and interview.  
Have fun while gaining valuable work experience!

- 1) Greeter
- 2) Lot pick up, water flowers
- 3) Exhibit materials repair and cleaning
- 4) Data Collector to record observations of children
- 5) Exhibit Facilitator to play with children and talk to visitors (3-hour training required)

## Organization Information

Organization Name: Loaves and Fishes	Contact Person:
Address: 556 W Fifth Ave	Website: <a href="http://www.expage.com/loavesandfishespantry">http://www.expage.com/loavesandfishespantry</a>
City Naperville	Phone: 630) 355-FOOD (3663)
State Illinois	Email:
ZIP Code	Fax (630) 355-0562

### Date(s) of Activity:

Call for specific hours during the week and on Sundays Noon-2PM

### Age Requirements for Activities

**Under 16 years welcome with parent. Ideal activity for high school students and families**

### Activity Description

Clean Pantry Warehouse, Pick Up Groceries in the Local Area, Clerical Opportunities Substitute for Baggers or Food Distributors

Also during summer months there is a large need for goods to be collected and delivered to Loaves and Fishes. People or groups looking to collect items can take a look at the requested list of items at

<http://www.expage.com/loavesandfishes2> **FOOD DROP-OFF 12Noon - 2:00 pm Sundays or During Office Hours**

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Naperville Public Library	Contact Person: Michelle Eckerle
Address: 2035 S. Naper Boulevard	Website: <a href="http://www.naperville-lib.org/atl/volunteer/">http://www.naperville-lib.org/atl/volunteer/</a>
City Naperville	Phone: (630) 961-4100, x2226
State Illinois	Email: <a href="mailto:meckerle@lib.naperville.il.us">meckerle@lib.naperville.il.us</a>
ZIP Code 60565	Fax:

### Date(s) of Activity:

Summer Reading Program (SRP) volunteer applications can be picked up at the reference desk in the library where you want to volunteer beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>. Return completed applications to the building and reference desk where you would like to volunteer beginning May 23. Your time will be scheduled when the completed application is submitted to the reference desk.

The Summer Reading Program begins on June 6 and ends July 31, 2005

### Age Requirements for Activities

SRP volunteer opportunities are open to **6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders**. Volunteer applicants need to present a current Naperville Public Library resident card or fee card to staff when signing up as a SRP volunteer.

Volunteers must attend an orientation.

### Activity Description

READING BUDDIES – choose books with a younger buddy and take turns reading aloud. Buddies meet once a week for an hour.

CHILDREN'S STARS – sign-up participants, and distribute reading logs and prizes during a two-hour time slot

YA STARS - register participants, tally reading hours and distribute prizes during a two-hour time slot

### Organization Information

Organization Name: SCARCE	Contact Person: Jenny Bell
Address: 799 Roosevelt Rd, Bldg 3, Suite 5	Website: <a href="http://www.bookrescue.org">www.bookrescue.org</a>
City: Glen Ellyn	Phone: 630-545-9710
State: IL	Email: <a href="mailto:jenny.ecoed@sbcglobal.net">jenny.ecoed@sbcglobal.net</a>
ZIP Code: 60137	Fax: 630-545-9715

**Date(s) of Activity: Anytime Monday-Friday 9:00-4:30.**

**Age Requirements for Activities: 6 years minimum, no maximum. A guardian is required for 13 years and younger.**

### Activity Description

SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) is a not-for-profit environmental education organization which runs the Book Rescue and Tools for Schools programs. The Book Rescue and Tools for Schools are programs which receive donations of unwanted, gently-used books and office supplies and then redistribute them FREE to teachers and others working with needy children. These two projects are in constant need of volunteers to help sort and shelve books and teaching supplies. Volunteers for these two projects must be at least 14 years of age. SCARCE also has a Crayon Recycling Project. Volunteers (at least 6 years old) are needed to sort and peel broken crayons. Broken Crayons are then melted down to form larger crayons, called Super Crayons, to give to handicapped children. Volunteers who are 14 years or older are needed to help with the crayon melting.

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Humanitarian Service Project	Contact Person: Hester Bury
Address: 1425 S. Neltnor Blvd. (Rte 59)	Website: <a href="http://www.humanitarianservice.org">www.humanitarianservice.org</a>
City: West Chicago	Phone: (630) 231-1542
State: IL	Email: <a href="mailto:hsp@humanitarianservice.org">hsp@humanitarianservice.org</a>
ZIP Code: 60185	Fax: (630) 231-2309

**Activity Description:**

Sort Non-Perishable Food for Needy Seniors & Families. Ages 8+ Monday – Friday between the hours of 9 AM & 5:30 PM

Come to our Center and help us sort and organize the food that we have donated to us. This is for groups of people no larger than 15.

**Activity Description:**

Prepare "Party-In-A-Box" Boxes for Needy Children. Ages 6+ All year round – at your own location.

Put together "Party-In-A-Box" for our Children's Birthday Project. Wrap a shoebox (top separate from bottom) and fill it with items for a birthday party such as cake mix, frosting, candles, party hats, cups, plates, balloons, streamers, party favors, and cake decorations.

**Activity Description:**

Prepare Birthday Boxes for Needy Children: Parent with child Monday – Friday between the hours of 9 AM & 5:30 PM

Come to our Center and prepare birthday boxes for shipping or pick-up. Fill the boxes with the wrapped toys & books, and add stuffed animals, school supplies, party supplies, and other filler gifts.

**Activity Description:**

Wrap Birthday Gifts for Needy Children Ages 8+, All year round at your own location

Wrap birthday gifts for the children in our Children's Birthday Project. Each child receives an average of 10 brand new toys and books, which need to be individually wrapped. Groups supply their own wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, and labels. You will have to come to our Center to pick up the gifts.

**Activity Description:**

Collect School Supplies for Needy Children. Any Age. All year round – at your own location.

Fill a backpack, lunch bag, or pencil case with school supplies

**Activity Description:**

Deliver Groceries to Needy Seniors or Families. Old enough to drive. Call for dates

Come to our Center to pick up the groceries to deliver to the seniors or families in our programs.

**Date(s) of Activity:**

June 16th, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, and August 18<sup>th</sup> are scheduled as of right now for our Senior Citizen Project.

The dates for the Feed the Kids Project bagging are yet to be determined.

**Activity Description:**

Bag Non-Perishable Food for Needy Seniors & Families. Ages 10+

Come to our Center and bag non-perishable food for our Senior Citizen Project or Feed the Kids Project. We need groups of 10 – 15 people and it will take between 1 – 2 hours

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Naperville Park District	Contact Person: Nancy Dowdell
Address: 320 W. Jackson Avenue	Website: <a href="http://www.napervilleparks.org">www.napervilleparks.org</a>
City Naperville	Phone: 630-848-3503
State Illinois	Email: <a href="mailto:ndowdell@napervilleparks.org">ndowdell@napervilleparks.org</a>
ZIP Code 60540	Fax: 630-848-5001

### Date(s) of Activity:

**These change weekly depending on special events and program requirements**

### Age Requirements for Activities:

**Minimum age: 14 years old +**

Some activities allow younger children to participate with adults (i.e. park maintenance)

### Activity Description:

Our volunteer activities vary by program and season. We utilize volunteers in our soccer, t-ball, coach-pitch programs as coaches and assistants, volunteers assist at the desk at the RCC and direct participants to various classes as well as answer questions, we have volunteers assist with all our special events throughout the year (Santa House, Halloween Happening, Easter Egg Hunt, Little madams Tea Parties, Saturday Night at the Movies etc.) We also have various groups that volunteer to help maintain our park throughout the spring, summer and fall. Our website is updated as opportunities become available.

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Little Friends, Inc	Contact Person: Stacey Wing, Director of Community Resources
Address: 140 N. Wright St.	Website: <a href="http://www.littlefriendsinc.com">www.littlefriendsinc.com</a>
City Naperville	Phone: 630-355-6533
State IL	Email: <a href="mailto:swing@lilfriends.com">swing@lilfriends.com</a>
ZIP Code 60540	Fax: 630-355-3176

### Date(s) of Activity:

Saturday, September 24, 2005

### Age Requirements for Activities

**Participants must be 16 or older, unless accompanied by an adult.**

### Activity Description

Help Little Friends raise awareness and money by participating in our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Candy Day, hosted by the Little Friends Family Council. Volunteers work 2 hour shifts in and around Naperville, requesting donations from passers-by, and thanking them with a piece of candy. All proceeds go directly toward client and program needs.

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Naperville CARES	Contact Person: Anne Wentz
Address: 552 W. Fifth Avenue	Website: napervillecares.org
City Naperville	Phone: 630-961-3961
State IL	Email: annecwentz@wideopenwest.com
ZIP Code 60540	Fax: 630-961-3961

### Age Requirements for Activities

Adult

### Activity Description

Office work, take applications from clients, answer phone, update files. Also ongoing committees such as fundraising. (Community contacts, grant writing)

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Easter Seals DuPage	Contact Person: Sarah Velasco
Address: 830 S. Addison Av.	Website: www.dupage.easterseals.com
City: Villa Park	Phone: 630.620.4433
State: Illinois	Email: svelasco@eastersealsdupage.org
ZIP Code: 60181	Fax: 630.620.1148

### Date(s) of Activity: May - September and other year around opportunities

### Age Requirements for Activities:

Volunteers must be **at least 16 years old** and parent /guardian participation is not required.

**Activity Description:** Help children play and learn new skills as you assist physical, occupational and speech therapists in play based therapy groups with children ages two to twelve who have a variety of physical and developmental disabilities. Groups take place at the Center in Villa Park and other nearby locations. Volunteers should possess the following qualities: respect and compassion for all children, high energy level, ability to interact in a group and a strong desire to help others.

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Serenity House, Inc.	Contact Person: Lisa Snipes
Address: 891 S. Route 53	Website: www.serenityhouse.com
City: Addison	Phone: (630) 620-6616 X129
State: Illinois	Email: lisa.snipes@serenityhouse.com
ZIP Code: 60101	Fax: (630) 620-7924

**Date(s) of Activity: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Age Requirements for Activities: Adult**

**Activity Description**

Volunteers will be needed to assist our staff in hosting our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration/Site Dedication Ceremony on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at our main campus located in Addison. Activities would include lunch set-up, replenishment of food items, clearing off of tables during lunch, and general clean up after the event is over.

**Organization Information**

Organization Name: Central DuPage Hospital	Contact Person: Eileen Belokin Director, Volunteer & Guest Services
Address: 25 N. Winfield Road	Website: <a href="http://www.cdh.org">www.cdh.org</a>
City Winfield	Phone: 630-933-6207
State IL	Email: <a href="mailto:eileen_belokin@cdh.org">eileen_belokin@cdh.org</a>
ZIP Code	Fax:

**Date(s) of Activity:**

3 month commitment for hospital work

**Age Requirements for Activities**

Our minimum requirement is that students are at least 14 and in high school (we will accept students in the summer between 8th grade and high school).

**Activity Description**

In the summer we get an increased volume of teenagers and have on some occasions had to limit the amount of teens we accept into our hospital program to insure everyone who was participating had a good experience. We have lots of opportunities throughout the year for volunteers to spend time at our hospital doing a variety of activities including working in our Gift Shops, transporting patients, delivering flowers and newspapers, way finding, etc.

Most of our volunteers spend one, three hour shift per week with us, many do more, we are flexible.

The Wise Penny Resale shop is a great place for mothers and daughters, fathers and sons to spend time together while working for a great cause as the proceeds from the shop help support the CDH auxiliary scholarship fund along with many other community benefit projects. Even if folks cannot make time in their busy lives to volunteer, they can help by donating lightly used household items, clothing and furniture to the shop. Those with a love of organizing can organize a neighborhood donation drive. The PennyWise Shop is located 120 N. Main St., in Wheaton

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Girl Scouts of DuPage Co.	Contact Person: Julie Gilmartin
Address: 2400 Ogden Ave. Suite 400	Website: <a href="http://www.girlscoutsofdupage.org">www.girlscoutsofdupage.org</a>
City: Lisle	Phone: 630 544-5973
State: IL	Email: <a href="mailto:Julie@girlscoutsofdupage.org">Julie@girlscoutsofdupage.org</a>
ZIP Code: 60532	Fax: 630 544-5999

### Date(s) of Activity:

Beginning June 13 and continuing through August 12. There are day long through week long opportunities.

### Age Requirements for Activities

Must be a minimum of 21. There is no maximum age limit. These opportunities are primarily in the out of doors.

### Activity Description

Summer Day Camp Programs

These programs are for girls in K through grade 12. There are too many opportunities to list and describe so please contact Julie for details.

### Organization Information

Organization Name: Girl Scouts of DuPage Co.	Contact Person: Natalie Henry-Passano
Address: 2400 Ogden Ave. Suite 400	Website: <a href="http://www.girlscoutsofdupage.org">www.girlscoutsofdupage.org</a>
City: Lisle	Phone: 630 544-5974
State: IL	Email: <a href="mailto:Natalie@girlscoutsofdupage.org">Natalie@girlscoutsofdupage.org</a>
ZIP Code: 60532	Fax: 630 544-5999

### Date(s) of Activity:

July 20, 21 and 22. Each day has sessions from 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and noon to 2:30 p.m.

### Age Requirements for Activities

Must be at least 18 years of age. No maximum age limit.

### Activity Description

Patchworks

This program teaches girls to create their own patch work lap quilt from start to finish. Girls will learn sewing machine techniques and quilting skills. Each of the 6 sessions needs helping hands.

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Address: 2400 Ogden Ave. Suite 400	Website: <a href="http://www.girlscoutsofdupage.org">www.girlscoutsofdupage.org</a>
City: Lisle	Phone: 630 544-5974
State: IL	Email: <a href="mailto:Natalie@girlscoutsofdupage.org">Natalie@girlscoutsofdupage.org</a>
ZIP Code: 60532	Fax: 630 544-5999



**Date(s) of Activity:**

July 18 and July 19. Both days programs are from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Age Requirements for Activities**

Must be at least 18 years old. No maximum age limit.

**Activity Description**

Simply Sewing

In each of the 4 sessions girls learn how to use a sewing machine and make a tote bag to take home. Each of the 4 sessions needs helping hands.

**Organization Information**

Organization Name: Girl Scouts of DuPage County	Contact Person: Natalie Henry-Passano
Address: 2400 Ogden Ave. Suite 400	Website: <a href="http://www.girlscoutsofdupage.org">www.girlscoutsofdupage.org</a>
City: Lisle	Phone: 630 544-5974
State: IL	Email: <a href="mailto:natalie@girlscoutsofdupage.org">natalie@girlscoutsofdupage.org</a>
ZIP Code: 60532	Fax: 630 544-5999

**Date(s) of Activity:**

July 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Age Requirements for Activities:**

Must be at least 18 years old. There is no maximum age limit.

**Activity Description**

Gourmet Cooks

This program will teach girls how to cook with seasonings. They will make lunch using special herb recipes, design the menu and prepare the foods. After lunch they will plan a party using herb dishes they can make. They will even make the table decorations. This program needs helping hands.

**City Summer Event-Volunteering Opportunities**

Ribfest ([www.ribfest.net](http://www.ribfest.net))

Ribfest is not only a fun event for families, but also a great way for residents to give back to their community. Since the start of Ribfest eighteen years ago, the Exchange Club of Naperville has raised over \$5 million dollars, which was given back to the Naperville community charities.

This year a total of 1680 volunteers, or 420 volunteers each day of the event, are needed. Ribfest is an opportunity for individuals, families, school groups, churches, community organizations, and businesses to volunteer. The event will be held July 1st through July 4th in Knoch Park.

Volunteers are needed to serve beverages, assist in the identification tents, help in the children's play area, distribute information at the entrance gates, serve as parking attendants, assist in the cleanup of the grounds, and support the merchandising tent. **There are many opportunities for all ages.** Volunteers should plan on working an entire shift, and should wear comfortable clothing.

For more volunteer information contact Traci Hellyer (630) 545-7100 Email: [info@ribfest.net](mailto:info@ribfest.net)

The Exchange Club is also sponsoring the Naperville Exchange Club's Race Against Child Abuse 5K Run is scheduled for **Sunday, Sept 11**. We are seeking volunteers to assist with this event.  
Contact: Bruce Erickson, 630.245.6015 or [bruce.erickson@morganstanley.com](mailto:bruce.erickson@morganstanley.com)

### **Last Fling** ([www.lastfling.org](http://www.lastfling.org))

The Naperville Jaycees are looking for area groups or individual volunteers to contribute to the success of this year's Last Fling September 2-5<sup>th</sup> 2005.

We are looking for volunteers at all times to serve food, clear table areas, work Kiddieland, pour beer in the Beer Tents and help with a variety of our special events. This could be anything from helping the kids during the Big Wheel Race or keeping the little ones on track in the Diaper Derby.

Anyone can volunteer, but you must be 21 or older to pour beer. If you are with a not-for-profit group and would like to provide volunteers, we will make a donation to the group of volunteers and/or the number of hours worked.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please contact the Last Fling Hotline at 630-961-4143 or email us at: [manpower@lastfling.org](mailto:manpower@lastfling.org).

## **Fund Raisers**

### **American Cancer Society Relay For Life** ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org))

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times

Relay For Life Of North Central 5/7/2005 6:00PM 30 N Brainard St Naperville, IL

Relay For Life Of North Naperville 6/24/2005 6:00PM 899 N Mill St Naperville, IL

Relay For Life Of South Naperville 6/24/2005 6:00PM 2360 95th St Naperville, IL

**Raising Spirits** ([www.raisingspirits.org](http://www.raisingspirits.org)) We'll be holding a Family 5-K walk at the Brookfield Zoo in September and we'll need families to sign up and acquire sponsors. No age requirements - we think it would be a great way for children to help children, to make them realize that they too can make a difference in the lives of children battling cancer. Our new e-mail address is [gwesley@raisingspirits.org](mailto:gwesley@raisingspirits.org). Visit our website at [www.raisingspirits.org](http://www.raisingspirits.org) for more information on how our fundraisers are helping us to support these amazing children and their families.

Change Makes Change: Collect the spare change in your household and it can add up as the average US household has \$30 in unused coins! Great way for kids to raise money for Charities. For more information on summer drive [changemakeschange@wowway.com](mailto:changemakeschange@wowway.com) . Sponsored by Grass Roots Volunteers

## **Internship**

NCTV offers an accelerated two internship program one for high school students and another for college students who are interested in television or film production. Both programs provide hands-on, real world experience in production. This is a great opportunity to explore this exciting field. Visit our website at [www.nctv17.com](http://www.nctv17.com) for more information.

For more information on volunteer opportunities and fundraisers please check out [www.positivelynaperville.com](http://www.positivelynaperville.com) and [www.volunteering.netfirms.com](http://www.volunteering.netfirms.com)