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PROJECT SERVE DAY
Saturday October 3, 2015
Agency Application Form

Please submit your completed Agency Application Forms and direct questions to Volunteer Victoria's Youth Programmer, Arianna Klus, at arianna@volunteervictoria.bc.ca or 250-386-2269 ext 24

Contact Details

Agency Name: Sooke Transition Town Society (aka Transition Sooke)

Coordinator of Volunteers: To Be Determined c/o Jeff Bateman, President, Transition Sooke

Phone #: 250.642.2056

Email Address: jbateman@shaw.ca

Street address of the location where students will volunteer: *To Be Determined*

How did you find out about our program? *From the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre of which we are a member.*

Are you a member of Volunteer Victoria? *Sooke Region Volunteer Centre is, yes.*

Project Details

Summary of proposed volunteer project/opportunity:

We propose a collaborative effort between the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre, Transition Sooke, Zero Waste Sooke, Awareness Film Night and possibly other local organizations.

"Clean & Glean Day 2015"

Clean - as in collecting roadside trash and tidying up some of Sooke's more notorious dumping grounds (i.e., the junk-filled empty lot near the Salvation Army thrift store in the heart of downtown).

Glean - as in a one-day fruit tree gleaning project with fruit going to the Sooke Food Bank and other organizations that provide food to the less fortunate, as well as to our volunteers and possibly also sold to the public as a fundraiser for a to-be-determined organization.

Number of student volunteers requested: 5 – 10 volunteers

How would student and alumni volunteers travel by Victoria's BC Transit from the University of Victoria campus to your location?

Bus #61 will bring the students into the Sooke town core and our facility is with easy walking distance on good sidewalks from the bus stop. We can also arrange for pick-up in vehicles should the weather be inclement or if someone has mobility challenges.

Transition Sooke: <http://transitionsooke.org>

Zero Waste Sooke: <https://www.facebook.com/zerowastesooke>

Awareness Film Night: <http://awarenessfilmnight.ca>

Sooke Food CHI: <http://sookefoodchi.ca>

Sooke Region Volunteer Centre: <http://www.sookeregionresources.com/sooke-region-volunteer-centre>

Supervision and Support Details

How will your staff/volunteers train and supervise the students through the entire Project Serve Day? *Students will work in a group environment with a variety of local volunteers to help a) clean up our community; and b) glean ripe fruit for local use and, in part, to take home for their own enjoyment. Depending on logistics, the students may not be able to participate in the gleaning process as this is likely to take place in a variety of locations throughout the day. Should we find a site to be gleaned within walking distance of the Sooke downtown core, we would be pleased to have students participate in this aspect as well.*

Students will be supervised by core volunteers. They would need to wear suitable clothing and bring working gloves if possible.

Are there any idea skill sets of volunteers (special skills/experience)? Please explain

No special skills or experience is necessary for this project, simply a desire to help clean and protect our environment. Should the students be able to participate in the gleaning aspect they would be able to use fruit picking poles, possibly climb ladders. The climbing of trees will not be permitted.

Can the Volunteer Victoria and the University of Victoria document (photos, testimonials, feedback, etc) the experience? *Yes, we welcome documentation and trust that those doing so will share with the organizers for our own social media and website purposes.*

Community Service Learning

How will Project Serve Day support your agency staff, clients, and the greater community?

This project serves the greater community in Sooke in a number of ways. The citizen's initiative Zero Waste Sooke is keen to encourage better litter management practices, and a dedicated, high-profile clean-up effort will help in the educational process. Gleaning unwanted fruit from trees provides food for people in need and also reduces the risk of human-bear encounters by removing one of the bears' food sources. Removing the fruit will also save trees from bear damage. Overall, the project promotes a "waste not/want not" philosophy while making important areas of our community safer and cleaner.

What will the student volunteers gain from contributing to your organization?

A sense of having helped Sooke develop greater community pride along with the satisfaction of a job well done. They'll have an opportunity to travel out to a community built on volunteer efforts and work alongside some of our most engaged, proactive citizens. Of course, there is also the satisfaction of a job well done. As a bonus, students may be able to take home a small share of the gleaned fruit.

What future volunteer opportunities do you have available for students who want to continue volunteering at your agency?

With over 180 non-profit organizations, clubs and societies in the Region the options are almost unlimited. Within the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre we have seasonal opportunities when we put on events or present at other community events.

Please attach a photo or logo to your email for the student recruitment website

