



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 Region Volunteer Centre

Coordinator of Volunteers: Marlene Barry, Chair

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Street address of the location where students will volunteer: 6672 Wadams Way, Sooke, and possibly other locations within walking distance.

How did you find out about our program? Email from Volunteer Victoria

Are you a member of Volunteer Victoria? Yes

Project Details

Summary of proposed volunteer project/opportunity:

Grand Cook Off 2 project

Sooke, a Volunteer Capital of Canada, officially opened the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre (SRVC) April 12th, 2014 to serve and link more than 180 non-profit organizations in the region. The new SRVC serves as a hub that connects new residents to their community and organizations to sources of help. Even with an established volunteer tradition and broad community involvement, however, stable funding is necessary. We propose to tap both volunteers—local and otherwise—and local food for a day we're calling "Local Bounty", when we'll can and jam local produce for sale. Proceeds will go to support the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre and as many other community organizations as wish to participate. Proceeds will be divided on a pro-rated basis by the number of volunteers engaged with each organization (i.e. if Sooke Food Bank sends 2 people, Sooke Region Volunteer Centre 4 and Sooke Meals on Wheels sends 2, then SRVC would get ½ and the others ¼ each).

Number of student volunteers requested: We are requesting 5-10 students and will match at least 1 volunteer to each student. We have several commercial grade kitchens within walking distance of each other and depending upon the interest from the students and the community groups we will one project per kitchen space.

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 someone have mobility challenges.

Supervision and Support Details

How will your staff/volunteers train and supervise the students through the entire Project Serve Day? The facilities are IHA inspected, and Project Volunteers would work with FoodSafe-trained coordinators from the community. Students will work in a group environment to learn various aspects of food preparation and preservation. The variety will depend upon the number of participating volunteers.

Are there any idea skill sets of volunteers (special skills/experience)? Please explain
We seek people open to a range of activities and willing to join a team to strengthen the Sooke Region's volunteer capacity. There's a place in this project for anyone who likes to prepare food and work in a group environment!

Can the Volunteer Victoria and the University of Victoria document (photos, testimonials, feedback, etc) the experience? Yes

Community Service Learning

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

Community preparation for the project will raise awareness about the SRVC, local food resources, regional culinary skills, and volunteer opportunities. Such a project offers an opportunity for collaboration among multiple organizations concerned with volunteerism, community building, and food security.

During the project, participants will join our community of volunteers, make new friends, learn or refine skills, spend a day as part of a productive team, see our community in action, and have fun!

The project will strengthen the community profile and the finances of the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre, an organization identified 8 years ago as a community priority. Other participating organizations will benefit financially and from being part of a community collaboration. Assisting in a project that supports multiple organizations exemplifies the mandate of the Volunteer Centre as well as that of Project Volunteer mission. And we'll have fun.

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

Culinary skills in and food preservation; a sense of community involvement.

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