

Volunteer Opportunities in the Baulkham Hills Shire as at November 2008

THE HILLS COMMUNITY AID AND INFORMATION SERVICE INC.

Phone: 9639 8620

Address: 390 Windsor Rd, Baulkham Hills

Volunteers: Receptionist – to be present at the front desk, answer phones, assist people who come into the centre and take messages.

Learning in the Hills also require volunteers to work in the kitchen to sell sandwiches and refreshments. Volunteer tutors are required to tutor in a range of course topics.

Also required are 3B Bus drivers.

Would suit people who seek to make a contribution to the community, to update skills and to gain confidence.

AGAPE FELLOWSHIP

Phone: 9871 3101- Carlingford

Mobile: 0418 600 557

Volunteers: Helpers for groups of people with disabilities. Volunteers can work with groups run on the 1st Saturday of each month when a fun evening involving games, dancing and sharing, with Christian influence, is held.

AMINYA NURSING HOME

Phone: 9762 1444

Volunteers: "One on One" mentoring system for residents. No nursing required. Once a week or once a fortnight for 2 hours.

AMITY NURSING HOME

Phone: 9630 2166

Address: 23 Speers Road, North Rocks

Volunteers: Help with craft. Sit and talk to residents on one-to-one. Must have criminal check.

AUNTIES & UNCLES

Address: PO Box 411, Rydalmere 2166
Cnr. Park Road & Pine Street, Rydalmere

Phone: 9638 2480 Fax: 9638 2483

Volunteers: Family commitment to provide an extended family to children who are disadvantaged. Child may, for example, visit family one weekend a month.

BAULKHAM HILLS ART SOCIETY INC

Phone: 9634 6994 (President) or 9674 1240 (Secretary)

Address: Meets monthly at Crestwood Community Centre

Volunteers: Committee to organize demonstrators, exhibitors, sponsors; publish newsletter.

BAULKHAM HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL 355 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Phone: 9843 0555

Volunteers: Assist in management of a range of reserves and buildings owned by Baulkham Hills Shire Council.

BAULKHAM HILLS HOLROYD PARRAMATTA MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE

Phone: 9687 9901

Address: 15 Hunter St, Parramatta

Volunteers: Assist the Centre to provide services to new and emerging communities. Volunteer training is provided in issues relevant to multiculturalism, migrants, settlement issues, capacity building.

BAULKHAM HILLS RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Phone: 9654 1244

Volunteers: Bushfire volunteer. The Rural Fire Service is seeking mature people who are willing to undertake fire fighting duties and become involved with bush fire brigades. Besides fire fighting you will be required to maintain equipment, conduct hazard reduction and involve yourself in communication or canteen activities depending upon your skills and interests. Basic training program are essential.

BAULKHAM HILLS SHIRE BUSHCARE/LANDCARE CONTACTS: BUSHCARE GROUPS

Phone: 9686 4842.

Volunteers: Are involved in bush management activities on public land in Baulkham Hills Shire. The list is maintained by Baulkham Hills Shire Council Bush Care Co-ordinator.

LANDCARE GROUPS

- Sydney Management Catchment Authority
- Hawkesbury/Nepean Catchment Authority

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

Phone: Commonwealth Carelink 1800 052 222 – ask about Community Visitors Scheme

Volunteers: provides companionship to socially or culturally isolated people in Australian Government-subsidised aged care homes

DIAL A MUM: - Telephone volunteers, providing a listening ear.

Phone: 9477 6777 from (8:00 am – Midnight, 7 days/wk), www.dial_a_mum.org.au. Information will be sent to those interested.

Volunteers: Need to be caring and understanding listeners, to be genuinely interested in people. Initial training is held once yearly, commencing in February. A commitment to training and to 4 x 5hour shifts per month is expected.

ELLERMAN PARK LONG DAY CARE CENTRE

Phone: 9651 3998

Volunteers: Childcare Helper. General Childcare duties. Would suite a male or female with a background involving children.

FRIENDS OF THE HILLS LIBRARY INC

Phone: 9639 9252

Address: c/- Castle Hill Library, Castle & Pennant Streets, Castle Hill.

Volunteers: Assist with book sales, shelving, mailouts and book covering.

GEMHILL COTTAGE – Residential Respite for adults with Acquired Brain Injury

Phone: 9634 7531

Address: 28 Carrington Road, Castle Hill

Volunteers: Volunteers are an integral part of the team. Training and support offered. Choose own hours. Caring and support role.

GLENHAVEN COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Phone: 9894 5903 – (to reply/Message on Answering Machine).
Volunteers: Teachers for craft groups/letter box drops/office duties.

HILLS COMMUNITY CARE

Phone: 9761 7613 – Volunteer Development Officer
Address: Conie Ave, Baulkham Hills
Email: hcc@bhsc.nsw.gov.au
Volunteers: Can volunteer to deliver meals with Meals-on-Wheels, drive or assist on buses with the Community Transport service, garden with Easy Care Gardening, assist in Social Day Programs including bi-lingual social day program (Korean and Maltese) and Dementia Daycare Programs.

HILLS COMMUNITY AID AND INFORMATION SERVICE ONE-TO-ONE/FRIENDLY VISITING

Phone: 9639 8620
Volunteers: Volunteers to listen, have regular friendly visits, help with stress, share crafts and hobbies, provide company to people in their homes.

HILLS COMMUNITY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT POOL

Phone: 9686 1878 – Message on Answering Machine.
Address: Building 18, Balcombe Heights Community Buildings,
Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills.
Volunteers: Assist with telephone duties, the lending of medical equipment and the maintenance of stock. Would suit any resident with a few hours per week.

HILLS DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTRE

Phone: 9484 7984
Email: pam_wilson52@yahoo.com.au
Address: Powerhouse Discovery Centre, 172 Showground Road, Castle Hill.
Volunteers: Assist with school visits, heritage stall and displays

HOME TUTOR SCHEME

Phone: 9744 3188
Address: Head office - L2 29-31 Belmore St, Burwood
Email: hts@thesmithfamily.com.au
Volunteers: This service is run by the Smith Family in partnership with AMES. The scheme provides training and support for volunteer tutors to help migrants and refugees learn English in their home and also about life in Australia. Volunteers need to be able to speak and write English proficiently, relate to people from different backgrounds and appreciate the difficulties of living in a community in which someone does not speak the language.

JUMPING JACKS PLAYTIME – KINDA GYM

Phone: 1800 811 764
Address: Meets at Baulkham Hills Community Centre on Tuesdays
Volunteers: Can assist with parents and children during classes; making and repairing equipment, helping set up and dismantle equipment.

LEARNING IN THE HILLS

Phone: 9639 7918 or 9639 8620 (Monday to Thursday)
Address: Balcombe Heights Community Buildings,
92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills

Volunteers: Tutors – Community Members. Would suit patient people with wide knowledge of a subject area or skill. Formal qualifications not necessary for all subjects.

LIFESTART COOPERATIVE LIMITED – CUMBERLAND-PROSPECT

Phone: 9686 9049

Address: Bld 25, Balcombe Heights Estate
92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills

Volunteers: Can assist with resource-making and in the open playground.

ME – CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME SOCIETY

Phone: 9904 8433

Volunteers: Assist with fundraising and information stalls.

NORTHWEST DISABILITY SERVICES

Phone: 9686 4155

Address: 390 Old Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill

Volunteers: Helpers for groups of people with disabilities – Day and night groups, clerical assistant and bus drivers. Craft teachers. Volunteers can work with groups or on a one-to-one basis with clients.

RED CROSS – CASTLE HILL BRANCH

Phone: 9680 2054

Volunteers: Assist with fundraising, Telecross, disaster services, first aid, community visiting, blood bank, humanitarian projects.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Phone: 9679 1246 – Open 9:00am to 2:30pm

Email: talltimbers@rdansw.org.au

Address: Tall Timbers, 125 Old Pitt Town Road, Box Hill.

Volunteer: Need 10 volunteers a day, 6 days per week. Helpers for disabled riders, administration and fund raising.

SCOUT LEADER - (Greater Western Sydney Region)

Phone: 9639 2488

Volunteers: Can become a trained Leader or a part-time Associate Leader, participate in the Group Committee of the local Scout, assist at the Memorabilia Centre with research and archiving, contribute labour and skills to the local Scout Group, Region Office or the State Office, such as accounting, administration, fundraising, grant seeking, research, and communications, painting, flooring, carpentry, building and boat restoration. Would suit men or women 18 to 50 years.

SERVICE CLUBS - Members carry out community service projects and fund-raising for charities. Service clubs include:

Lions Clubs (Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Crestwood, Hills Rural Inc, Kellyville, North Rocks, Sydney North-West, Winston Hills)

Rotary Clubs(Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Dural, Glenhaven, Kellyville, Kenthurst, North Rocks, Norwest Sunrise – Bella Vista, Winston Hills.

SMITH FAMILY - Parramatta Area

Phone: 9895 1233 or 9895 1212

Volunteers: Clerical assistants, telephone, material donation and English home tutoring volunteers. Committed volunteers over 18 are required to assist people in our Learning for Life Team. Computer literacy and a good command of English is required. Many opportunities connected to Learning for Life program.

SPASTIC CENTRE

Phone: 9975 8273
Ryde area and Wetherill Park

Volunteers: Recreation activities. Support for clients in group homes.

ST GABRIELS SCHOOL FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN AND LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE:

Phone: 9634 2367
Address: 190 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill

Volunteers: Assist the class teacher e.g reading with the students, photocopying etc.

ST JOHNS AMBULANCE

Phone: 9212 1088 – Surry Hill

Volunteers: PALS Program – Program to Aid Literacy. This project links children with volunteers to improve reading and writing skills. Previous teaching experience not required, as training will be provided. Program operates during school hours – one hour a week needed.

Immunisation Program – volunteers provide assistance to NSW Department of Health Immunisation Teams who visit secondary schools to immunise students. Training provided.

First Aid Program – volunteers provide First Aid services to the public at various events. Comprehensive induction and training provided. Must have Senior First Aid Certificate.

ST MICHAEL'S FAMILY CENTRE

Phone: 9639 0763
Address: 522 Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills

Volunteers: administration, family support, childcare.

SHINE FOR KIDS

Phone: 9714 3000
Address: PO Box 67, Ermington 1700

Volunteers: Assist with taking children to visit their imprisoned parents, help with child minding, assist with children's days within the prison. Also helping in the office with administration and clerical tasks.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN

Phone: 9871 1233
Address: North Rocks Road, North Rocks

Volunteers: Can be class helpers, wheelchair cleaners, clothes assistant. Other tasks available are gardening, clerical and proof reading.

TOURIST INFORMATION

Phone: 8853 1911 - Council Tourism Officer at Hills Shire Council.
Address: "The Pines", 656a Old Northern Road, Dural.

Volunteers: Volunteers assist with the operation of the Tourism Information Centre involving front shop duties, answering enquiries and clerical duties. Centre

operates from 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am – 4 pm on weekends.

TELECROSS

Phone: 9639 8620

Volunteers: To telephone elderly, disabled, or people suffering from illness each morning to check on their well being.

TECHNICAL AID FOR THE DISABLED (TAD) NSW

Phone: 9912 3400

Email: tad@tadnsw.org.au

Address: U10, 185 Briens Road, Northmead

Volunteers: Contact for information.

THE HILLS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE – CHINESE AGED DAY CARE CENTRE

Phone: 8853 4500 (Mrs Noel Chiu)

Address: Chinese Day Care Service
183-187 Excelsior Ave, Castle Hill

Volunteers: To assist in the running of the day care for elderly Chinese people including individual work with participants, assisting with meal preparation and participating in outings.

THE HILLS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE – PODIATRY SERVICE

Phone: 8853 4500

Address: 183-187 Excelsior Ave, Castle Hill

Volunteers: Volunteers to assist in the office

THE HILLS PRIVATE HOSPITAL

Phone: 9639 3333

Address: 499 Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills

Volunteers: Pink ladies, to perform a variety of tasks throughout the hospital.

THE HILLS SCHOOL (for special purposes)

Phone: 96398448

Address: Crn Mary and William Street, Northmead

Volunteers: Can work as classroom assistants, gardeners for plant shade house, garden and grounds, sport assistant, bus drivers.

THE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE IN NSW – Baulkham Hills Branch.

Phone: 9639 3434

Volunteers: The service is seeking capable people who are willing to become involved in combating emergencies. You will be involved in storm damage work, flooding and other operational duties and must be prepared to train in the field of communication, First Aid and basic rescue techniques. Computer skills also useful.

WESLEY MISSION

Tebbutt Lodge, Dundas:

Phone: 9263 5462 (Wesley Mission Volunteering Department)

Volunteers: Provide companionship to aged residents of Tebbut Lodge Aged Care Facility. Can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Would suit people who enjoy interacting with seniors.

YWCA PROGRAMS

Big Brother Big Sister

Phone: 9285 6211

Address: 5-11 Wentworth Avenue, Sydney, www.ywcansw.com.au/bbbs

Volunteers: Mentor a young person, 7-17 years of age, on a one to one basis by visiting them or taking them out once a week. Volunteers must be at least 20 years of age. Minimum commitment of one year.

Hip-Pocket A one day financial education workshop presented to male and female students separately, in Years 10 and 11, to provide them with skills and tools that enable them to make informed decision about spending choices.

Phone: 9285 6246.

Volunteers: To encourage, support and guide students for the period of the workshop.

Why – It's all about You – Leadership Program

This program is run for young women, 15-16 years of age, over a 4 day-long workshop. Students are exposed to concepts including leadership, communication, roles within the community and career exploration. The workshop culminates in a community event organized and run by the students.

Phone: 9285 6246

Volunteers: To encourage, support and guide students during the workshop. May volunteer for 1 or 4 of these days.

OTHER RESOURCES:

VOLUNTEERING NSW: www.volunteering.com.au Ph: 9261 3600

Peak body in NSW for volunteering. Website provides lots of information on volunteering.

Volunteering NSW lists volunteer jobs on the seek website: www.volunteer.com.au

VOLUNTEERING AUSTRALIA: www.volunteeringaustralia.org. Ph: 03 9820 4100.

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FIDO SKILLED VOLUNTEER SEARCH: Fido Skilled Volunteer Search connects skilled, experienced volunteers with not-for-profit organisations looking to recruit volunteers for short-term or longer term positions. Positions are advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald every Monday, and on the website www.fido.com.au.