

Volunteer Opportunities – 2019
Fairview Lake YMCA Camps
Call: (973)-383-9282 or E-mail JoelGardner@metroymcas.org to volunteer

Volunteer Requirements

- We are looking for youth or adults roughly around age 10 and up. If someone younger is interested in helping out please reach out to see if we will have additional age appropriate activities or projects.
- Volunteers should be prepared for any weather and to be inside or out during events. We expect that you role model appropriate attire whenever you volunteer or work at camp.
- No prior experience is necessary.
- Adults must be willing to complete a background check prior to volunteering

Super Friends for Youth and Teens (2nd Friday of every month) and Adults (3rd Friday of every month) from 6-8pm

This volunteer opportunity is a great monthly opportunity to come to camp and develop a bond with local youth, teens and adults with special needs. The focus on the program is around building bonds with people with special needs and participating alongside them in an activity that changes every month. Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in a training built around providing support to our participants sponsored by the local volunteer organization Pass It Along. We can take any number of volunteers.

Volunteer Day of Service – January 21st 10am-4pm

Join us at Fairview Lake for a variety of service opportunities as we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Junior Day. Fairview will be providing a few opportunities to give back to our community and make an impact. If you have a project you would like to lead and need help, please let us know or if you would like to join us for our projects at camp please reach out as well!

Polar Bear Plunge – February 17th 1-4pm

This fun event is a great time to enjoy the cold of winter. Volunteers will be inside and outside so come prepared for both. Examples of volunteer jobs will include helping guests out of the water, parking and registration help, harnessing for our climbing wall and more. We can take up to 5 volunteers.

Fairview Trail Run – April 7th

Volunteer opportunities are available from 1-5pm on the day of the event. We will need assistance with welcoming people, registration, timing the event, water stations, parking, and possibly more. Volunteers should arrive by 1pm or by noon if they would like to eat lunch (must commit to volunteering for the entire event). Expected end time is 5pm. Be prepared to be outside or inside for the entire event. We can take up to 8 volunteers.

Volunteer Work Weekend – April 19th-20th

This two day, volunteer event, is a great way to experience camp and lend a helping hand. Volunteers can come Friday night starting at 7pm and enjoy a night hike and a campfire or arrive Saturday morning and get right to work. Volunteers will help on Saturday morning with our Easter Egg Hunt set up (see below) and getting our seasonal cabins ready to be opened for the year. This will involve a lot of cleaning ranging from sweeping to dusting to wiping things down, but also collecting tinder and clearing brush, as well as other tasks. After Lunch, volunteers can continue to help with the Easter Egg Hunt or become guests for the event free of charge (usually \$10 per car). We can take any number of volunteers.

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The Greatest Easter Egg Hunt – April 20th 1-4:30pm

Starting at 11am we will be hiding our Easter eggs in our fields or buildings for children to run and find starting at 2:30pm. We will also need help during the event with parking, welcoming guests, in our candle and climbing room, craft table and possibly more. Volunteers could arrive at 11am to help hide eggs, at noon for lunch (must commit to staying for the entire event), or at 1pm to help with set up and/or to learn more about your task. Expected end time is 5pm. Be prepared to be outside or inside for the entire event, rain or shine. We can take up to 5 volunteers.

Healthy Kids Day – April 28th 1-4:30pm

Fairview Lake is looking for volunteers and vendors to teach children about Healthy Living, Social Responsibility and the keys to proper Youth Development. If you have any skills, talents or passions that you think would be valuable for children to learn let us know! We will also need volunteers for parking, welcoming, check-in, program area help, crafts, and more. Volunteers should arrive by 1pm ready to go or at noon if they would like lunch (must commit to volunteering for the entire afternoon). Expected end time is 5pm. Be prepared to be outside or inside for the entire event. We can take up to 5 volunteers.

Volunteer Day of Service – Sept 11th 10-4pm

This day of volunteerism we will be focused on giving back to our community and to camp. We will look into working with organizations that need assistance, as well as getting camp ready for the winter season. We will likely be chopping wood to grow our wood reserves and collecting tinder. There may also be some trail maintenance. If you know of any organizations that could use assistance on this day of service please connect them with us and we will come together and make a plan. Come prepared to be both inside and outside and ready to get dirty. We can take any number of volunteers for this event.

The Pig Roast – Oct 6th

Our annual Pig Roast event has been a huge success thanks to our growing community and we could always use help. Volunteers can arrive at 11am to help with any remaining set up and to enjoy a quick snack/lunch (before the meal is served). Volunteer tasks will include parking, welcoming guests, helping with the hay ride, various camp activities, crafts and more. Expected end time is 5:30-6pm. Be prepared to be outside or inside for the entire event. We can take up to 8 volunteers for this event.

Hike-a-thon – Oct 20th

This new event will require many people stationed around our lake as we see how many times we can lap the lake in one day. Volunteers will be needed to help pass out water, parking, register guests, as counters and to clean up after the program. Volunteers should arrive at 9am to get in positions and be ready to be outside all day. Volunteers will need to come with a lunch for the day as they will be working during a normal lunch hour. Expected end time is 4pm. We can take up to 10 volunteers for this event.

Tree Lighting – Dec 6th

Our annual tree lighting will need volunteers to help our guests decorate cookies, get to the top of our climbing wall, do crafts and much more. Volunteers should arrive at 5:30pm having eaten dinner. Volunteers should be finished around 8:30pm. We can take up to 5 volunteers for this event.

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I want to volunteer! What should I do now?

1. Still have questions? Give us a call at (973)-383-9282 or e-mail Matt at JoelGardner@metroymcas.org.
2. Collect a list of the full names and birthdays of all people interested in volunteering and put them into one document or e-mail.
3. Send that information, as well as which event you are interested in to Matt at JoelGardner@metroymcas.org.
4. Wait for your confirmation e-mail and any additional details you need for the event.

Available to volunteer during the weekend??

We often will take volunteers during the weekend for a variety of groups and tasks. We are always looking assistance working with various groups in a variety of roles. If you have any questions please reach out!

Do you have a special skill you want to share with camp?

Are you a plumber, electrician, or good with your hands? Let us know we are often looking for skilled hands to help us with a variety of projects.

Are you an Boy Scout or Girl Scout in need of a larger service project?

Give us a call and we will see if we can make something that works for everybody!

Contact us with any questions!

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