

RHS Student Volunteer Opportunities

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks – If you are 18 years old and would like to make a difference in the life of a child, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks. (417-889-9136)

Boys and Girls Club - <http://www.bgclubspringfield.org/get-involved/volunteer/> There are a number of volunteer opportunities that involve working with kids at Boys and Girls Club. Currently there are three Boys and Girls Club locations, with a fourth under construction. Go to the website for more information, or see your school counselor.

Convoy of Hope – <http://www.convoyofhope.org/get-involved/volunteer/> Convoy of Hope is faith-based organization focused on food distribution, community outreach, and disaster response. Visit the website for more details.

CoxHealth Medical Explorers Program - <http://www.coxhealth.net/body.cfm?id=902&fr=true> If you are serious about learning more about careers in the health care profession, this may be a great opportunity for you. The next enrollment period begins in July. Go to the website for an application (for ages 15-20).

CoxHealth Volunteer Program - <http://coxhealth.com/volunteer> The Medical Explorers program is typically for students who are interested in pursuing a career in the medical field after high school. However, the volunteer program is for anyone who wants to serve others. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at the hospital (for ages 15+).

Dickerson Park Zoo - http://www.dickersonparkzoo.org/Zoo/?page_id=4397 If you like working with animals, this is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. Visit the website to learn about specific opportunities. These positions are only available at certain times of the year.

Greene County Park Board - <http://www.parkboard.org/volunteer.htm> The Greene County Park Board offers a number of diverse volunteer opportunities. To learn more visit the website or call 417-864-1049.

Greene County Library - <http://thelibrary.org/donate/volunteer.cfm> There are a number of library related volunteer opportunities at any of the Greene County Libraries for students ages 14 or older. Visit the website for a complete list of programs and volunteer application forms.

Habitat for Humanity - <http://habitatspringfieldmo.org/get-involved/volunteer> Habitat for Humanity offers a number of hands on volunteer opportunities. Visit their website for more information (for ages 14+).

Help Your Neighbor - This opportunity simply consists of helping out those individuals in your neighborhood who need assistance. Many senior citizens, disabled individuals, or those who are disadvantaged in some way may be in need of someone to mow the lawn, take out the trash, etc. As with any volunteer opportunity, make sure you know the individual or organization well. Never go into the home of someone you don't know or don't trust.

Humane Society of Southwest Missouri - http://www.swh.org/?page_id=984 The Humane Society helps animals in need. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available. Students under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent. Go to their website for details about volunteer opportunities.

Local Church Volunteer - Local congregations often provide great service opportunities including food and clothing pantries, cleaning the building, visiting elderly or sick, etc. Contact a local congregation for more information.

Mercy Medical Explorers Program - <http://www.mercy.net/springfield/medicalexplorers> This program is similar to the program at Cox Hospital. The enrollment period for the summer begins in May. Go to the website to obtain contact information (for ages 15-20).

Mercy Volunteer Program - <http://www.mercy.net/practice/mercy-health-foundation-springfield/mercy-hospital-volunteer-services-in-springfield> The Medical Explorers program is typically for students who are interested in pursuing a career in the medical field after high school. However, the volunteer program is for anyone who wants to serve others. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at the hospital (for ages 16+).

Ozark Greenways Trails - <http://www.ozarkgreenways.org/donate.html> Volunteers are needed for trail workdays, events, Trail Watch, and numerous committees. Go to the website for more information, or call 417-864-2015.

Ozarks Food Harvest - <http://www.ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer.html> Ozarks Food Harvest is the only food bank in southwest Missouri. The food bank reaches over 20,000 individuals weekly. Contact information and volunteer opportunities may be found on the website.

People Helping People - <http://republicphp.com/index.html> People Helping People is an organization in Republic that provides food, clothing, and other resources to individuals in the Republic area. Contact information and volunteer opportunities may be found on the website.

Republic Parks and Recreation Department – Contact the Parks and Recreation office for ways to serve the Republic community. (417-732-3500)

Ronald McDonald House - <http://www.rmhcozarks.org/volunteers/> The primary goal of the Ronald McDonald House is to provide a home away from home for families when their children are in the hospital. Ronald McDonald House has locations at both major hospitals in Springfield. Go to the website to get more information on volunteering at a Ronald McDonald house.

Salvation Army - https://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www_usc_missouri.nsf/vw-dynamic-index/A3D4AAD8AB853DAD86257997005E49C5?openDocument&charset=utf-8 The Salvation Army is always looking for volunteers to assist people in need. Contact them for more details about volunteer opportunities (students 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Senior Care Center/Nursing Home Volunteer - A great way to impact others in a positive way is by volunteering at a senior care center or nursing home. To do so, just contact a local senior care center/nursing home near you.

Springfield Nature Center - http://www.swh.org/?page_id=984 This volunteer opportunity is for outdoor enthusiasts. Contact Rudy Martinez at 417-888-4237 to learn more about volunteer opportunities. (Note: The center is closed on Mondays.)

Springfield Victory Mission - <http://www.victorymission.com/> Springfield Victory Mission offers a wide variety of opportunities to help individuals in need of assistance. Visit the website to see a complete list of opportunities. From the main page select “Volunteer” near the middle of the screen.

The Kitchen - <http://www.thekitcheninc.org/donations/the-kitchen-volunteer-page/> The Kitchen works to provide support for families and individuals in the Springfield area. Visit the website for details on volunteering. No age requirements are immediately available on the site.

Volunteers for Outdoors Missouri - <http://sites.vfom.org/public/membership-1> This organization focuses on the building and maintenance of Missouri trails. Please visit the website for volunteer information.