



Volunteer Job Description

Title: NYPUM Volunteer (National Youth Project Using Minibikes)

NYPUM is an integrative project between DHS and the American Honda Corp. NYPUM provides the children and families of Larimer County with opportunities to make positive changes in their lives through a strength-based environment designed to support children as they make changes at school, home and in the community. Serves youth ages 10 – 16.

Key Responsibilities:

1)The volunteer will choose a designated day to attend the youth group and support the staff and families (M-W for 6 months or longer.) They will be responsible for helping youth maintain the bikes. Volunteers will form mentoring relationships, and supervise and attend riding time. Commitment and regular attendance is necessary for the cohesion of the group. 2) Marketing and Fundraising volunteer also highly desired.

Qualifications:

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Volunteers will be screened, background checked and oriented by the volunteer coordinator. Any legal infractions must be reviewed by the program coordinators and a supervisor; and applicants with felony histories will have specific guidelines and restrictions set up by the program coordinator. Those with a felony history will require HR and supervisory staff approval. Good communication skills and a positive attitude can be a benefit; with a desire to promote positive youth development in direct service programs.

Training and Support:

Volunteers will be screened, fingerprinted and “background checked” and must attend a 3 hour volunteer orientation prior to their start date, through the volunteer program. They will also be trained on the motorcycle by certified NYPUM instructors for 21 riding lessons, which will qualify them as “track safety supervisors.” NYPUM utilizes a live supervision model with co-facilitated groups. Staff support and ongoing supervision is in place. Volunteers will not be unsupervised or allowed to work alone with a youth unless prior approval by the program coordinator is obtained.

Time Commitment:

2 hours a week for 6 months minimum with a full completion of an ongoing group. Occasional all day Saturday rides and other opportunities to support as desired.

Initial Impact:

Volunteers will gain experience working with adolescents and learn about the safety, care and riding of mini-bikes. Volunteers will gain knowledge of youth programs and the child protection system as it applies to helping families succeed.

Sustainable Outcome:

An awesome experience for the volunteer! He/she will learn good team work skills and will be rewarded by a sense of accomplishment from seeing kids successfully complete the program and improve their behaviors. “They will also get a massive adrenaline rush from learning to ride a motorcycle!” (Former Volunteer)

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