

Y Volunteer History

The YMCA's foundation is based on volunteer work. When George Williams founded the YMCA in 1844 he did so as a volunteer. In the movement's early history, all the people delivering programs and services at the YMCA were volunteers. Volunteers help root YMCA's to their identity as associations to belong to, rather than places to buy services. That associational quality is one of the characteristics that make Y's special, setting them apart from organizations that offer similar programs.

Volunteers are vital to our organization and helping to create healthy communities in which individuals and families have opportunities to reach their potential. YMCA volunteers are truly heroes among us.

Steps to becoming a Y volunteer

1. Find the right fit for you by reviewing the list of volunteer opportunities in this brochure.
2. Fill out a Volunteer Application (available at the Courtesy Counter) and provide references.
3. Come in for an interview.
4. Complete a Criminal Background Check.

The YMCA cannot offer community service work to those who have mandatory hours to fill based on any type of infraction or crime.

In 2010 volunteers contributed more than 400 hours to helping the Wapakoneta Family YMCA.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Benefits of Volunteering

- Learning new skills and improving existing skills
- Gaining valuable experience for future employment
- Being involved with a Christian organization dedicated to building a stronger community
- Meeting, networking and socializing with others who bring diverse perspectives and talents to the Y
- Experiencing the rewards and joys of giving and helping others
- Helping others achieve their goals
- Having fun

Volunteers are extraordinary people doing extraordinary things. Hundreds of individuals give their time and expertise to the Y. Through their Y experience, they pass positive values onto others, reinforcing the fabric of our community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Whether you want to help people improve their overall health, support children and youth as they grow into adults, create a welcoming environment or simply make a difference in someone's life, the Y has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities where you can make a difference.

Swim Lessons Ages 14+

Work with one of our YMCA swim instructors and help youth develop a passion for swimming and feel safe in the water. Seasonal & Year-Round.

Wellness Center Ages 18+

Greet members and make them feel welcome and comfortable. Maintain the cleanliness of facilities and equipment. Seasonal & Year-Round.

Special Events

Bike Tour Ages 18+

Bake cookies or work a snack stop the day of the event. Seasonal: Summer only.

Teen Dances Ages 18+

Supervise Junior High students dancing, hanging out and playing games. Seasonal: September-August.

Lock-Ins Ages 18+

Supervise Junior High students dancing, sport tournaments & hanging out. Seasonal: December-February, late evening into early morning.

Volunteer Opportunities

Child & Youth Programs

Play, laugh and help develop tomorrow's leaders. Opportunities include:

Youth Sports Ages 16+

Help children develop a love of sports. Seasonal: dependent on sport.

Nursery Ages 16+

Help our youngest Y members grow, learn and play. Year-round.

Day Camp Ages 14+

Lend a helping hand to our Day Camp Counselors. Seasonal: Summer.

Before/After School Ages 18+

Helping children with homework, specifically reading, spelling and math papers. Seasonal: School year.

Fundraising Ages 18+

Help raise funds to benefit those individuals and families who could not otherwise afford to participate in YMCA programs. Seasonal: Winter

Landscaping Ages 16+

Help beautify the YMCA grounds by planting flowers, weeding, trimming and watering. Seasonal: Spring, Summer and Fall.

Committees Ages 16+

Help guide the YMCA by serving on one of our committees of our Board that set the direction and tone of our YMCA. Year-Round.