



## Volunteer Certificate Program

This program fulfills a high school graduation requirement by coordinating 30 hours of meaningful volunteer work with a focus on personal interests and career goals.

### Benefits

- Design your own program
- Build your resume
- Gain new experiences
- Complete your grad requirements
- Receive encouragement and support
- Learn about yourself
- Get a letter of reference
- Make a valuable contribution

### How it Works

Pick up and fill out an Application Form from your school career office, the YEP office at SHOAL Centre (10030 Resthaven Drive, Sidney) or the Youth Employment web page at [www.beaconcs.ca](http://www.beaconcs.ca). After an interview, you will attend a workshop to share your goals and ideas, and design a plan. Your plan must include 4 hours of planning and orientation, 4 hours of volunteering with seniors and 22 hours of volunteering in the community.

### Community Volunteer Possibilities

- Community events
- Beacon Community Services Thrift Shops
- Food bank and Christmas hampers
- Environmental improvement initiatives
- Assisting community organizations
- Group activities in seniors' care homes
- Community arts and cultural initiatives
- Friends of the Library reading program
- Craft fairs, food kiosks and fundraisers
- Accompanying seniors on outings
- Coordinating a community event
- Emergency preparedness initiatives

### Volunteer Appreciation Day

At the end of the school year, if you have earned your Community Volunteer Certificate or completed 30 volunteer hours in the community, you will be invited to your choice of a day outing sponsored by community businesses. This is to thank you for your hours of service. Last year, volunteers enjoyed "A Day in the Bay," sponsored by Northern Kayak Adventures. Volunteers enjoyed a barbeque, kayak lesson and outing. We will do the same again next spring and you will have the choice of 2 other options.