

Education Committee Opportunities

1. The Education Committee met on 30 Aug 2017 and discovered some needs and opportunities that prove valuable for Members.
2. Education Committee Leadership needs:
 - a. Need a Committee Chair to run the meetings and present to the board.
 - b. A co-chair to help set agendas.
 - c. A communication person to keep the minutes, communicate between committees and update the website, and send items of interest to the Communication Committee for publication etc.
3. Education Committee Members needed to learn about the different areas of effort under the Education Committee umbrella, and get involved with different efforts as inspired.
4. Reading Rangers – these volunteers go into YE Smith elementary and work with young (generally grades K-2) students to improve literacy skills. More information on the website and sign up genius.
 - a. Spelling Bee judges – In Jan, the school has a spelling bee contest and 6 judges are needed to judge the competition. Generally a couple of hours one afternoon is needed.
 - b. Books on Break volunteers – In early May, about 60 volunteers needed over 3 days to set up and help kids “shop” for books. Generally sign up for 2 hour blocks. Great fun.
5. Friday Club – YE Smith allows kids to explore various areas of interest from vocations to hobbies.
 - a. Construction Friday Club – need someone to help coordinate the kids as they follow the progress of the construction and renovation of the last warehouse in Durham. A consistent commitment is desired. See Todd or Vandana for more details.
 - b. Hobby Friday Club – if you have a hobby like golf or fly fishing, the kids may be interested in learning more about it. Consider running a club for your hobby. Perhaps someone would like to coordinate a “Rotary Friday Club” where the coordinator ensures something interesting takes place each Friday.
6. YEX – A volunteer is needed to learn the Youth Exchange rules and systems while we do not have any Youth Exchange commitments. This is a proactive position, learning what to do.
7. Interact Advisor – Volunteers needed to help be advisers to a High School Interact Program. Responsibilities include advising the students. Interact is their club, Advisor provides insight and supervision.
8. RYLA Chaperones – volunteers need to ride with the students to the RYLA camp and return. Great way to meet some kids, learn a bit about RYLA and in only one afternoon in the April timeframe.
9. EDCI summer lunches – volunteers serve lunch or get involved with educational programs run by EDCI for families over the summer.

Hope the Members are inspired by the existing opportunities and wish to consider volunteering. Some areas may spark new avenues or ideas to serve. If the idea is in the arena of education or youth, the Education Committee would be keen to hear about it. Please tell members anyone on the Education Committee would be delighted to tell them more about any program. Remember to crawl through the Education Committee pages on the club website.