



Volunteer Opportunities

All volunteers are required to complete and return a Volunteer Application, Child Abuse Clearance and Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check. Any volunteer who resided outside of Pennsylvania in the last ten years must also undergo an FBI Criminal Background Check. Most volunteer clearances are free of charge and need to be renewed every five years. More detailed information can be found online:

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Child Abuse Clearance (CY113)

www.KeepKidsSafe.pa.gov

Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check for Volunteers (SPA-164A)

www.epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp

School volunteers are not limited to parents. A volunteer can include any extended family members, community members and alumni. The following is a summary of volunteer opportunities, but it is not an exhaustive list. If you have an interest in volunteering in a capacity other than something appearing on this list, please contact the Director of Student Affairs, as new ideas and opportunities are continuously evolving.

Daily Opportunities

Dining Hall Monitor

Grab & Go Breakfast

Recess Monitor

Classroom or Specials Class Volunteer (Art, Music, PE, EE, Social Studies, Grades 1 - 4)

Other Opportunities

Bear Creek Night

Earth Fest

Picture Day

Community Halloween Event (Trunk or Treat)

Field Trip Chaperone. Refer to the *Student/Parent Handbook* for more details.

Sporting Events (Home games)

Refreshment Stand

Scoreboard Operator

Literacy Night

Play Practice

Field Day

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available through our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), which meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 6:00 p.m. at the school. Parents are encouraged to attend the PTO meeting to learn more about these and other available opportunities.

Box Tops for Education

Scholastic Book Fair

Kristy Kreme Doughnuts

Night at the Races

Dances

School Apparel

Gertrude Hawk Candies

Yearbook

Santa's Workshop

Spring Festival

Homeroom Parent



Volunteer Application

A completed Volunteer Application (*three pages*), current Child Abuse Clearance and current Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check are required to volunteer at the Bear Creek Community Charter School. In some situations, an FBI Criminal Background Check may be required.

Contact Information

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

How would you prefer to be contacted? Phone Email

Have you continuously lived in Pennsylvania for the last 10 years or more? Yes No

Emergency Information

In the event of an emergency, please contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

Please list any medical conditions that may impact your volunteer service:

Student Name(s) _____

Attestation

I understand that, as a Bear Creek Community School volunteer working with children/youth, I am required to obtain a Report of Criminal History from the Pennsylvania State Police and a Child Abuse History Certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. I understand that if I have not been a resident of Pennsylvania continuously during the past ten years, I am also required to obtain a FBI Federal Criminal History. I further understand that these clearances need to be renewed every 60 months, and that I will not be permitted to serve as a volunteer in contact with children without valid clearances.

I attest that I have never been arrested or convicted of an offense or offenses enumerated under 24 P.S. §1-111€ or (f.1) referred to as "Reportable Offenses", including:

- Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide)
- Section 27012 (relating to aggravated assault)
- Section 2709.1 (relating to stalking)
- Section 2901 (relating to kidnapping)
- Section 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint)
- Section 2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure)
- Section 3121 (relating to rape)
- Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault)
- Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse)
- Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault)
- Section 3124.2 (relating to institutional sexual assault)
- Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault)
- Section 3126 (relating to indecent assault)
- Section 3127 (relating to indecent exposure)
- Section 4302 (relating to incest)
- Section 4303 (relating to concealing death of child)
- Section 4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children)
- Section 4305 (relating to dealing in infant children)
- A felony offense under section 5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related offenses)
- Section 5903 (c) or (d) (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances)
- Section 6301(a)(1) (relating to corruption of minors)
- Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children)
- Section 6318 (relating to unlawful contact with minor)
- Section 6319 (relating to solicitation of minors to traffic drugs)
- Section 6320 (relating to sexual exploitation of children)

- An offense designated as a felony under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act."

- An offense similar in nature to those crimes listed above under the laws or former laws of the United States; or one of its territories or possessions; or another state; or the District of Columbia; or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or a foreign nation; or under a former law of this Commonwealth.

I have never been convicted of a felony offense under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L., No. 64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act committed within the five-year period immediately preceding volunteer service or request to be considered for volunteer service.

I have never been convicted of the attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses set forth above. I have never been identified as a perpetrator of child abuse in a founded report by a local, county, or state child welfare agency.

I understand that I am required by law to notify the Chief Executive Officer of Bear Creek Community Charter School in writing within 72 hours if I am arrested or convicted of any criminal offense listed above or if I am named as a perpetrator of an indicated or founded child abuse report.

I have requested to provide voluntary service at Bear Creek Community Charter School. I understand that I will not be compensated in any manner and will not be eligible for any employee benefits, including workers' compensation coverage. I declare that I shall hold the Charter School and all its employees harmless from any and all civil liability claims should I be injured while at the Charter School or while providing volunteer service to the Charter School. I understand that I am expected to conform to the School's security, safety and ethical conduct policies, including, but not limited to, the School's policy against sexual and other unlawful harassment. Copies of these policies are available upon request.

I affirm that I am not disqualified from being a school volunteer and the information contained in this Volunteer Application is true and correct. I understand the contents of these statements, and that I am signing it freely and voluntarily.

It is the policy of Bear Creek Community Charter School to provide equal educational, employment, and volunteer opportunities and not to illegally discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, religion, age, marital status, or disability in its programs, activities, or its policies. Bear Creek Community Charter School reserves the right to restrict or prohibit anyone from volunteer service at any time.

Volunteer's Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date