



# City Lights Volunteers

San Ramon Parks & Community Services Volunteer Newsletter

WINTER 2008/2009

## 10 reasons why we appreciate you! Because you're...

- Dedicated
- Hardworking
- Generous
- Enthusiastic
- Efficient
- Patient
- Committed
- Caring
- Helpful
- Terrific!

For more information about the City Lights Volunteer Program or to sign up for a volunteer activity, please contact Bonnie Mertz at [bmertz@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:bmertz@sanramon.ca.gov) or call (925)973-3222. Visit the City website at [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov) to register as a volunteer and view other event information. Anyone interested in volunteering must have a City Lights Volunteer application form on file. Applications can be picked up at either the San Ramon or Dougherty Station Community Centers.

### Middle School Lock-In

Friday/Saturday, December 5-6  
 San Ramon Community Center

Volunteer for one of the biggest middle school events of the year. Help is needed in set-up, clean-up, food service, activities and general supervision. Ten volunteers are needed, ages 16+, from 7:00pm to 2:00am.

### Holiday on the Farm

Saturday, December 6

Forest Home Farms Historic Park

We need 16 volunteers, age 11+, to help with set-up, face painting, children's crafts, visits with Santa, and other tasks from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Please dress appropriately for the outdoors. Holiday attire is encouraged.

### Bah Humbug! Race

Saturday, December 6

Volunteers get an official Bah Humbug long sleeved t-shirt!

*Registration & Finish Line*—7:00-11:00am. We need 12 volunteers, 16+, to check-in runners, hand out t-shirts, help with refreshments and assist with the finish line.

*Course Monitors*—8:15-11:00am. We need 18 people to direct runners and traffic, age 16+.

### Breakfast with Santa Prep

Thursday, December 11

San Ramon Community Center

Be one of Santa's helpers by wrapping gifts and putting together crafts for the annual Breakfast with Santa event. Fifteen volunteers are needed from 3:30-5:30pm.

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 13

San Ramon Community Center

Two shifts available: 7:30-11:00am or 10:30am-1:00pm.

*Cooks*—We need 4 adult volunteers to prepare breakfast.

*Waiter & Waitress Elves*—We are looking for 30 elves, age 11+, to serve breakfast, assist with crafts, and help clean up.

*Face Painters*—We need 4 volunteers, ages 13+ to face paint at the event.

*Registration Elves*—We need 2 elves, 15+, to assist with checking in participants and other tasks.

### Community Chorus Holiday Concert

Friday, December 19

San Ramon Community Center

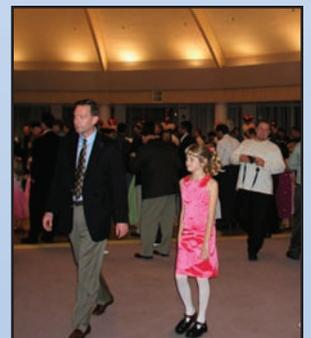
Two volunteers needed, ages 12+, from 6:30-9:30pm to pass out programs, assist with refreshments and help with clean-up. Please be sure to wear your holiday attire!

### Father Daughter Dance

Friday, February 13

San Ramon Community Center

We are looking for 15 volunteers, age 13+, to help from 5:30-10:00pm. The fun includes decorating, arts and crafts, serving refreshments, and registration. Please dress in black/dark pants or skirt and a white shirt.



**Forest Home Farms Spring Spruce Up****Saturday, March 28**

Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Forest Home Farms Historic Park while helping with clean-up and enhancement projects. Help us get the farm ready for Spring programs. Volunteers will be doing general clean-up and light gardening. Please wear closed-toe shoes, garden gloves and bring hand tools if you have them. Refreshments will be served. This is a perfect project for a scout or environmental group project.

**Therapeutic Recreation Program**

Four energetic, responsible and enthusiastic volunteers, age 16+, are needed to work at each activity with special needs youth at the Senior Center. Assist with set-up, refreshments and activity or class.

**Therapeutic Recreation After School Bowling****Mondays, January 5 to March 9, 3:15-4:30pm***Danville Bowl*

Two energetic and responsible volunteers needed to work with special needs youth. Work one Monday or all—schedule is flexible.

**Special Olympics Basketball****Wednesdays, January 14 to March 18, 3:30-7:00pm***Iron Horse Gym*

Volunteers needed for the Special Olympics Basketball Program. Assistance needed with eight basketball coaching sessions focusing on skills, followed by a two day regional competition.

**Friday Night Wii on the Big Screen****Fridays, January 16 & March 27, 5:30—9:00pm**

Volunteers needed to help individuals with disabilities participate in a night of fun activities. The Nintendo Wii game is now available to play on our giant projection screen!

**Therapeutic Valentine Dance****Friday, February 20, 6:30-10:00pm***Senior Center*

Your help is needed in set-up, serving refreshments and clean-up of this fun event. This is an opportunity to assist individuals with disabilities, meet new friends and have loads of fun.

**Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center Usher**

Do you love the Arts, Theater, Dance and Music? Would you like to get more involved in the community? Become a volunteer usher for the new Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center. Ushers enjoy these benefits:

- Complimentary theatre seating when pre-show ushering shift is complete
- Discount show tickets for family/friends
- Invitations to special events, parties, orientations and presentations
- Please call Crystal Watts, Theater Manager, at 973-3345 for additional information.

**Forest Home Farms Education Docents****Time: TBA**

Docents for Forest Home Farms are needed to work with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who come to the farm for school field trips. Adult volunteers should have an interest in local history, enjoy working with children and be available weekdays. A training for new docents is scheduled for January 15.

**RECRUITING NOW FOR SPRING!****Crow Canyon Gardens School Field Trip Docents**

Docents are needed to give 1-hour tours of our 7½ acre garden to school children in grades 1-5. Volunteers should have an interest in local organic gardening, enjoy working with children, love the outdoors and be available some weekdays. Training will be provided. For additional information please call Louise Weber at 973-3219 or 314-0362.

**Clerical Assistants**

We need volunteers age 17+, to work as clerical assistants at the San Ramon Community and Dougherty Valley Community Centers. Volunteers must be available on weekdays during business hours to answer phones, assist customers and do light clerical work. Computer experience is essential.

**Van Driver**

Drive the Senior Center van to pick up participants for activities at the Senior Center and other events. Flexible schedule—as little as one day per week! Class B license required. Training and cost of license provided.

**Senior Scholars**

Adults, tutor a referred student in a variety of subjects one afternoon per week at the Senior Center. No teaching experience required—just a willingness to help! All materials provided. Fingerprint and background check required.

