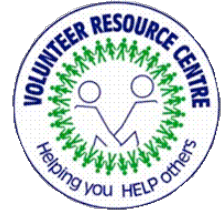




National Volunteer Week

The Grasslands Regional FCSS program, the Volunteer Resource Centre is gearing up for the 2011 National Volunteer Week Celebrations, April 10-16, 2011. Activities include:



Voluntary Sector Symposium (April 11, College from 2-4)

The Volunteer Resource Centre will be hosting a symposium for all members of the Voluntary Sector in Newell County (sectors using volunteers to support their mandates- sports, recreation, social services, community Services, education, public services, health and religious) This symposium will be an interactive session to share best practices and identify issues & trends within the voluntary sector in Newell County. Target group are individuals responsible for recruiting, screening, training and developing volunteers. Two objectives will be met through this activity: recognition of those who manage volunteer development and secondly, an opportunity for the Volunteer Resource Centre to conduct an informal assessment on volunteer sector needs. The identification of KSA's (knowledge, skills and abilities) will impact future training, resource development and support provided to the voluntary sector through the VRC. Participants must register in advance by contacting the VRC by phone 403-362-4432 or through email vrctel@telus.net

Maximizing Your Volunteer Experience (April 11, College from 10-12)

A two hour workshop will be facilitated by the VRC. "Maximizing Your Volunteer Experience" is an interactive session for volunteers to discover how to set individualized goals around their volunteer contribution and integrate these goals into their volunteer experience. Workshop will target volunteers from any organization / agency within the voluntary sector. In recognition of your volunteers, FCSS & the VRC will be covering the cost of lunch for all participants. Agencies and organizations can send their volunteers to this event at no cost or can sign up volunteers and accompany them as a group function. **Lunch is included!** Participants must register in advance by contacting the VRC by phone 403-362-4432 or register through email @ vrctel@telus.net. Deadline to register is April 6

Youth Information Sessions (at High Schools during school day)

We all know Youth are our most valuable resource, so now is the time to develop leadership and create a culture of volunteerism with our youth. Statistics show the number one reason youth do not volunteer is because they "were not asked". With this in mind, the VRC is planning to visit High Schools throughout the County to promote youth volunteerism by doing the ASKING! During National Volunteer Week, the VRC will be unveiling posters targeting the engagement of youth volunteers. This will act as a kick off for the campaign that will run for months to come. These oversized posters will be rotated throughout the County to raise awareness of volunteer opportunities for youth. If your agency, organization or business is interested in "hosting" a poster as part of this campaign, please call the VRC @ 403-362-4432

"Cookie Gram" (deadline April 11, deliveries April 14)

Volunteer Sector agencies and organizations throughout the County will have the opportunity to send in a Cookie Gram to recognize individual volunteers within their agency/ program/ organization. The VRC will draw 25 submissions and deliver a "Cookie Gram" to that volunteer during National Volunteer Week. The Cookie Gram will be a large decorated heart shaped cookie wrapped in cellophane with a note attached. Deliveries will be made on April 14. To submit your volunteers, please email the VRC @ vrctel@telus.net > Email must include your name, the name of the volunteer, their phone number, address and their volunteer position with you.

Our deeds are like stones cast into the pool of time; though they themselves may disappear, their ripples extend into eternity.