

Nelson Waldorf School

2010–2011 Parent Involvement/Volunteer Form

Dear Nelson Waldorf School Parents and Guardians,

Parent participation and volunteering are an integral part of the NWS community. Details of the breadth of essential parent support in the school are outlined in the Parent Handbook, and class teachers will outline needs for their individual classes. This Questionnaire is to explore wider volunteer needs at the school and to generate a resource list of skills in our community. *We request that every parent at the school complete it with their registration package.*

This form is for you to signal your potential interest in specific areas to make it easier to find parent support throughout the school year. If, when an event rolls around, you are unable to help at that time, that's okay. We recognized that family, life, work, and health circumstances vary and impact how parents are able to contribute time and energy to the school. Hopefully each parent will explore how they are inspired to offer their time, skills, gifts, thoughts, creativity, organization, etc., throughout the year and throughout their child's journey in the school. Each contribution is unique, valued, and enhances the whole. Many hands make light work.

Parent/Guardian # 1				Parent/Guardian # 2			
Name:				Name:			
Address:				Address:			
Email:				Email:			
Hm Ph:	Wk Ph:	Cl Ph:		Hm Ph:	Wk Ph:	Cl Ph:	
I prefer to be contacted by:	Email		Phone		I prefer to be contacted by:	Phone	
The best times for me to volunteer are:	Weekdays	Weekends	Evenings	The best times for me to volunteer are:	Weekdays	Weekends	Evenings
I approve providing my email address and phone number to the parents of my children's classes: Y ___ N ___							

INTEREST in LEADERSHIP and TEAM WORK on the SCHOOL BOARD AND SCHOOL COMMITTEES:

Needs may vary each year – please tick areas of interest (and specify Parent #1 or Parent #2).

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, comprised of parents and faculty, is responsible for the financial and legal health of the school and for addressing long range planning for the school. The Board works closely with the faculty to maintain a healthy school.
- **THE PARENT COUNCIL** of NWS exists to build a thriving community to support our school, both students and faculty. All parents/guardians of enrolled students are welcome as members of the Parent Council.
- **SCHOOL COMMITTEES** formed each year by the Board, the Parent Council, and Faculty to meet identified needs are a vital part of our vibrant school community.
- **Marketing, Enrollment and Community Development** – Assist with community outreach, marketing, enrollment and public relations for NWS. (Specific tasks might include visioning marketing planning ideas and enrollment strategies, posting flyers, staffing a table for off-site events, greeting people at on-site events and strengthening the school's relationship with alumni by updating alumni information and organizing alumni events).
- **Fundraising Committee** – Specific tasks might include generating fundraising ideas, assisting with the Annual Fundraising Campaign, participating in promotions and appeals to encourage potential donors to financially support the school, grant writing, and supporting the selling of grocery cards.
- **Social Inclusion Coordinating Group (SICG)** – This group, which is comprised of the Social Inclusion Coordinator, four teachers, and four parents, is responsible for the Social Inclusion approach at the school.
- **Upper School Playground Committee** – Visioning and evolving plans for the upper school playground.

Classroom Assistance - In addition to the many school-wide opportunities to volunteer, supporting your child's class teacher is vitally important to the health of your child's class. Opportunities will present themselves for assistance with teaching assistance, building projects, housekeeping, fundraising, field trips, cooking, etc. If you are interested in participating in classroom volunteer activities, let your teacher know at the start of the year.

FESTIVALS and EVENTS

Below are some ways in which you can volunteer. It is by no means a complete list. Feel free to include other ways you would like to help. Please tick the areas that you are interested in helping out with. Please specify Parent #1 or Parent #2

ALL-SCHOOL WELCOME and HOEDOWN is our autumnal school gathering designed to welcome new and returning families back to school. All families are strongly expected to attend this highly informative and festive potluck event!

- Team to coordinate the event
 - Set-up and take-down crew
 - Create the Parent Council table
 - Coordinate the corn roast
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HALLOWEEN JOURNEY, open to the school community and the wider Nelson Community, is our fun-filled and magical event during Halloween season. Ways to volunteer include:

- Team to coordinate the event
 - Lantern and pumpkin set-up crew
 - Creative ideas for scenes
 - Scene coordinator
 - Scene set-up/take-down helpers
 - Actor
 - Journey Guide
 - Journey Guide Coordinator
 - Admissions Desk during the Journey
 - Poster Making / Advertising
 - Popcorn Maker
 - Lantern and pumpkin take-down crew
 - Procuring donations for treats
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WINTER FAIRE, open to our school community and the wider Nelson community, is our festive seasonal fundraiser. Every family is asked to contribute to their individual class events (eg: cookie kingdom, winter crafts, candle dipping, etc.) and/or other Winter Faire organizing listed:

- Team to coordinate the event
 - Decorations/Signage
 - Posters / Advertising
 - Silver King Artisan Market Coordinator
 - Musician Coordinator
 - Fireside Café Coordinator
 - Fireside Café Helper
 - Crafts for the Children's Only store
 - Silver King Artisan Market / Tree Decorating set-up and take-down
 - Coordinate Sustainable Solstice Raffle Baskets
 - 3 Evergreen Christmas trees
 - Musicians
 - Admission desk shift
 - Parking shift
 - Food Donations
 - Truckload of Cedar branches
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KINDERHOUSE MAYFEST, geared to families of young children and the wider Nelson Community, in celebration of the sun's return and the earth's renewal with all its wondrous colours and life.

- Team to coordinate the event
- Strawberry Shortcake coordinator
- Café Volunteer
- Food Donations
- Craft room coordinator
- Craft room volunteer
- Puppet show door keeper
- Flowers and willow branches for garlands
- Create community outreach table

SKILLS, INTERESTS, or CONTACTS I AM WILLING TO SHARE (please specify which parent)

In addition to scheduled events and activities throughout the year, Nelson Waldorf School often needs volunteers with specific skills for class activities, Middle School Project weeks, or wider school projects.

Please let us know your many talents and skills that you might be willing to share with our school. Likewise, if you have contacts in any of the areas mentioned below, please indicate that as well.

SKILLS/TALENTS/CONTACTS

- Archery
- Arrange flowers / nature tables
- Art Skills
- Baking/Cooking/Catering
- Basketry
- Blacksmithing
- Building and Grounds Maintenance
- Carpentry / Construction
- Childcare
- Circus Arts
- Clay work
- Computer Expertise
- Costumes/Sets/Makeup
- Decorations
- Distribute promotional flyers in my local area
- Drama / Theatre production
- Eco-art
- Farming
- Gardening/Landscaping
- General housekeeping
- Grant writing
- Graphic Design/Web Design
- Green sustainable ideas
- Handwork
- Host a school guest in my home
- Humanities (e.g. _____)
- Leather work
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music, please specify: _____
- Office Assistance
- Outdoor Education
- Own a truck and are willing to do occasional errands
- Painting
- Photocopying
- Photography
- Physical Education/ Coaching
- Science
- Sewing
- Stage Set Up
- Video/Audio skills
- Weaving
- Wholesale computer hardware & software
- Wholesale Flowers
- Wholesale Food
- Wholesale Paper
- Wholesale Printing
- Other (please list below)

Comments:

Additional copies of this form are available on our website at <http://www.nelsonwaldorf.org>.

(If you have questions about any items on this form, please contact the school office and a Faculty member or Parent Council rep. will contact you.)