

Volunteer and Make A Difference in Your Community Today

YMCA Community Programs – Beyond the Bell™

Location	St. Catharines
Time Commitment	3-6 hours per week

Why Volunteer for the YMCA?

The YMCA is a charity dedicated to building healthy communities. The YMCA of Niagara delivers programs in Health, Fitness and Aquatics, Community Outreach, Child Care, Day Camp and Employment & Immigrant Services throughout the Niagara Region. We are committed to nurturing the potential of children, youth, and families, promoting healthy living and fostering social responsibility within the community. Our focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means we serve people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities through all stages of life.

NATURE & SCOPE

YMCA Beyond the Bell™ is an academic-based program that emphasizes literacy, numeracy, recreation, homework and values education. YMCA Beyond the Bell™ gives children the additional help they need to keep pace with their grade level and their peers. Volunteers report to the Team Leader and are asked to assist with direct delivery at a program location.

EXPECTATIONS:

- To appreciate and support the YMCA values, mission and vision.
- To demonstrate energy, dedication and enthusiasm.
- To appreciate and desire to generously serve all.
- To thrive in an atmosphere of change and ambiguity.
- To work as a member of a team.
- To achieve planned results through personal initiative.
- To model commitment to service excellence and quality.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Help lead engaging programs for children and youth after school at local elementary schools in the Niagara Region, focusing on literacy, numeracy, and physical activity.
- Provides program delivery at the Beyond the Bell site.
- Demonstrate positive interactions with youth involved with the program in order to build relationships.
- Work with the onsite staff team to assess conflict situations and exercise good judgment when implementing solutions.
- Participate in training and adhere to the YMCA Child Protection Policies and Procedures as established by the YMCA of Niagara.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous experience with children and youth is an asset but not required. Training will be provided.
- Patient and caring attitude. Energy, enthusiasm and flexibility.
- 18 years of age or older.
- A clear and satisfactory criminal record check inclusive of the vulnerable sector search (PVSC) issued for the YMCA of Niagara
- Interview and 3 references will be required.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

- Volunteer orientation inclusive of relevant YMCA Policies and Procedures.
- Supervision and support from YMCA staff, Team Leader and Program Coordinator.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete an online volunteer application at <https://ymcaofniagara.org/volunteer/opportunities/>

Accessibility accommodations and material in alternative formats for individuals with disabilities can be arranged upon request.

For more information for this and other opportunities at the YMCA of Niagara please visit our website: www.ymcaofniagara.org