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Sunshine, Learning, Achievement & More (S.L.A.M.) Program Volunteer Position Description

- Purpose:** The position of Sunshine, Learning Achievement & More (S.L.A.M.) Program Volunteer supports the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region's summer program for children and youth (ages 6 -10) with learning difficulties and/or AD(H)D. This program is designed to motivate and help children gain confidence and academic success in reading and writing as well as make social skills gains. Children spend half the day on engaging, hands-on literacy and social skills activities and the remaining half on recreational activities, sports and crafts. It is also designed to help volunteers gain knowledge and experience in working with children who experience difficulties learning essential academic and social skills. Therefore this position is responsible for assisting in the coordination, safety, delivery, evaluation and supervision of the S.L.A.M. Summer Program.
- Job Title:** S.L.A.M. Program Volunteer
- Location:** The S.L.A.M. program is conducted in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland during the months of July and August 2017.
- Key Responsibilities:** The S.L.A.M. Program Volunteer:
- Assists the program head instructor and other instructors with the delivery of the Summer S.L.A.M. program;
 - Promotes safety of participants during all the program activities;
 - Motivates and encourage participants in achieving their goals;
 - Takes initiative when assisting staff and interacting with participants;
 - Available from Monday to Friday (full days preferable).
- Reports to:** Program Head Instructor and Program Coordinator
- Length of Appointment:** Is available Monday to Friday (full week) from 8:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. and can volunteer for any of the following weeks/locations offered (volunteering for multiple weeks welcomed):
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| St. Catharines: | Niagara Falls: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 3 - 7, 2017• July 10 - 14, 2017• July 17 - 21, 2017• July 24 - 28, 2017• July 31 - August 4, 2017• August 14 - 18, 2017• August 21 - 15, 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 10 - 14, 2017• July 17 - 21, 2017• July 24 - 28, 2017 |
| | Welland: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 31 - August 4, 2017• August 14 - 18, 2017• August 21- 25, 2017 |

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- Attending training session
- Responsible for transportation to and from program locations
- Must fill out time sheets
- Reporting to Program Head Instructor and Program Coordinator

Qualifications:

Eligible candidates for the S.L.A.M. Program Volunteer position include individuals over 16 years of age.

- Passed a criminal check
- First Aid/CPR is an asset
- Previous experience working with individuals with learning disabilities an asset
- Previous experience with recreational camp activities an asset
- Works well with children and youth
- Is assertive, responsible, and reliable
- Has previous experience managing groups of children

Skills:

Participants should demonstrate:

- Proficiency in English
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- The ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Patience, reliability, responsibility, and professionalism

Benefits:

Will develop skills related to the association.

- Understanding the functions and roles of LDANR
- Identifying and utilizing community resources
- Gaining understanding of the issues and needs of the client
- Increased knowledge of Learning Disabilities and AD(H)D

Support Provided:

Training for this position will take place on Tuesday, June 20th from 9:00am – 12:30pm (location TBD). In addition, the Program Coordinator and Program Instructors are available on an ongoing basis to answer questions and provide assistance as needed.

Please complete a Volunteer Intake Form on our website www.LDANiagara.org under the “Get Involved” tab as soon as possible.

Please indicate the week(s) and location(s) you are available to volunteer for!

Inquiries regarding this position can be directed to:

Sarah Farrell, Program Coordinator

Email: programsLdan@cogeco.net

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region is committed to our Accessibility and Accommodation policy. We welcome and encourage applications from individuals with disabilities. Candidates taking part in all aspects of the recruitment and selection process are encouraged to communicate needs for accommodation and we will partner with you to meet those needs.