WHY SHOULD I BECOME A VOLUNTEEN?

There are many reasons you might choose to become a VolunTEEN this summer. Volunteering is a lot of fun. Many of your friends may have been a VolunTEEN in the past. This program also is a good way to meet new teens from other schools. Students from Rolla, St. James, Salem, Bland, Cuba, Newburg, Vienna, Dixon and Waynesville participate in this program.

Being a VolunTEEN also looks impressive on college, scholarship, National Honor Society (NHS) and job applications. Two- to 3-hour shifts per week are required. The program concludes with an appreciation and awards event planned by the VolunTEENs.



VolunTEENS help at information desks.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Application deadline: May 12, 2023
- TB skin testing: May 30, 2023, 9:00-11:00 AM Phelps Health Occupational Health and Wellness
- Mandatory orientation/TB skin test read: June 1, 2023, 9:00 AM-noon
- Session runs: June 5-30, 2023



A VolunTEEN learns about Phelps Air.

2023 VOLUNTEEN Program



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VOLUNTEEN APPLICATION INFORMATION

The VolunTEEN program runs from June 5-30, 2023, for teens in middle school, junior high or high school ages 14-18. To become a VolunTEEN, teens must complete an application online and send a copy of their most recent report card, one reference form, an immunization record showing two MMR and COVID-19 vaccinations, and a health screening form by May 12, 2023.

A TB skin test also must be performed to screen for tuberculosis. The Phelps Health Occupational Health and Wellness Department offers a TB skin testing clinic where teens can receive the TB skin test and reading free of charge.

A mandatory orientation will be held Thursday, June 1, 2023, from 9:00 AM-noon in the Phelps Health Private Dining Rooms 1 and 2, near the Cafeteria. During this orientation, teens will become familiar with hospital procedures and policies regarding fire safety, confidentiality, electrical safety, acceptable VolunTEEN behavior and other important topics.



AREAS TO VOLUNTEER

Each year, VolunTEENs are assigned to several different areas throughout the hospital. These areas include information and wayfinding desks at the Main Entrance, North Entrance and Medical Office Building. VolunTEENs also may assist with the hospitality cart and clerical projects as requested.

Some departments are unable to use VolunTEENs due to confidentiality rules and regulations; however, presentations and/or tours may be provided if available. The following Phelps Health departments have previously offered presentations: Emergency Department, Home Health, Occupational Health, Surgery, Volunteer Services (Retail Marketing), Respiratory Services, Laboratory and more.



VolunTEENs get ready to observe a surgical procedure.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

During the summer, VolunTEENs work on different committees to plan for the end of the summer awards and appreciation event. They also help with the scrapbook that summarizes the program in pictures. The event committees include the following: food, games, music, setup and cleanup, photography and awards. These committees provide a great opportunity to practice workplace skills, such as team building, communication and task prioritization.



The Phelps Health Auxiliary and Volunteer Services sponsors the VolunTEEN program. Shown above are VolunTEENS from 2019.