

Stoney Creek Optimist Club – Winona Peach Festival

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering with The Optimist Club of Stoney Creek. We are a community service organization dedicated to "Bringing out the best in youth, in our communities and in ourselves". We have been supporting youth in Stoney Creek since 1954, more than 60 years! Optimist clubs are members of the worldwide Optimist International service organization dedicated to serving the **youth of their communities**.

The purpose of the Optimist Club of Stoney Creek is to develop "Optimism" as a philosophy of life and to aid and encourage the youth of our community.

Volunteer in Groups

As part of the Ontario Education diploma requirements, students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities. These activities may be completed at any time during their years in the secondary school program. *Remember to bring the proper form to document your hours and have an Optimist Board Member sign and confirm the completed hours before leaving your scheduled shift(s).*

We have several fund raising projects during the year, including a booth at the **Winona Peach Festival**. These projects help us support local youth through the **Stoney Creek Little League Baseball** program, the **Hamilton Challenger Baseball Association**, **Central Ontario Leadership Seminars (COLS)**, awards for active graduating students at **St. John Henry Newman, Orchard Park and Saltfleet Secondary Schools**, the **Orchard Park Robotics Club**, **The Equestrian Association for the Disabled**, the **Stoney Creek Food Bank**, and **Food4Kids**, just to name a few.

Volunteer Job Descriptions and Opportunities

Use the job descriptions listed below to help you choose a position you would like to volunteer for. Volunteer shifts will be assigned on a first come, first service basis. You may volunteer in more than one area and as often as you wish. Every effort will be made to accommodate your selection when the schedules are completed. We appreciate your understanding if we place you in an area that was not your first choice.

Shift duration = minimum 4 hours with the option to add additional hours

Peach Festival

Friday, August 26, 2022	8:30 am – 11:30 pm
Saturday, August 27, 2022	9:00 am – 11:30 pm
Sunday, August 27, 2022	9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Runners (1 – 2 volunteers per shift)

- Retrieving supplies from the refrigerator truck and/or ice trailer for various food and beverage stations/assembly areas

Beverage Tent (2 – 3 volunteers per shift)

- Issuing customers various beverage options – water and pop
- Replenish supplies from the truck
- Make change for customers
- Work in tandem with volunteers taking customer orders for food

Optimist Deli (3 – 4 volunteers per shift)

- Preparation of cold sandwiches/wraps
- Buns are delivered fresh each morning so volunteers will be responsible for pre-cutting buns that day
- Ingredients are kept refrigerated outside of time when they are being prepared
- Volunteers to identify for Runners when replenishment of supplies from refrigerated truck is required

Fries/Poutine Assembly (3 – 4 volunteers per shift)

- Prepare poutine and chili cheese taters as required from customer orders
- One table for trays of fries, and two crock pots for gravy and chili and product containers
- Replenishment of items as required
- Make every effort to be consistent in the size of each serving

Server Station (3 – 4 volunteers per shift)

- Receiving orders from customer
- Interaction where necessary with BBQ station and cash to confirm orders
- Monitoring of serviettes, forks, condiments, etc.
- Regular cleaning of front area to maintain and cleanliness and a neat appearance

General Information

- Each of you is critical to the smooth operation of the weekend events and creating a positive, fun experience for all who participate
- Visit <http://winonapeach.com> to learn as much as you can about the festival in advance – regulations, rules, etc.
- Meet at the food venue area 5-10 minutes in advance of your scheduled shift

- Do not bring valuables or large items (bags, backpacks, etc.) to the park. The Festival is a large public event and we cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Dress accordingly and wear comfortable shoes. No sandals or flip flops. Appropriate food safety measures (proper hand washing, etc.) must be followed in accordance with Public health measures. No smoking on park property. Additionally, we ask that the use of cell phones and consumption of food products be avoided during the scheduled shift.
- Stay in your assigned volunteer area and we appreciate your flexibility as your work duties/assignment may shift depending on customer demand
- Focus on being helpful to all individuals attending – smile and be courteous at all times!