



## March Break Boost! Program Volunteer Position Description

- Purpose:** The position of March Break Boost! Program Volunteer supports the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region's March Break program for children and youth (ages 6 – 12) with learning difficulties and/or AD(H)D. This program is designed to motivate and help children gain confidence and academic success in reading, numeracy & writing as well as social skills gains. Children spend half the day on engaging, hands-on literacy, numeracy 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.
- Job Title:** March Break Boost Program Volunteer
- Location:** The March Break Boost Program is conducted in the Silver Spire Church in St. Catharines and the Safety Village in Welland during March Break 2012 (March 12 – 16, 2012).
- Key Responsibilities:** The March Break Boost Program Volunteer:
- Assists the program facilitator with the delivery of the March Break program;
  - Promote safety of participants during all the program activities;
  - Motivate and encourage participants in achieving their goals;
  - Take initiative when assisting staff and interacting with participants;
- Reports to:** Program Facilitator
- Length of Appointment:** Is available Monday to Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Volunteers that are available for any day during the week of March 12 – 16, 2012 would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are required to commit to the full day.
- Mandatory Activities:** Mandatory Activities:
- Attending training sessions at the LDANR office.
  - Responsible for transportation to and from program locations.
  - Must fill out time sheets.
  - Reporting to Program Facilitator
  - Filling out Incident/Accident forms when necessary
  - Taking initiative when working with co-workers and interacting with participants
- Qualifications:** Eligible candidates for the March Break Boost Program Volunteer Position include individuals who have earned a post-secondary degree or are currently earning a degree and have passed a criminal check.
- First Aid/CPR is an asset
  - Previous experience working with individuals with learning disabilities is an asset
  - Drivers license is an asset
  - Works well with children and youth
  - Is assertive, responsible, and reliable
  - Has previous experience managing groups of children
- Skills:** Participants should demonstrate:
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
  - Ability to work independently and as part of a team
  - Must be **reliable**, organized, assertive, and professional
  - Ability to work with children and families
  - Must be patient, mature, responsible
- 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 be provided prior to March Break. In addition, the Program Coordinator and Program Facilitator are available on an ongoing basis to answer questions and provide assistance as needed.

**Interested applicants are invited to complete a Volunteer Intake Form on our website ([www.ldaniagara.org](http://www.ldaniagara.org)) under “Volunteers” as soon as possible!**

Any questions?

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