



Volunteer Positions and Descriptions

Below are volunteer positions within Laguna Woods Village, as well as the descriptions and time commitment of each position and a phone number to call for more information.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and would like to submit an application to the Department of Recreation and Special Events, download and print the Volunteer Application or fill out on your device and email it to recreation@vmsinc.org.

Library

949-597-4274

Tasking that requires computer skills:

Front desk

There are 11 shifts per week at three hours each (10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 to 4 p.m.). Each shift includes four to five volunteers (including the supervisor). Requires a friendly personality and the ability to shelve books and read the stacks.

Ordering, cataloging and processing new items

Books: Two volunteers six to 10 hours weekly.

DVDs: Two volunteers two to four hours weekly.

CD books: One volunteer two to four hours weekly.

Front-desk personnel training

One volunteer as needed.

Paperback books

Supervisor and two volunteers to sort, label and dispose of donations.

Overdue/missing items

One volunteer working six hours weekly.

One volunteer to cover vacation time.

Process donations and replacement of books

Two volunteers three hours weekly.

Magazine ordering and processing

Two volunteers two hours weekly.

Tasking that DOES NOT require computer skills:

Book mending

One volunteer two to three hours weekly. Requires specific skills.

Jigsaw puzzles

One volunteer two to three hours weekly.

Book selection committee

Five to six volunteers meeting monthly two to three hours and reviewing booking-ahead list each month another two hours monthly.

Foreign book processing

Two to three volunteers two hours monthly. Must be able to identify languages (especially Asian, Farsi and Arabic). Label books and keep shelves in order.

History Center

949-268-2326

Hours

Any time during weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers unable to make a shift do not need to find a replacement.

- Training provided in archival procedures, curating collections, local history preservation, internal computer network, large-format scanning, et al. Our fun-loving amateurs proudly do professional work.
- Skills needed include writing, speaking, social media, content research, digital processes, nonprofit corporate governance, et al.

Video Lab, Video Studio

Steve Carman; 424-254-6583

Hours

Tuesday through Friday 1 to 4 p.m.

- Assist in converting Residents' old media (video cameras, 35 slides, VHS tapes and records) to modern digital formats.
- Instruct and assist Residents in editing video.
- Coach Residents in creating videos using camcorders, cameras, smartphones and tablets.
- Check out and receive consumer-level camcorder kits to club members and Residents to record personal/group events.
- Familiarity with various types of video and editing equipment is desirable. New volunteers are teamed with more experienced ones for on-the-job training.
- This position requires no special physical capabilities.

In addition to the above volunteer opportunities, the Video Club of Laguna Woods offers several opportunities a week for volunteers to join video production teams in the studio or on location to shoot programs to be broadcast on Village Television or for other purposes. Familiarity with video equipment and techniques is helpful but not necessary for participation.

Clubhouse 4 Workshops

949-597-4344

Photo Supervisor

Hours

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

- Instruct Residents to sign attendance sheet.
- Instruct Residents to sign waiver if first time in workshop.
- Sell printer paper, mat board, etc., to Residents as necessary
- Unlock cupboards and equipment.
- Ensure all equipment is used correctly.
- Must possess working knowledge of printers, Mac computers, software and mounting equipment. Training provided.

Art Supervisor

Hours

Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. to noon, noon to 4 p.m.

- Instruct Residents to sign attendance sheet.
- Instruct Residents to sign waiver if first time in workshop.
- Unlock cupboards and equipment and ensure that all equipment is used correctly.

Woodshop Supervisor

Hours

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to noon, noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m. to noon

- Instruct Residents to sign attendance sheet.
- Instruct Residents to sign waiver if first time in workshop.
- Unlock cupboards and equipment and ensure that all equipment is used correctly.
- Working knowledge of saws, drills, sanders and hand tools required.

Jewelry Supervisor

Hours

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Instruct Residents to sign attendance sheet.
- Instruct Residents to sign waiver if first time in workshop.
- Unlock cupboards and equipment and ensure that all equipment is used correctly.
- Working knowledge of kilns, gas torch and hand tools.

Sewing Supervisor

Hours

Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. to noon, noon to 4 p.m.

- Instruct Residents to sign attendance sheet.
- Instruct Residents to sign waiver if first time in workshop.
- Sell to Residents/accept from Residents cloth, thread, etc., as necessary.
- Unlock cupboards and equipment; ensure that all equipment is used correctly.
- Working knowledge of sewing machines and irons required.

Glass\Lapidary Supervisor

Hours

Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to noon, noon to 4 p.m.

- Instruct Residents to sign attendance sheet.
- Instruct Residents to sign waiver if first time in workshop.
- Unlock cupboards and equipment and ensure that all equipment is used correctly.
- Check tumblers and ensure all water is turned on/off.
- Working knowledge of saws, kilns and polishers required.

Ceramics Supervisor

Hours

Monday through Sunday 8:30 a.m. to noon, noon to 4 p.m.

- Instruct Residents to sign attendance sheet.
- Instruct Residents to sign waiver if first time in workshop.
- Unlock cupboards and equipment and ensure that all equipment is used correctly.
- Sell tools, clay, etc. to Residents as necessary.

Slip Casting Supervisor

Hours

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Instruct Residents to sign attendance sheet.

- Instruct Residents to sign waiver if first time in workshop.
- Unlock cupboards and equipment and ensure that all equipment is used correctly.
- Be available to residents to pick up pieces and purchase glazes, underglazes, slip, etc.
- Working knowledge of slips, glazes and underglazes required.

Notes regarding the above workshop positions

- Training can be provided for Clubhouse 4 workshop positions.
- Clubhouse 4 workshops are open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays during Emeritus semesters and Thursdays.
- Ceramic, sewing and the art studios remain open longer on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Garden Center

949-268-2387

Hours

Volunteers are asked to be available a minimum of three hours weekly (Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.) where they garden.

- Assist Resident gardeners in a kind, friendly manner. When in doubt, take a message so that the Garden Center Coordinator may contact the Resident.
- Become familiar with water shutoff locations.
- Shut off the water when there is an irrigation leak and contact the Garden Center Coordinator if available; otherwise contact Security.
- Help clean and organize tool sheds.
- Report maintenance issues such as broken tools, rodent nesting sites, debris, etc.
- Contact Security or call 911 as needed for injuries and theft.
- Report safety hazards to the Garden Center Coordinator.
- Monitor trash in common areas; close dumpster lids when left open.
- Customer service and gardening knowledge required.
- Must be able to navigate Garden Center terrain.
- Volunteers get dirty and dusty and are exposed to a large variety of plants/shrubs.

TV6 Trading Post

949-597-4295

Hours

Volunteers must commit to one day a week or as an on-call program substitute. "The Trading Post" is a half-hour program broadcast live Monday to Friday at 11 a.m. Volunteers must arrive in the studio at 10:30 a.m. and be prepared to give approximately one hour of time.

- Performs a variety of tasks that support the Channel 6 Trading Post program, including reviewing/editing ads, reading live on the air and organizing all ads after the live show.

- Volunteers help ensure “The Trading Post” operates effectively and that audience and members placing ads have a positive experience.
- Qualified applicants must be enthusiastic and outgoing, have excellent presentation and communication skills and be able to work in a team environment.
- For further information please contact 949-597-4295.

Friendly Visitors

949-597-4376

Hours

45 to 75 hours per year

- Make a minimum one-year commitment to visit socially isolated Laguna Woods Village Residents who lack a strong support system. He/she will visit an assigned Resident once a week/every other week and make calls between visits to chat and schedule visits (30 to 60 hours per year).
- Attend two one-and-a-half-hour training sessions prior to placement.
- Attend monthly meetings (first Tuesdays of each month) to meet with other volunteers and learn more about services available to Community Residents (nine hours per year).
- Maintain a log of all calls and visits with assigned Resident and turn it in once a month for statistical purposes (three hours per year).

Skills required

- Friendly demeanor and nonjudgmental attitude.
- Ability to travel to a Resident’s manor for visits.
- Ability to listen carefully and participate in compassionate conversation.
- Ability to keep a log of calls and visits.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality regarding Resident interactions.
- Complete interview, application and background check.
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Computer Learning Center: PC

949-268-2262

Hours

Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Inquire within the PC Computer Learning Center

Computer Learning Center: Mac

949-783-0997

Hours

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Room Supervisor

- Shifts: 9 a.m. to noon or noon to 3 p.m. one day per week.
- Open or close room.
- Greet visitors to the Mac Computer Learning Center
- Assist Residents with questions regarding their Apple products.
- Assist Residents with printing and scanning.
- Training available.

Instructor

Teach classes on Apple programs or apps.

Librarian

Order technical books for the Mac library.

Publicity

Write and place calendar articles in the weekly Laguna Woods Globe.

Skills

Familiarity with various Apple devices.