

V.I.P.A.R.

Volunteers in Parks and Recreation



APPLICATION



City of La Porte Parks & Recreation
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Parent/Guardian Letter



Dear Potential V.I.P.A.R. Parent(s) & Guardian(s),

Being a volunteer for the Parks and Recreation Department can be a great experience for your child. They will receive valuable and practical job experiences, that can benefit them in future career endeavors.

Participants in this program are expected to meet the following requirements:

- 13-18 years old
- Be a responsible and sensible teenager or young adult
- Show respect to all employees
- Follow all policies
- Fulfill required tasks

This program is preparing teenagers for the work environment and giving them the opportunity to lead in certain situations that they are capable of leading.

As a parent/guardian of a V.I.P.A.R., you will have responsibilities as well. You will be responsible to provide transportation for your child to and from their volunteer assignments.

Once the attached forms are complete, please return them to the Recreation and Fitness Center, or email them to the Recreation Center Specialist below.

We are looking forward to working with your child during this program. We feel that it will be a great experience, as well as, a lot of fun! If selected to be a V.I.P.A.R., your child will check in once a week at the Charles Walker Community Center to gather their assignments.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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General Information



Purpose

To provide teenagers with the unique opportunity to gain work experience, build their resume, and give back to their community, all while having fun.

VIPAR Responsibilities

- Must be able to work the full time of an event
- Assist the recreation leaders in planning, developing and executing special events
- Learn recreational, educational, leisure activities and programs
- Assist in setting up and cleaning up the areas for activities
- Adhere to your assigned work schedule (notify your supervisor if you are unable to work)
- Assist with control and discipline of participants
- Conduct self in a mature, responsible manner and to remember that a V.I.P.A.R. is a representative of the La Porte Parks and Recreation Department
- Record hours worked daily
- Remember: SAFETY FIRST!

Parent Responsibility

- Provide transportation to and from assignments
- Sign all paperwork
- Ensure volunteer is dropped off and picked up on time

Qualifications

- Applicants must be between 13 and 18 years old
- Recreational activity knowledge and experience (recommended)
- Minimum of one letter of recommendation
- All paperwork completed accurately
- Interview for admittance
- Available to work
- Demonstrate relevant talents and mature attitude
- Energy, enthusiasm, and desire to meet programs goals

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Volunteer Phone Number: _____ Birthday: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Home Number: _____ Parent Cell Number: _____

Emergency name/Phone number: _____

Areas of interest: (Check all that apply)

Youth Sports Arts and Crafts Game Room Homework Help Fitness

Referee (Basketball) Special Events Senior Citizens Other Special Populations

Youth Camps (ages 6-9) Youth Camps (ages 9-12)

What are your hobbies?

Do you belong to any clubs?

What sports do you like to play?

Have you ever attended a Parks and Recreation Program? If so, which one?

Are there any **days** you would not be available on a regular basis (due to school, sports, etc.)?

Are there any specific **dates and times** you would not be available (due to vacations/trips, appointments, etc.)?

Please write a few sentences telling us why you want to be a V.I.P.A.R.

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Personal Reference Form
(Not a relative)



1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

2. Do you think the applicant is qualified in assisting in recreational programs with guidance?

Please explain. _____

3. Do you find the applicant to be dependable? To use mature judgment? To be a positive role model for children? Please explain. _____

4. Do you feel the applicant has obtained the responsibility level to work with youth? Please explain. _____

5. Additional comments. _____

Your name: _____

Day phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Email: _____

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Volunteer Waiver



I, _____, agree to participate, if accepted as a Volunteer in Parks and Recreation for the current year. I understand that I will assist Recreation Specialists in the implementation, coordination, control and supervision of activities, programs, and special events. I also understand that I have special responsibilities as stated on this application. I understand that failure to follow these rules, regulations and assignments may be grounds for dismissal from the V.I.P.A.R. Program.

I, _____, request to perform volunteer work for the City of La Porte, Texas. I understand I am not an employee of the City while performing work as a volunteer. I also understand that I am not insured under the City's Workman's Compensation Insurance while acting as a volunteer. I specifically waive any Workman's Compensation Insurance claim I might have against the City if I am injured while acting as a volunteer and do hereby release and discharge the City, its employees, officials, and agents from any such claim, or for liability for such injuries.

I, _____, understand that volunteering for Parks and Recreation programs will require finding my own transportation to and from assignments.

Parents

I understand my child will need transportation to and from assignments he/she will be volunteering for. I agree to make arrangements for transportation. I understand if my child is walking or riding a bike to and from assignment locations, I will notify the Recreation Specialist.

I also grant permission for the City of La Porte to transport my child in a City vehicle as needed to fulfill requirements of volunteer service, and hold the City of La Porte, its employees, officials, and agents harmless from any liability for any injury incurred while being transported.

VIPAR Name (Print)

VIPAR Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date