



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

2025 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

YMCA OF THE FOX CITIES

Please look over the opportunities and if you see something of interest let us know by [Clicking Here!](#)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fox Cities Fit Challenge

Appleton YMCA, 218 E. Lawrence St. Appleton

Saturday, April 12th, 2025 8:00 AM

Fun and Competitive special event that challenges all areas of fitness.

Camp Shioc Clean Up Day

N5414 Pluger Rd, Shiocton, WI

Thursday, May 1 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Assist with opening the camp for summer. Sprucing up shelter, grounds, and pond area. Lunch provided.

Camp Nan A Bo Sho Work/Clean Up Day

18369 Okonto Lane, Lakewood WI

Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

We have a project wish list we hope to accomplish on Work Day. If you have a particular skill, trade, or expertise (for example carpentry, electrical, plumbing) that you would like to share at the Work Day, please let us know when you register, and we will have a special project for you. We also need help with raking, cleaning, and sprucing up camp for the summer season. While there is no cost to attend this event, we do ask you to register so we can get an accurate count for lunch. Lunch will be provided.

Track & Field Meet

Calder Field Menasha, Saturday, May 17

The Sports & Recreation department is in need of volunteers for this year's Track & Field Meet on Saturday, May 17th at Calder Field in Menasha. With close to 500 athletes participating in our league this season, we need your help to run another successful meet! As a volunteer, you may choose to be a timer/lane assistant or work at our welcoming/ribbon table.

Garden Clean Up Day

Apple Creek YMCA, 2851 E Apple Creek Rd, Appleton, WI

May 7 9:00-10:30AM

Join us to prepare the large Apple Creek YMCA Garden. We are looking for your help to prepare the garden. Plan to get dirty cleaning up and weeding the space. Please bring gloves & boots, and dress for the weather!

We are also looking for ongoing assistance weeding and watering the garden this summer.

Fox Cities Summer Classic Swim Meet

Erb Park Pool – Appleton WI

Friday, June 13 7:00 PM Setup

Saturday, June 14 7:00 AM–8:00 PM

Sunday, June 15 7:00 AM–1:00 PM

Concessions, Lane timers and set-up/take down help needed throughout event.

Pajama Jam

Shattuck Park – Neenah WI

Thursday, July 3 7:45–8:45PM

Assist with supervision of the dance party and help handout giveaways.

Tadpole Trot/Catfish Races

Lions Park, Greenville WI

Friday, July 11 4:00– 8:00PM

Volunteers needed to help set-up, monitor, and take down for the Tadpole Trot and Y booth.

Bird Bath Invitational Swim Meet

Erb Park Pool, Appleton WI

Thursday, July 10 7:00 PM Setup

Friday, July 11 8:00 AM–8:00 PM

Saturday, July 12 & Sunday, July 13 7:00 AM–6:00 PM

Concessions, Lane timers and set-up/take down are needed throughout event.

Cross Country Meet

Lions Park Greenville

Saturday, October 11

Volunteer opportunities include Course Officials (guiding runners), Timers, Greeters, Finish Line Photographer (to help keep runners in order) and a Pace Biker. It is a great day and a fun day.

Volunteers could commit to part or all of the morning (exact times TBD).

Turkey Invitational Gymnastics Meet

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Heart of the Valley YMCA – 225 W. Kennedy Ave, Kimberly WI

Set up – Friday, November 7.

Competition – Friday, November 7, Saturday, November 8 & Sunday, November 9

Take down – Sunday, November 9

Blocks of time are available to assist with set up, data entry, music, score cards, concessions, take down and more.

5K, Walk/Runs

Assist with our annual runs. Opportunities include registration, water stations; food and beverage, course set-up and take-down, finish line, refreshments, and intersection control.

Freaky 5K

Pierce Park, 1000 W. Prospect Ave. Appleton

Saturday, October 25 8:30 AM

5K Run/Walk, Kids 1K Fun Run

Sign up now! <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/WI/Appleton/YMCAFreaky5K>

Festival Foods Turkey Trot

Fox Cities Exhibition Center

Wednesday, November 26 12:00–6:00 PM

Thursday, November 27 6:00–10:00 AM

Sign up for volunteer opportunities at www.festivalfoodsturkeytrot.com

Fox Cities Marathon – YMCA Volunteer

Riverside Park – Neenah WI

Volunteer for the Community First Credit Union Fox Cities Marathon presented by Miron Construction on Sunday, September 21, 2025

Volunteer with the YMCA of the Fox Cities' team in the food tent! This rewarding volunteer experience involves handing out food to the marathon participants who have completed the race. It is great fun, the time passes quickly, and the marathon participants are grateful. Come join us for a fun-filled activity. Sign up for volunteer opportunities beginning in July at www.foxcitiesmarathon.org/volunteer.

Camp Hope

Appleton Montessori School – Plamann Park

Volunteer to assist with activities and fun at Camp Hope. Camp Hope is a 2-week long day camp for children ages 6-12 with physical and cognitive disabilities. This camp gives children the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in a safe setting built around special themes each day. Time blocks are available during the day.

Session Dates:

July 7-18, 2025

9:30 AM-4:30 PM

Camp Inspiration

Appleton Montessori School – Plamann Park

Camp Inspiration is a two-week long day camp for children ages 13-18 with physical and cognitive disabilities. This camp gives children the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in a safe setting built around special themes each day. Time blocks are available during the day.

Session Dates:

July 21-August 1, 2025

9:30AM-4:30PM

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Garden and Grounds Crew

Help keep the YMCA grounds and garden looking beautiful. Tasks include weeding, planting, lawn mowing and watering. Opportunities are available at many YMCA branches!

Purdy Preserve Volunteer

Apple Creek YMCA, 2851 E Apple Creek Rd, Appleton, WI

Volunteers are needed for many outdoor tasks such as tree trimming, trail maintenance, brush removal and more. Hours and dates are flexible and weather dependent, with most occurring in the spring and summer. Individuals and small groups can be easily accommodated.

Early Childhood Reading and Art Helpers

Appleton YMCA Early Learning Center would welcome volunteers to read to children or lead an art project. Times available on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9 - 11 AM. Staff will provide reading and art materials we just need your energy and smiles.

Youth Sports Coaches

YMCA Locations: Appleton, Fox West, Heart of the Valley, and Neenah-Menasha

Provide skill development in a variety of sport leagues. Instill our character values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. Provide young athletes with a good role model for sportsmanship and teamwork. Sports include Baseball, Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, T-Ball, Track and Field, Volleyball.

Leagues days: Saturdays and/or weeknights, 2-6 hours per week for 6-8-week sessions.

Annual Campaign Ambassador

Assist with raising funds March-August

This group will work with staff, Board and community members from throughout the YMCA Association to solicit our donors and sponsorships.

Special Events Committees:

Golf Outing Committee

Timeframe: March through August

This committee will assist in the planning of our Annual Golf Outing Monday, August 26 North Shore Golf Club. As a committee member, we would ask that you assist with the following:

- Attend monthly meetings beginning in March.
- Secure event sponsors
- Acquire live auction donations.
- Volunteer the day of event if not golfing.

Togetherhood®

At the Y, we are dedicated to strengthening community by giving back and supporting our neighbors. We invite you to participate in Togetherhood®, a program that gives Y members the opportunity to select, plan, lead and participate in meaningful community service projects that benefit people and organizations right here in our neighborhood! Here are some of the projects currently happening in different YMCA communities around the Fox Cities:

YMCA Giving Tree

Each year, at Christmas time, the YMCA supports families in our communities that may not be able to provide gifts for their families. Each branch collects donated gifts and gift cards for those families and distributes them before the holidays. Watch for more information in November at your local YMCA branch.

Appleton Y – Service Club

The Appleton Y-Service Club meets twice per month (September through April) at the Appleton YMCA. Members develop a program schedule, which includes community speakers, Y staff presentations orienting members to Y programs, social events, and planning fundraising events to help the YMCA support innovative, impactful programming for youth, adults, and families.

Volunteer Service Projects

Christmas Tree Sale (November/ December)

Pancake Breakfast (February)

Camp Clean-ups (May/August)

Childcare Playground projects (May/June)

Y – Service Club Christmas Tree Sale

Festival Foods – Northland Ave. Appleton WI

Friday November 28 until trees are sold

Weekday evenings 5:00PM–8:0 PM Weekends 9:00AM–5:00PM

Join Y-Service Club volunteers selling Christmas Trees at our lot.

No experience needed. Helping hands needed in a variety of roles and flexible volunteer shifts.

Contact: Tracy Cook at tracycook@ymcafoxcities.org 920.954.7600

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Questions?

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