

Hurlburt Field
Airman & Family Readiness Center
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Happy Holidays!!!

Community Commando Volunteers, your contributions to our community are unmatched! Thank you for caring and especially for the sharing of your time and talents this year. We wish you a safe and Happy Holiday season.

How the Volunteer Resource Program (VRP) Works:

- ❖ Find a volunteer opportunity that appeals to you and contact Deborah Mobley, A&FRC Volunteer Coordinator, to receive a Volunteer Registration Form for official enrollment in the VRP. Upon completion and return of the form your email address will be added to the VRP distribution list for you to receive the volunteer newsletter directly.
- ❖ Desire newsletter distribution list removal, call or email Deborah.Mobley.1@us.af.mil to unsubscribe.
- ❖ The two ways to use the VRP:
 - (1) Choose volunteer opportunity(ies) from the newsletter and contact the agency POC directly to volunteer and to receive additional information.
 - (2) Be placed with an agency by the Hurlburt VRP Coordinator (email request to Deborah.Mobley.1@us.af.mil).
- ❖ To participate in volunteer opportunities featured in the newsletter, please contact the agency POC of the event beforehand to be included in the tentative headcount and to ensure you have accurate details.
- ❖ IF YOU REPRESENT OR KNOW OF AN AGENCY IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS AND INTERESTED IN LISTING A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY email Deborah.Mobley.1@us.af.mil

UPDATE!

“Future On-Going Opportunity”

Who: 1 SOW Legal Office

What: Will Notarization Ceremony Witness

When: Every Wednesday at approximately 1330 & every Thursday at approximately 0900

Where: 212 Lukasik Avenue, Suite 255, Bldg. 90210, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544

How: Volunteer(s) would serve as witnesses in the Will notarization ceremonies. They observe the oath given by the clients and they take an oath then witness signatures of the clients and sign verifying they witnessed the signatures

Good to know: Two witnesses are needed per session for approximately 1-2 hours

Why: When a client receives a Will or other estate documents they must be notarized and witnessed by two witnesses

Number of Volunteers: At least 2 per session

Phone/Email/Website: Capt Jessica Malekos Smith, 850-884-7821 / jessica.malekos_smith7@us.af.mil / please sign up using the Doodle Poll: <https://doodle.com/poll/tgu5widthspvu9i>

REPOST!

“Future On-Going Opportunity”

Who: Hurlburt Field’s Airman’s Attic

What: Daily Manager

When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Where: 120 Simpson Avenue, Bldg. 90320, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544

How: Volunteers will collect donations from base population and stock shelves with collected donations; greet customers and log items taken from Airman’s Attic. Volunteers will dispose of any unusable items and maintain general cleanliness of the attic

Number of Volunteers: 2

Phone/Email/Website: MSgt Maisonet, 850-884-1556 / julio.maisonetrosario@us.af.mil / Hurlburt Airman’s Attic 2017 FaceBook page

(REPOST) NEW AGENCY – “HEALING PAWS FOR WARRIORS!”**“Future On-Going Opportunity”****Who:** Healing Paws for Warriors**What:** Providing rescue to (ADA) trained service dogs for veterans faced with PTSD, TBI or MST**When:** POC will provide specific times based on volunteer service area/section**Where:** Contact POC for details**How:** Volunteers to help with social media, marketing, sewing, assisting veterans, training dogs, setting up the elements of a non-profit, creating newsletters, administration, and event set-up**Good to know:** Non-profit experience, familiarity with Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Military Sexual Trauma (MST)**Number of Volunteers:** As many as possible**Phone/Email/Website:** Sheila Hale, 850-716-8198 / info@healingpawsforwarriors.org / <http://www.healingpawsforwarriors.org>**(REPOST) NEW AGENCY – “FREE Thursday Respite Program!”****“Future On-Going Opportunity”****Who:** Free Thursday Respite Program**What:** A place for adults with special needs in South Santa Rosa County to gather for socialization and education activities**When:** Every Thursday, 9:30am to 1:30pm**Where:** Community Life United Methodist Church (CLUMC), 4115 Soundside Drive, Gulf Breeze 32563**How:** Volunteers to assist the respite members with arts and craft projects, dance with them during dance and movement, join in the fun with chair yoga, and have lunch and socialize with them**Number of Volunteers:** As many as possible**Phone/Email/Website:** CLUMC, 850-916-1660 Mrs. Joy Grace or Mrs. Robin Jones**NEW!****Who:** Air Force Enlisted Village – Hawthorn House (HH)**What:** HH Bingo – Bingo Caller**When:** Saturday, 23, and 30 Dec, 2pm – 3pm**Where:** 1200 Hawthorn House Drive, Shalimar, FL 32579**How:** Volunteers to assist with calling Bingo numbers and help with clean-up after event**Good to know:** Volunteers are asked to wear clean casual attire; no tank tops nor clothing with inappropriate wording**Number of Volunteers:** 1 per session**Phone/Email/Website:** Christina Knight, 850-609-2550, ext 220 / vaughn@afev.us / <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>**NEW!****Who:** Air Force Enlisted Village – Bob Hope Village (BHV)**What:** BHV Bingo – Bingo Caller**When:** Tuesday, 26 Dec, 5:30pm – 8:30pm**Where:** BHV Commons, 30 Holly Avenue, Shalimar, FL 32579**How:** Volunteer to call bingo numbers and help with clean up after the event**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Volunteer will be required to come in beforehand and train on computer bingo system; Activities Coordinator will schedule convenient time for volunteer complete training (only needed once)**Good to know:** Clean casual attire – no tank tops nor clothing with inappropriate wording**Number of Volunteers:** 1 per session**Phone/Email/Website:** Yvonne Peters, 850-651-2635 / peters@afev.us / <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>**NEW!****Who:** Air Force Enlisted Village – Hawthorn House (HH)**What:** Hawthorn Memory Support UNO**When:** Wednesday, 20, 22, 25, 27, and 29 Dec, 2:30pm – 3:45pm**Where:** 1200 Hawthorn House Drive, Shalimar, FL 32579**How:** Volunteers to play UNO with Hawthorn House memory support hall residents**Good to know:** Clean casual attire – no tank tops nor clothing with inappropriate wording**Number of Volunteers:** 2 per session**Phone/Email/Website:** Leigh Rice, 850-609-2550 / peters@afev.us / <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

NEW!

Who: Air Force Enlisted Village – Hawthorn House (HH)

What: Hawthorn Christmas Meal Set-up

When: Friday, 22 Dec, 2pm – 4pm

Where: 1200 Hawthorn House Drive, Shalimar, FL 32579, in the Atrium

How: Volunteers to assist with ironing tablecloths for the annual Christmas Meal

Good to know: Nice shirt with pants; clean casual attire – no tank tops nor clothing with inappropriate wording or depictions

Number of Volunteers: 1

Phone/Email/Website: VaTema Ivy, 850-609-2550 / vaughnl@afev.us / <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

NEW!

Who: Air Force Enlisted Village – Hawthorn House (HH)

What: Hawthorn Christmas Day Dinner

When: Monday, 25 Dec, 9:30am – 2pm

Where: 1200 Hawthorn House Drive, Shalimar, FL 32579, Dining Rooms

How: Volunteers to assist with set-up, serving Christmas Meal to residents, and cleaning up afterwards

Good to know: Families are always welcome to volunteer at the village. However, due to safety concerns, please be aware that minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times and are not allowed in the kitchen area, where the majority of volunteer tasks are completed. Clean casual attire – no tank tops nor clothing with inappropriate wording or depictions

Number of Volunteers: 2

Phone/Email/Website: Lisa Vaughn, 850-651-3766 / vaughnl@afev.us / <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

NEW!

Who: Air Force Enlisted Village – Bob Hope Village (BHV)

What: BHV Christmas Day Meal

When: Monday, 25 Dec, 10am – 3pm

Where: 30 Holly Avenue, Shalimar, FL 32579, BHV Commons

How: Volunteers to assist with serving Christmas Meal to residents, and clean-up afterwards

Good to know: Families are always welcome to volunteer at the village. However, due to safety concerns, please be aware that minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times and are not allowed in the kitchen area, where the majority of volunteer tasks are completed. Clean casual attire

Number of Volunteers: 25 14

Phone/Email/Website: Monica Gonzales or Nikhol Menas-Reinecke, 850-651-2635 / vaughnl@afev.us / <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

REPOST!**“Future On-Going Opportunity”**

Who: The Salvation Army

What: After School Mentoring Classes

When: Monday - Friday, 2:30pm – 5:30pm

Where: 425 Mary Esther Cutoff, NW, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 (the Salvation Army Fellowship Hall and Chapel)

How: Volunteers needed to help local school children study, do homework, arts, and crafts

Good to know: Volunteers are accepted for any or all days

Number of Volunteers: 2

Phone/Email/Website: Yvonne Rickert, 850-376-9759 / Yvonne.rickert@uss.salvationarmy.org

REPOST!**“Future On-Going Opportunity”**

Who: The Salvation Army

What: After School Music Classes

When: Thursdays, 4:30pm – 7pm

Where: 425 Mary Esther Cutoff, NW, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 (the Salvation Army Fellowship Hall and Chapel)

How: Volunteers needed to help local school children study, do homework, arts, and crafts

Good to know: Volunteers are accepted for any or all days

Number of Volunteers: 2

Phone/Email/Website: Yvonne Rickert, 850-376-9759 / Yvonne.rickert@uss.salvationarmy.org

ON-GOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Who: 1 SOW Legal Office**What:** Will Notarization Ceremony Witness**When:** Every Wednesday at approximately 1330 & every Thursday at approximately 0930**Where:** 212 Lukasik Avenue, Suite 255, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544**How:** Volunteers will serve as witnesses during the Will notarization ceremonies. Volunteers will take an oath themselves, observe the oath given by the clients, witness client signatures, and sign verifying they witnessed the signatures**Good to know:** Two witnesses are needed per session for approximately 1-2 hours**Why:** When clients receive Wills or other estate documents they must be notarized and witnessed by 2 witnesses**Number of Volunteers:** At least 2 per session**Phone/Email/Website:** Capt Jessica Malekos Smith, 850-884-7821/ jessica.malekos_smith7@us.af.mil / sign up using the Doodle Poll at <https://beta.doodle.com/poll/ue9b3tk3ek52n7eh>**Who: 1 SOFSS/FSFY Youth Center Sports****What:** Youth Sports Volunteer Coaches**When:** 2 days a week and games normally on Saturdays per sport, time TBD

Basketball, Dec-Feb season; Coaches Training in Nov

Winter Cheer, Dec-Feb season; Coaches Training in Nov

Baseball, Mar-May season; Coaches Training in Feb

Soccer, Sep-Nov season; Coaches Training in Aug

Fall Cheer, Sep-Nov season; Coaches Training in Aug

Flag Football, Sep-Nov season; Coaches Training in Aug

Volleyball, Nov-Dec season; Coaches Training in Oct

Where: Hurlburt Youth Center, Bldg 90304, 117 McMillan St, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544**How:** Volunteer to teach the kids basic skills of different sports while making it fun. To help improve sports skills and to give the children a healthy desire to continue playing sports.**Good to know:** Equipment and areas will be prepared by the Youth Center staff. This is a year round opportunity and coaches needed constantly. Leagued with Eglin Youth Sports and Navarre YMCA**Number of Volunteers:** 4 for Volleyball and Cheer; 20 for all other sports**Phone/Email/Website:** Nick Tsanos, 850-884-6355 / Nicholas.Tsanos@us.af.mil / www.MyHurlburt.com**Who: Fresh Start for Children & Families****What:** Repeat Street Thrift Store Operation**When:** Monday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm**Where:** 10 Walter Martin Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548**How:** Volunteers to assist as cashiers, strong lifters, organizers, cleaners, sorters, drivers, etc.**Number of Volunteers:** As many as wish to volunteer**Phone/Email/Website:** Brittany McGrail Redmon / bredmon@freshstartfl.com / <http://www.freshstartfl.com>**Who: Junk Yard Dog Gift n Thrift****What:** Weekly Volunteer Shifts - Ongoing**When:** Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm**Where:** 179 Eglin Pkwy, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32579**How:** Volunteers needed for merchandiser, greeter and customer service, electronics, computer system testers, pickups and deliveries, researcher for antiques and unique items**Good to know:** Volunteers are asked to wear clean casual attire – no tank tops nor clothing with inappropriate wording**Number of Volunteers:** 2 normally; appreciate 2-4 on sale days**Phone/Email/Website:** Candace Powell, 850-803-3108 / gumbojaja@gmail.com / <http://www.Paws-shelter.org>**Who: Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County****What:** Home Construction**When:** Each Tuesday 8am – 12pm and Saturday 8am – 2pm**Where:** Home building currently in Crestview. Exact location will be provided upon sign-up**How:** Volunteer to assist with general construction such as framing, painting, and insulating

Good to know: Volunteers are asked to wear closed toe shoes and clothes that can get messy; painting and dirt are involved

Number of Volunteers: 10-12

Phone/Email/Website: Melissa Forte, 850-315-0025 ext 3 / melissa@habitatfwb.org / www.habitatfwb.org/events

Who: Pet Welfare Animal Shelter

What: Weekly (Office, Cat, and Dog) Volunteer Shifts

When: Office: Mon-Sat, 9am-1pm

Cat/Dog: Mon-Sat, 7:30am – 9:30am

Cat/Dog: Mon-Sat, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Where: 683 Range Road, Eglin AFB, FL 32542

How: Volunteers will answer phones, take messages, feed animals, administer medication, walk dogs, clean, and love pets.

Good to know: A 501(c)(3) non-Profit, no-kill, all volunteer animal shelter

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Phone/Email/Website: Anthony Espino, 850-621-4002 / Aespino567@gmail.com

Who: Thunderbird Intertribal Council / Native American Month Planning Committee

What: Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow Planning Meetings

When: Every fourth Monday of the month, 6pm – 8pm

Where: Heritage Park & Cultural Center, Classroom, 139 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL

How: Powwow and Native American Indian Month Planning Committee

Good to know: The meetings task members to help with the planning to include coordinating base support, publicity, volunteer coordinator, etc.

Number of Volunteers: 5, but we will take as many as possible

Phone/Email/Website: Kirby Locklear, 850-883-5603 / Kirby.locklear@cox.net / Kirby.locklear.ctr @us.af.mil

Who: Guardian ad Litem (GAL)

What: Call for VOLUNTEERS – “I’m for the CHILD”

When: Flexible; based on volunteer availability

Where: Walton (35), Okaloosa (35), and Santa Rosa Counties (70)

How: Volunteers spend (on average) 8 – 10 hours PER MONTH; meet with child at least once a month and submit report to the team. You are invited to attend and participate in court hearings and other related meetings where you will Represent the Best interest of the Child. Guardian ad Litem Volunteers are Child Advocates for children who have been abandoned, abused or neglected and are currently in the Dependency System

Good to know: Training and supervision provided by GAL Staff. You may visit the child in Foster Care or during a Parental Visit or in schools/daycare centers. Cases usually last for one year

Why: There are over 1400 children currently in the Dependency System in this area and each one deserves a court appointed Guardian ad Litem to be the child’s voice

Number of Volunteers: 140

Phone/Email: Ms. Carol Thomas, 850-595-3719 / Carol.Thomas@gal.fl.gov

Who: Shelter House, Inc.

What: Lawn Care Services

When: Monthly; will work with volunteer schedules

Where: Contact POC for location

How: Volunteers are needed to provide lawn care services to Shelter House buildings; tasks include mowing and weeding grass, trimming hedges and landscape, and raking pine straw off turf

Why: Shelter House is the only State certified Domestic Violence Center in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Your assistance in helping to maintain a professional appearance allows us to use our finances to assist in providing support to our participants

Number of Volunteers: 1 – 5

Phone/Email: Ms. Erica Cary, Volunteer Coordinator, 850-243-1201 / www.shelterhousenwfl.org

Who: S4P Synergy, Inc.

What: Lunch Meal Delivery Drivers

When: Thursdays during the mid-afternoon

Where: 24 Bass Avenue SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

How: S4P Synergy is recruiting approximately **4 male volunteers** to help with meal delivery to the elderly on Thursdays,

during the mid-afternoon. The delivery route takes about 30 – 45 minutes to complete in FWB

Good to know: Drivers must have a valid driver's license, insurance, and a vehicle

Phone/Email: Yvette Torry, Phone: 850-362-6977 / s4psynergy@striving.gccoxmail.com

Who: Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northwest Florida

What: Mentors Needed

When: One (1) hour each week

Where: Edwins Elementary School, Bruner Middle School, and/or out in the community

How: Volunteer Mentors will meet with their Little one (1) hour each week. You create your own schedule, so that one (1) hour is whenever works best for you and your Little

Good to know: There are over 100 Littles on our waiting list across Northwest Florida in need of a mentor!

Why: There are more than 100+ Littles on the waiting list ready to be matched with a caring, supportive Big Brother or Big Sister. It only takes as little as an hour a week and a one-year commitment to make a lasting difference in a child's life and start them on a path to success

Number of Volunteers: 100+

Phone/Email: Alex Brown, 850-664-KIDS (5431) office/850-361-8638 (work cell) / www.bbbsnwfl.org

Who: Computer Techs at Air Force Enlisted Village ~ IT Help

What: Computer Technician/Geek Squad

When: Each Saturday – 9:00-1:00pm (weekday opportunities available also)

Where: AF Enlisted Villages: Bob Hope Village and Hawthorn House, 30 Holly Avenue, Shalimar, FL 32579

How: Use Skills in computer maintenance/geek skills for fixing AF enlisted Village resident's computers on Saturdays. Tasks may include: fixing computers, software and hardware for AF Enlisted Village residents

Why: The iFalcon computer support team is an all-volunteer group of IT folks with a common goal, to provide FREE IT support to the residents of the Air Force Enlisted Village. The village is continually seeking experienced and dedicated professionals with a range of IT skills

Good to know: This group typically deals with the same type of issues one might see in their home/work environment

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Phone/Email: Mr. James Hawks, 850-884-5051 / james.hawks.4@us.af.mil; Mr. Michael Burke, 850-882-7381 / michael.burke.3@us.af.mil

Who: Hurlburt Field Natural Resources ~ Nature Trail Caretaker

What: Caretaker Nature Trail Caretaker Opportunities

When: Through the month of November; flexible hours per volunteer schedule

Where: Hurlburt Field /Grace Brown Nature Trail, Hurlburt Field Soundside; trailhead is on the south lawn of the Soundside Club

How: Perform routine landscaping maintenance to 1.5 mile long Nature Trail such as weed-eating, pruning, sweeping or blowing off decks/boardwalks; identify and report damage needing carpentry repair

Why: This regular event will maintain a safe, beautiful and inviting recreational and educational venue supporting retired and active duty military personnel and families

Good to know: 24–48 hours advanced notice is required in order for 1 SOCES/CEAN to request equipment, i.e. weed-eaters, pruners, etc. from Heavy Equipment shop. Volunteers will need to pick up equipment at Bldg 90053 and receive additional instructions for work

Number of Volunteers: 2 – 8

Phone/Email: Kristal Walsh, Natural-Cultural Resources Manager / 1 SOCES/CEAN 415 Independence Road, Bldg. 90053, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544 /850-884-7916 / Kristal.walsh@hurlburt.af.mil

Who: Eglin Community Based Outpatient [VA] Clinic (CBOC)

What: Help clean and organize a 79 year old disabled veteran's home in Fort Walton Beach

When: Due to the personal nature of this volunteer opportunity, the POC will provide specified timeframe(s) to individuals chosen to assist

Where: Information to be provided when volunteers are selected

How: Volunteers will assist with cleaning/decluttering and organizing the home of a disabled veteran

Number of Volunteers: Minimum 5

Phone/Email: Donna Wanshon, LMSW, ACSW / 850-609-2629 / Donna.Wanshon@va.gov

Who: The Community Support Coordinator**What:** ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) Trained Individuals Needed!**When:** As needed per schedule**Where:** Hurlburt Field, FL 32544**How:** ASIST trained individuals will sit in a safeTALK class (3hours) and monitor students for possible triggers**God to know:** This is a great volunteer opportunity to use your ASIST training to help the Wing increase Air Commando resiliency. You will also accrue volunteer hours while supporting a 1 SOW initiative**Number of Volunteers:** As many as possible**Phone/Email:** April Crooks / 850-884-6820 / 1sowcc.cvb.resiliencecenter@us.af.mil**Who: Youth Village after School Program****What:** Homework assistance in math, language arts, science, and social studies (grades 2-8)**When:** Monday – Thursday from 1600 – 1700**Where:** 312 Pelham Road, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547**How:** Volunteers are needed to support and guide our students with homework assistance**Good to know:** Our mission is to provide a safe place, a fun place, and a learning place for kids where people care**Number of Volunteers:** 1 to 2 each day; volunteers will be assigned 1 to 2 students each**Phone/Email:** Nellie Bogar ~ njbogar@yahoo.com Phone: 850-582-0549**Website:** www.nelliesyouthvillage.org**Who: Gulf Breeze High School****What:** Guest Speaker for Gulf Breeze High School Students**When:** On-going**Where:** 675 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561**How:** Come to the school and speak to 1-3 classes a month. A person will arrange for the class or classes to speak to. Some structure/topics to the discussion will be provided as needed. Talk to a class of 15-30 students for 45 minutes. Tuesday's, Thursday's or Friday's are ideal**Why:** The mission of Gulf Breeze High School is to achieve and maintain an academic community that fosters achievement for all students, regardless of ability and background. The teachers, students, administration, staff, parents, and community assume responsibility for the achievement and progress of each student. Ultimately, we must prepare our students to be problem-solving, creative, productive, and responsible citizens in an ever-changing world. The assistant principal at GBHS wanted a mentor/guest speaker to help guide and inspire students to achieve success in school and the future. There are certain students who would benefit from hearing about a positive role model's path to success and career advancement**Good to know:** Looking for volunteers who would like to speak to a different class every month at Gulf Breeze High School and share positive information and stories about their own career development, overcoming challenges, success in school, and to offer positive guidance to students**Number of Volunteers:** 1 – 2 Military Service Member(s) preferred**Phone/Email:** Becky Brown, Assistant Principal of GBHS, 850-916-4100, Ext. 418; email:BrownB@santarosa.k12.fl.us**Who: Emerald Coast Dragway (ECDW)****What:** Weeding, Lawn Care, and other General Maintenance**When:** Saturdays and/or Sundays from 10am – 5pm**Where:** Emerald Coast Dragway, 7134 Garner Landing Rd, Holt, FL 32564**How:** Volunteers needed to clean and repair the track**Why:** Our goal is to get the Drag Strip OPEN and OPERATIONAL as expeditiously as possible for community enjoyment! Volunteers will be required to sign an insurance disclosure form prior to entering the ECDW Gate and provide a valid Driver's License. Only individuals complying with this requirement will be allowed to enter the property, no exceptions. Our Facebook page (below) is active. It gives detailed information and allows volunteers to be added to the list with their numbers and skills. It will also be used to specify individual volunteer duties, post announcements, and identify the daily clean-up activities**Number of Volunteers:** As many as possible**Phone/Email:** Rick Appleton, 850-982-4260, email: dragstang66@yahoo.com, Randy McCuddy, 850-803-1277 or CMSgt Ron Hall, 229-630-2516, email: rhalljr68@gmail.com**FaceBook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/642867232482914/>

Who: Medical Reserve Corps of Santa Rosa**What:** Volunteers with any background are welcome**When:** Anytime (participate in events, trainings, exercises, and emergency response)**Where:** Northwest Florida with a focus on Santa Rosa County**How:** In non-emergency periods, our volunteers staff first aid tents at local events, provide emergency preparedness information and education to the public, give medical screenings and vaccinations to school children and the homeless, participate in trainings and exercises, and a host of other activities. In response to emergencies, our volunteers assist in the Special Needs Shelter and work with Emergency Management to fill any gaps in service that may arise.**Why:** Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities: MRC volunteers have the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge, skills, and abilities through classes, trainings, exercises, drills, and real-world disaster response that can help them grow personally and professionally**Number of Volunteers: Unlimited****Good to know:** Application Process required. Please visit the website for more information**Phone/Email:** phone 850-983-5200 ext. 203/email: MRC.SantaRosa@flhealth.gov**Website:** <http://santarosa.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-preparedness-and-response/medical-reserve-corps/index.html>**Who: American Red Cross of Northwest Florida****What:** Hospital Volunteer Chairman (administrative position)**When:** During normal business hours, M-F/ Minimum of 10 hours per week**Where:** 96th Medical Group, Eglin Air Force Base, FL**How:** Volunteer will perform light administrative office work which may include supervision of the American Red Cross volunteers within the hospital, providing continuity in volunteer recruitment, training, new volunteer orientation, job placement and recognition. The Chairman will also serve as a liaison between the volunteers, clinic staff, and the Red Cross Management Team. Other duties will include maintaining a current list of hospital volunteers, tracking and reporting monthly volunteer hours, and conducting both annual and ongoing needs assessments**Why:** This position supports the mission of the American Red Cross and the 96th Medical Group**Good to know:** This position requires a minimum volunteer commitment of 6 to 12 months to maintain continuity of operations**Phone/Email:** Samantha J. Youngren - 850-432-7601 / email: samantha.youngren@redcross.org**Who: Okaloosa Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program****What:** Male Veteran mentors needed!**When:** As needed per court hearings**Where:** Fort Walton Beach Court House**How:** The mentor acts as a supportive role model for the veteran participants as they progress through the court process; mentors NEVER take on the role of counselors**Good to know:** The mission of this program is to ensure that every Veteran receives the assistance and services needed, including being able to adequately navigate the court system, Veteran Affairs system and other community systems. The vision of the Mentor Program is to "Leave No Veteran Behind." Need to commit to the program for a minimum of 12 months. Volunteers must be a US military Veteran. An application must be completed**Number of Volunteers: Open****Phone/Email:** Dan Friedsberg, Mentor Coordinator; 850.244.1040 ~ dan@mhaow.org**Who: W.C. Pryor Middle School, R.O.T.C. Program****What:** W.C. Pryor MS R.O.T.C. Program; training and mentorship**When:** Mondays +Thursdays (days are flexible); 0630-0730/1430-1530**Where:** 201 Racetrack Rd, N.W., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547**How:** Volunteers will teach military protocol; instruct basic drill and ceremony; mentorship; and help coordinate meaningful off-campus activities**Why:** This program is not publicly funded, and cannot be offered as a class for school credit at the middle school level. Therefore, we are in desperate need of qualified training and mentorship on a voluntary basis**Number of Volunteers: Minimum 3****Good to know:** Expertise in drill & ceremony/flag protocol preferred; this will be **Ongoing**: Twice a week, either morning or afternoon block**Phone/Email:** Larry Cleveland /email: Ron Panucci, Assistant Principal panuccir@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us
phone: 850-833-3613

Who: Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast**What:** Power Hour- Homework Help in Math and Science (KG-4th Grade)**When:** Monday – Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm**Where:** Fort Walton Beach Youth Club and the Destin Youth Club Afterschool Programs**How:** Power Hour provided Boys & Girls Club members with the support, resources and guidance necessary to complete their homework- and start the school day with a sense of confidence and ability**Why:** The members acquired new skills and became more confident learners as result of the homework assistance program. Our members enjoy school more, improved their grades and attendance**Number of Volunteers: 2 to 3 each day****Good to know:** Volunteers will assist a Program Specialist with their group of members**Phone/Email:** John Bryant; phone: 850-344-7765/email: jbryant@bgcec.com**Who: Gator Lakes Golf Course****What:** Golf Course Volunteers**When:** Mon-Sun 0630 - until**Where:** 403 Walkup Way, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544**How:** Volunteers will serve to assist with weeding, edging and general maintenance around the golf course**Why:** To further enhance the experience of our customers by providing this service**Number of Volunteers: 6 to 8****Good to know:** Volunteers should have a basic knowledge of golf**Phone/Email:** Jason Woodling, General Manager – jason.woodling@us.af.mil phone: 881-2251**Who: The Salvation Army****What:** After School Program**When:** Academic School Calendar; Monday- Friday 1500-1700 as available**Where:** Community Center 425 Mary Esther Cutoff**How:** The volunteer will serve as a tutor/assistant mentor assisting in homework help, tutoring, playing active games / activities and passing out snacks and school supplies**Why:** To provide a safe place for children grades K-12 after school and to support the youth of Fort Walton Beach with character building and academic enforcement**Number of Volunteers: 5****Phone/Email:** Denzell McClain - Denzell_mcclain@uss.salvationarmy.org**Who: Habitat for Humanity****What:** Habitat ReStore**When:** Monday - Friday, 1000-1800, Saturday, 0900-1700**Where:** 39 SE Eglin Parkway Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548**How:** Various volunteer positions: Volunteers are needed to help display items for sale, to process donations, and to load purchases; drivers are needed to help pick up donations from residential and business locations within the community; a talented person is needed to maintain/update Facebook, DiggersList, Pinterest and other social media with the latest and greatest news to help attract more people to the store**Number of Volunteers: Open****Good to know:** Our mission is to eliminate poverty housing in our community and the world**POC/Phone/Email:** Charles Cooper, 850-685-0686 or volunteer@habitatfwb.org or Billie Meyer at 850-685-0686, 595 N. Ferdon Blvd, Crestview, FL**Who: Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)****What:** Animal Shelter that provides pet adoption, animal control, and veterinary services**When:** Varies**Where:** 752 Lovejoy Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548**How:** Various volunteer positions: Volunteers are needed to exercise dogs, bathe puppies and kittens, groom the animals, collect towels & blankets for animals, cut & sew blankets, volunteer at the shelter, work on the website, help with fundraising and special events, serve on a committee, or work the thrift shop**Number of Volunteers: Open****Good to know:** Must complete an application and attend a Volunteer Orientation <http://www.paws->

shelter.com/volunteer/volunteer_application_0808.pdf

POC/Phone/Email: Volunteer Coordinator 850-243-1525

Who: Emerald Coast Science Center

What: Privacy fence installation project

When: Complete fence installation with materials, tools, refreshments provided; next fence workday will be scheduled based on groups or volunteer availability

Where: 31 Memorial Pkwy Southwest, FWB 32548

Number of Volunteers: Open; multiple opportunities

Good to know: Fence workdays are based on having enough individuals or group of volunteers sign up to assist; please call or email questions and your availability. Plenty of volunteer opportunities!

POC/Phone/Email: 850-664-1261 Email: business-office@ecscience.org or kristen@escience.org; contact Brian Trigg, 850-884-3420, Nichole Clark or Diane Fraser; please leave your name, number, availability, and interest if ECSC voicemail is received

Who: Destin Library

What: Community Service Opportunities for Young Adults (16 & older)

When: Interested youth are typically scheduled for no less than two hours and no more than four hours of community service per week. Days of the week & times are coordinated through the school year

Where: 150 Sibert Ave, Destin, FL 32541

Good to know: Community service activities can include assisting with collection maintenance, reading to young children, assisting patrons in locating materials, helping patrons with computer usage, providing support for summer programming for children and young adults and much, much more

POC/Phone/Email: Youth Services Librarian - 850-837-8572

Who: Sharing and Caring

When: One day a week 0900-1130 or 1130-1400 Monday through Thursday or 0900-1200 on Friday

Where: 104 Bullock Boulevard in Niceville

How: Caring adult volunteers needed to interview clients or assist with food sorting and packing

Number of Volunteers: Open

Good to know: Application must be completed

POC/Phone/Email: Gloria Price, 850-678-8459

Who: Okaloosa School District Mentoring Program

What: Mentor Training

When: Every 3rd Friday of each month/1:00pm (30 minute one-time training)

Where: One time training at Hurlburt Field A&FRC /220 Lukasik Ave/Bldg. 90213/Actual mentoring takes place at Okaloosa County Schools

How: The Okaloosa School District is recruiting mentors at all academic levels throughout the county. The District screens, orients, trains and matches volunteer mentors with students, and maintains support of mentoring relationships between students and mentors. Mentoring takes place during the school year on the school campus for 30 minutes to one hour each week at a time during the school day that is convenient for both mentor and student. There is no outside contact or money involved, just guidance. The goal is to improve the child's self-esteem with positive adult interaction.

Why: This mentor program helps children who have been retained from the previous grade level, or are in danger of being retained. Studies have shown that students who are mentored develop more positive attitudes, achieve higher grades, improve relationships with adults and peers, are better able to express feelings, are more likely to trust their teachers, and develop higher levels of self-confidence

Number of Volunteers (needed): As many as possible

Good to know: Multiple local schools available and mentor training is free.

POC/Phone/Email: Nancy Prescott Nancy.Prescott@us.af.mil /884-5441

Who: Hurlburt Community Center/Landing Zone (LZ) ~ Morale Boosting Event

What: Community Event Facilitator

When: Anytime (can do a one-time event or do an ongoing event)

Where: Hurlburt Landing Zone Community Center /443 Cody Avenue, Bldg. 90337

How: The Landing Zone is looking for volunteers to host morale events at the Landing Zone Community Center, and on

occasion another location on base, to host a morale boosting event for Airmen or Airmen and their families. You can volunteer on your own, or form a volunteer committee. You would act as the event supervisor(s), helping to carry out events like Family Board Game nights or Movie Night. The goal of volunteer committees would be for a group of volunteers to take an event and run with it. For the Airmen, by the Airmen! Note, the LZ is always open to and encourages input on creating fresh programming

Why: These volunteer opportunities will provide an opportunity for leadership, by taking the lead on development and implementation of programs

Number of Volunteers: 1 to 4 volunteers per event

Good to know: A few of the events available: **Pool League/Tournaments Committee:** Every Thursday 1730-2030. The cost is FREE to participants. Running 6-week leagues continuously. Volunteers assist LZ staff with running of weekly league. **Family Game Night:** Inviting the community to come to the LZ Community Center and enjoy a night of board games, billiards etc. with family members to get them out of the house for one night a month and spend some time bonding with friends and family in a relaxed atmosphere (away from home distractions). We need volunteers to assist with running operations of Family Game Night, willing to play games with family members, Airmen, etc.

POC/Phone/Email: Robert Scott /884-5080 /Robert.Scott@hurlburt.af.mil

Who: American Cancer Society ~ Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of the Emerald Coast Event Planning Committee

What: Event Planning Committee Volunteer

When: Semi-monthly meetings

Where: American Cancer Society/99 Eglin Pkwy NE Suite 37/Fort Walton

How: Several committee member positions, including the following below. Detailed descriptions are available upon request: Team Development, Operations, Logistics, Survivor/ Caregiver Advocacy, Breast Cancer Education, Mission Education, or Media/ PR. A wonderful way to gain leadership experience and work with a group of passionate community members in the mission to cure breast cancer. Every Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is a powerful and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community to honor breast cancer survivors, and raise awareness about steps we can take to reduce our risk of getting breast cancer to help the American Cancer Society fight the disease with breast cancer research, and to provide information and services, and access to mammograms for women who need them

Why: The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service

Number of Volunteers: Unlimited

Good to know: Since Making Strides began 20 years ago; breast cancer death rates have declined more than 32 percent

POC /Phone/Email: Melanie Row / 244-3813 / melanie.row@cancer.org

Who: USO ~ Center Support & Volunteer Committees

What: USO NAS Pensacola Center Support Volunteers

When: Monday - Friday (10am - 2pm) or (2pm - 5pm) or (5pm - 8pm) Saturday & Sunday (12pm - 4pm) or (4pm - 8pm)

Where: USO NAS Pensacola Center Support /153 Ellyson Avenue, Building 625D, Pensacola; USO Northwest Florida Volunteer Committees: Based on individual Committee

How: Volunteers assist the Center Manager in all aspects of running the USO Center and/or join volunteer committees for specific events

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Good to know: USO Northwest Florida is committed to lifting the spirits of America's Troops and their families within the Northwest Florida panhandle through volunteers committed to supporting America's Troops and their families

POC/Phone /Email: Dana Cervantes / dcervantes@uso.org / 850-455-8280, Option 4

Who: Hurlburt Airman's Attic ~ Donation Sorting Volunteers and Truck Drivers

What: Volunteers to help sort donations or truck drivers to pick-up/drop off large donations

When: On-Going /Monday, Wednesday, Friday /10am-2pm and as needed

Where: Airman's Attic /201 Simpson Ave. Bldg. 90320 /Hurlburt Field

How: The Airman's Attic is in need of volunteers to help sort donations and to help with general operations at the Attic. The Attic is also in need of volunteers that may have a large vehicle and are willing to pick up or drop off large donations/furnishings that people would like to donate or need to get to their houses from our location

*Items will need to be picked up and dropped off to and from the Airman's Attic

Why: The Airman's Attic serves airmen E-6 and below and their dependents. It supplies uniform items, toys, clothing,

kitchen items, electronics, linens, and home furnishings free of charge. The Airman's Attic runs solely on donations and volunteers

Number of Volunteers: Unlimited

Good to know: Truck volunteers will be on call Monday/Wednesday /Friday from 10am-2pm to make pickups and deliveries of items. You will load and transport these items

POC/Phone/Email: SSgt Nikki Jackson /Toni Duval /884-7769 (please be sure to leave a message if no answer)

Who: Hurlburt Spouses Club ~ Thrift Shop Helpers

What: Thrift Shop Volunteer (general helper)

When: During an open hours or work day of the thrift shop. Current hours are Mon, Tue, Wed 9:30am-1:00pm; and the 1st and 3rd Saturday 9:30am-1:00pm

Where: Hurlburt Thrift Shop /120 Simpson Ave, Building #90320

How: Volunteers are needed to sort and price donations, rotate merchandise, and assist customers with consignments as well as light cleaning and stocking or removing merchandise from shelves

Anyone who has access to the base can help out

Why: The Thrift Shop supports our base population by providing a place to exchange goods. The operation of the thrift shop relies heavily on volunteers. Without them, they could cease to operate.

Number of Volunteers: As many as are interested

Good to know: Volunteers who become consigners realize special volunteer benefits

POC /Phone /Email: Jill Armbruster (manager) / 884-3098 (please leave a message if no answer)

Who: American Cancer Society ~ Office Help

What: Office Helpers

When: Mon through Friday /8:00am-4:00pm

Where: American Cancer Society/99 Eglin Pkwy NE Suite 37/Fort Walton

How: The volunteers can help to answer phones, take messages, help patients in the "gift Closet" (fitting bras and prosthesis), help with outgoing mail, provide office coverage, create flyers, postcards and power points and more as needed

Why: The American Cancer Society is a non-profit helping local cancer patients enjoy a higher quality of life!

Number of Volunteers: 3 to 6 per week

Good to know: Seeking all help but computer savvy people are desperately needed.

POC/Phone/Email: Diane Maldonado /244-3813 / diane.maldonado@cancer.org

Who: Shelter House ~ Help Move or Organize Donation Items /Mass Mailings

What: Truck/Transportation Team Leads or Volunteers

When: Various – can work with your schedule

Where: Shelter House Admin Office /102 Buck Drive /Fort Walton

How: The Shelter accepts donated household items to furnish apartments

Drivers: Need volunteers to pick up and deliver furniture and household goods to and from storage. Need Team Captains to schedule pick up and drop off times and help recruit other volunteers to the team. Also need anyone with a truck/trailer who can help move furniture, equipment, supplies, etc. If you don't have a truck, you can provide muscle!

Donations: Sort and organize donations by category. Date all food items. Put items away

Mailing: It's an ongoing process M-F, 9-5 pm. A group of 10 volunteers for about 4 hours would be a great help, but individuals are welcome to come too

Why: Shelter House is the only state certified Domestic Violence Center in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Shelter House provides safe shelter, a 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline, counseling, emotional support, transitional housing and legal advocacy for domestic violence survivors and their children

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Good to know: Most victims of domestic violence that return to abuse list finances as the reason they return Shelter House provides support for families leaving shelter and starting anew. By helping with the truck team, you will directly make a difference in the lives of women and children in our community

POC/Phone /Email: 243-1201 /info@shelterhousenwfl.org

Who: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida ~ Mentor

What: Mentors for kids ages 6-12

When: On-Going

Where: Fun and educational activities around town

How: Option #1: School-Based Mentoring

In this mentoring relationship, volunteers meet with their Little Brother or Sister one hour every week at Edwin's Elementary, during school hours only. In addition to the mentoring relationship, sometime will be spent each week on a subject that the little ones need some extra help with, such as reading. Many volunteers visit during their lunch hour. Keep in mind that school hours are around 8:30 a.m. – 3p.m. and all of your visits will occur within these hours. Check with your employer as some businesses allow their staff time off to mentor. The school-based program at Edwin's is a great way to enter the mentoring relationship and then transition to community outings once you have gotten to know each other.

Option #2: Community Based Mentoring

This one-to-one mentoring option allows you the opportunity to pick up your Little Brother or Little Sister at the child's home, do some educational activities and spend time in the community. Outings can range from going for a walk, working on arts & crafts, taking a bike ride, or watching a movie. Remember, it's not the money you spend but the time spent doing activities together. The Community Based Mentoring Option is great if you would like to spend time with your little one during afternoons or weekends.

Why: Big Brothers Big Sisters offers children individualized time and attention on a consistent basis from an extra caring adult in their lives.

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Good to know: Big Brothers Big Sisters provides full-time staff to support their mentors and their relationships with their Little Brother or Little Sister.

POC/Phone/Email: Stephanie Trigg /850-664-5437/strigg@bbbsnwfl.org

Who: Navarre High School ~ Navarre High Commando Tutors Program

What: "Commando Tutors"

When: Tutoring will take place on campus Monday through Friday. Tutoring hours are: 8:00 - 8:45a.m.; Tutors are asked to help a minimum of one time a week for approximately 45 minutes

Where: Navarre High School /8600 High School Blvd /Navarre, FL

How: The "Commando Tutor" will spend approximately 45 minutes helping a student improve competency and performance in a specific subject and will meet the student in the designated Tutoring classroom. The student will bring the needed text and other study materials sent by the teacher for the tutoring session. The "Commando Tutor" will determine, with the student, how many meetings are needed to achieve the targeted improvements.

Number of Volunteers: 10 to 20 "Commando Tutors"

Good to know: Students requesting tutors will be motivated and appreciative. Each "Commando Tutor" will be asked to complete the Navarre High Volunteer Application Form and present a valid driver's license.

POC/Phone/Email: Brian Noack, Principal / 936-6080

Who: Hurlburt Youth Center ~ Fit Factor

What: Fit Factor Program "Coaches"

When: EVERY Mon (4-5), Tuesday (4-5), Thu (3-4)

Where: Hurlburt Field Youth Center / 117 McMillan Street /Bldg. 90304

How: Fit Factor / Fit Family is an Air Force wide program that promotes a healthy and Fit Life Style. This is open for youth and adults. The volunteers will be participating in the get fit program with the youth. Activities include sports, physical endurance, rock climbing, skating, etc.

Why: The Youth Center is trying to encourage our youth to participate and the youth are more likely to participate when the adults get involved.

Number of Volunteers: Unlimited

Good to know: Youth staff will help assist with the practices if needed.

POC/Phone/Email: Ashley Raymond / 884-6355 / Ashley.Raymond@hurlburt.af.mil

Who: Emerald Coast Hospice ~ Patient Companion

What: Patient companionship, caregiver relief, clerical assistance

When: Ongoing – flexible days/times upon your availability

Where: Sandestin, Destin, FWB, Shalimar, Mary Esther, portions of Navarre

How: Volunteers may provide companionship by visiting & sharing stories with patient, provide socialization by reading to, watching TV with, playing games/cards, listening to music, etc. Volunteers may provide relief so caregiver can run errands, attend doctor appointments, etc. Volunteers may assist with LIGHT household chores, LIGHT meal preparation or run errands.

for patient. Volunteers may also assist with administrative/clerical duties in office such as: filing, answering phones, assembling packets, mail outs, etc.

Why: Volunteers in hospice find it personally gratifying, and emotionally meaningful to assist patients with life-limiting illnesses that allows them to live out their days as fully and as comfortable as possible. Volunteers help ensure that every moment matters in the lives of the patients

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Good to know: Volunteers DO NOT provide “hands-on” care or administer medication to patients. Volunteers will be asked to complete application process & background check. All our volunteers receive training to help them feel comfortable with their assigned tasks. Even the smallest act of compassion can have a large impact

POC/Phone/Email: Lisa Secondine / 862-1069 / lisa.secondine@gentiva.com

Who: Regency Hospice Volunteer Program ~ Veteran “Hospice for Heroes”

What: Hospice for Heroes Volunteer

When: Whenever volunteers are available, volunteers make visits to patients and help with events. Ask that volunteers make a commitment to at least 4 hours a month

Where: Regency Hospice 11 Racetrack Rd Suite G/Fort Walton Beach

How: Regency Hospice has many veteran patients and we ask you to help us show our veterans that they are special people and we appreciate all that they gave to our country. Help with honoring our veteran patients with "Hospice for Heroes Pinning" and thanking them for their service to our country. We ask that you consider volunteering with Regency Hospice to brighten the day of your patients and their families

Why: Their Mission Statement is to honor life and offer compassion to individuals and their families when facing a life-limiting illness

Good to know: Volunteers will receive training to be educated on their duties

Number of Volunteers: “We never have too many volunteers”

POC/Phone/Email: Melody Payne / mpayne@regencyhospice.com / 850-974-9286

Who: Pyramid of Fort Walton Beach ~ Various Opportunities

What: Anything from handy work at the facility-- to working with special needs adults on arts, music, crafts, theatrical events, and more

When: Anytime, Monday through Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

Where: 432 Green Acres Road /Fort Walton Beach

How: Help with rebuilding storage shed, constructing theatrical props, mentoring students...whatever you can do to help

Why: Pyramid FWB is a non-profit program that provides daily living skills and independence instruction to nearly 100 Emerald Coast adults with disabilities. Its arts program is unique in the country and has produced exciting life changes for students

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Good to know: Any and all volunteers welcome – no prerequisites

POC/Phone/Email: Mr. Bill Lannaman / 850-884-2813 / kwoods@pyramidinc.org

Who: Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge ~ Various

What: Various (Animal Care, Facility Maintenance, Landscaping and ground maintenance, Animal Rescue, Docents for school programs, Kids Camps, or community events)

When: On-Going; as volunteers are available

Where: Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge Center, 105 Santa Rosa Blvd, Ft Walton Beach OR Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge Zoo, 5262 Deer Springs Drive, Crestview

How: Volunteers are necessary to assist in the day-to-day operations of the animal hospital/refuge allowing the staff to concentrate on the critical care of the patients. Volunteers can prepare animal diets, clean cages and dishes; do laundry, general facility cleanup and maintenance. Volunteers can be involved on many different levels and may graduate to perform animal pickups and rescues

Why: The ECWR ZOO is a sanctuary for unwanted domestic, exotic and wild animals, many of which are threatened or endangered. We provide a pleasant atmosphere to enjoy these animals in natural exhibits and strive to educate the public on the importance of each species in their respective eco-systems. The ECWR CENTER rescues, rehabilitates, and releases approximately 2000 sick, injured and orphaned wild animals yearly, including dolphins, whales and sea turtles

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible ~ Must be 16 years of age

Good to Know: There are inherent dangers with working with wild animals. Training on how to properly handle them will be provided. Compassion and a love of animals is a must

There are inherent dangers with working with both wild and domesticated animals. Work is mostly outside in the elements

regardless of the weather

POC/Phone/Email: Susan Leveille /850-650-1880 /sleveille@ecwildliferefuge.com

Who: Seacrest Wolf Preserve ~ Fencing Repairs and Various Projects

What: Fencing Helpers

When: First and third Saturdays of each month / beginning at 9:30am

Where: Seacrest Wolf Preserve, 3449 Bonnett Pond Road, Chipley

How: Help rebuild fencing which provides a safe, humane habitat for the wolves while protecting the visitors on field trips and tours to learning about this important keystone species

Why: Seacrest Wolf Preserve is a nonprofit organization providing safe, humane habitat for displaced captive wolves and wolf/dogs. The fencing needs of the preserve have increased considerably this last year. Seacrest is completely run by volunteers

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible -- Individuals or Groups

Good to know: Bottled water and cold beverages available during weekdays and a Bi-monthly workday potluck lunch is provided. Snacks and sandwiches provided for groups. These wolves are beautiful creatures and you will be able to interact with them. One of the wolves, Legend, is a local celebrity--he was a co-star in the movie "Evan Almighty!"

POC/Phone/Email: Wayne Watkins / 850-773-2897 / seacrestwolfpack@yahoo.com

Website: www.seacrestwolfpreserve.org

UPDATES/REMOVALS: Please contact Deborah Mobley, Volunteer Coordinator at 850-884-6800 or via email at deborah.mobley.1@us.af.mil