



NORTH VANCOUVER YOUTH BAND

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Volunteer Value Statement

Participating as a volunteer of the North Vancouver Youth Band affords a number of benefits. The NVYB does need parent volunteers to continue to function. The parent volunteers receive a financial rebate recognizing their time and effort contribution. However for most volunteers the most important benefits are those other than the financial benefit.

The primary benefit for most volunteers is the opportunity to participate in their child/teen's activities. As our child/teen grows their interests and independence level evolves. It is rewarding to be able to participate in an activity with them in a complementary fashion, rather than the parent-child/teen relationship that dominates. Both the parent and the child/teen are able to develop another dimension to their relationship and learn more about other facets of their characters. This develops in particular by participating in an activity that is shared but not necessarily the same. A direct example is that the child/teen plays in the band and participates in the practices and performances. The parent volunteer may help in organizing one particular event, such as a parade. They each will see a different side of the parade event, gaining a greater appreciation of the contribution made by the other. Each of us is more than a child/teen and parent. It is a valuable addition to our relationship that we are each able to see this more clearly through our joint participation in the NYVB.

A further benefit is the satisfaction provided by directly helping your child/teen in an activity. Gaining a musical skill and performing in a variety of community events is an activity that the North Vancouver Youth Band members have greatly benefited from since 1939. The child/teen in 2008 continues to reap these benefits and the parent volunteers are a vital component allowing the child/teens to reap these benefits.

There is also a potential benefit in our careers. Our CV's describe the qualifications and work we have done. It is beneficial to have an element showing volunteer work we participate in to demonstrate another feature other peers may not have.

The volunteer activities afford the opportunity to meet, interact and participate with other parent volunteers. These are people from various walks in life and each volunteer broadens and deepens his/her personal relationships through the volunteer activity.

There are also purely altruistic benefits. The sense of having participated and furthered an organization that we believe worthwhile for no direct material gain is deeply rewarding.

The series of benefits described above are not necessarily complete. Each volunteer derives his/her own rewards for the valuable contribution he/she makes. We welcome your contribution as a North Vancouver Youth Band volunteer and the benefits are yours to enjoy!