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Summer Opportunities for Teens to Volunteer in Austin

**If we are missing anything, we'd love to add it! Please let us know at hello@barbsteinberg.com. Thanks!*

Austin Pets Alive!

Individuals aged 13-17 may volunteer with APA! under the supervision of a parent/guardian. Those aged 16-17 may volunteer without a parent/guardian present if a waiver is signed. In either case, the parent or guardian must also be a registered APA! volunteer and must attend volunteer orientation. Please visit the [volunteer section of our website](#) for more information and to submit applications for both the teen and the parent/guardian.

You are welcome to help your mother in the neonatal ward; however, you must be at least 16 to bottle feed under the supervision of a trained adult. The bottle babies are actually so small and young that they don't need play, just feeding and such. Under-16 helpers in the neonatal ward generally clean up while their parents feed the kittens. You would be welcome to play with kittens and cats in the catteries (still under adult supervision).

APA! also offers the Teen Foster Program, where teens 13 and up can receive community service hours/volunteer hours for fostering. A parent has to sign on as the primary foster, and teens can receive 15-40 hours per foster term as long as they play an active role in the fostering and the parent vouches for their involvement. Please [visit this link](#) for more information on this program.

Both individuals and youth groups may work on independent projects to support Austin Pets Alive! Some suggested projects include:

- Running a supply drive to gather items from [APA!'s wish list](#)
- Having a bake sale and donating the proceeds to APA!
- Making [braided fleece toys](#) for the puppies or [rice sock heating pads](#) for the kittens
- Decorating "Adopt Me" bandannas or vests for dogs
- Creating thank you cards for APA! to send to donors

Art2love

Art2love's mission is to empower, encourage and elevate children in crisis through art – their own art. Through dedicated drawing workshops children express their inner feelings in drawings that are then made into tangible replicas they can hug and interact with. The custom, plush reproductions of the children's art are called artlings. Volunteers can attend monthly "sew-togethers" to assemble bags for superYou capes and create replicas of kids' art for fundraisers. [Contact the organization](#) to find out about the next volunteer opportunity.

Capital Area Food Bank

Youth are welcome to volunteer at the Food Bank! They accept volunteers as young as 8. Any individual youth volunteer between 8 and 17 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older. Youth groups must provide one adult chaperone for every 5 youth under 18.

All volunteers must be scheduled before volunteering. [Please visit the online registration site](#) to get scheduled.

The Contemporary Austin

The [Teen Volunteers program](#) is available for young people ages 13–18 at the Art School and runs throughout the year with special emphasis placed on the summer semester. This is an excellent opportunity for teens to see firsthand how an art classroom works, to interact with students, and to learn leadership skills from our excellent faculty. During the class, volunteers aid the instructor by facilitating instruction, help with any children that need extra assistance, and provide help during snacks and supervision on restroom breaks and walks on the grounds.

Volunteers may apply to assist on weekdays during summer. Once accepted, volunteers attend a mandatory orientation and assist for the duration of a class, typically four to five, 3.5-hour-long sessions.

Teen Volunteers participate exclusively at the Art School at Laguna Gloria year-round, with extended offerings in the summer.

Please [visit the link](#) for more information on applying.

All inquiries:

asintern@thecontemporaryaustin.org

GirlStart

[Girlstart Summer Camps](#) are week-long STEM programs for girls entering the 4th-8th grades. These programs achieve consistent positive outcomes by combining formal and informal educational strategies with challenging and relevant STEM curriculum. Girlstart Summer Camps provides individualized experiences that develop a strong conceptual understanding of STEM subjects and increase participants' interest in STEM activities and careers.

GirlStart takes applications from high school sophomore, junior, and senior girls for the week-long summer camp volunteer positions. [Sign up to volunteer here](#) to learn how you can help. There is a mandatory training for volunteering on May 24th and 26th from 6 –7:30 pm.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (summers)

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is looking for volunteers to help during their free summer Nature Nights. Nature Nights are Thursdays, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, starting in June. If you are interested in volunteering during these fun events or throughout the year please contact the Wildflower Center at 512-232-0200. For more information about the Nature Nights visit www.wildflower.org.

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Foundation Communities

Foundation Communities provides affordable, attractive homes and free on-site support services for thousands of families, veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Teens aged 16 and up, can volunteer in the learning center program. For more information, visit foundcom.org.

Austin Children's Guidance Center

Volunteers (18 years and older) play with children up to age 17 in the waiting area while they wait for their appointment or when their parents are in consultation with staff and create a pleasant, structured environment for children. If you are interested in volunteering, you can email volunteer@austinchildguidance.org.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes/ Community Works

Volunteers commit to a once per month service (1st Monday, 3rd Thursday, etc.) on the same team. They prepare the sandwiches and load the trucks with clothing, food and toiletries. It takes an average of 1.5 hours, depending on the number of volunteers, to complete it. Teams can have around 8 people total. They require all minors to be accompanied by parent/chaperon/guardian as well as have a waiver signed by their parent as well if they are serving at our Community First! Village. If teens are interested in coming to serve by themselves at our Commissary, they can get in touch with Trudy Six (trudy@mlf.org), the Commissary Manager. Visit mlf.org to see the full list of volunteer opportunities.

Vacation Bible School Programs (summers)

Many churches utilize teen volunteers as a part of these programs.