RACING READERS

PROGRAM VOLUNTEER

HAVE FUN WITH KIDS AND HELP THEM LEARN!

Have fun with kids AND help them learn! Racing Readers is a collaboration between the SFU Surrey–TD Community Engagement Centre and the Surrey School District (SD36). This after-school program seeks to improve the physical, educational and social well-being of elementary-aged students in Grades 2–5. Children participate in physical activities, reading, writing and numeracy exercises, and enjoy a healthy snack. High school, university and adult mentors (like you!) foster companionship, support, discipline, and learning.

YOUR ROLE

As a Racing Readers volunteer, you will help lead students through the Racing Readers after-school program. You will help organize activity teams, coach physical activities and minor games, lead students through numeracy and literacy activities, and generally be a positive role model for respectful and fun learning.

Whether you know it or not: you are already a success story. As an SFU student, your presence alone provides a connection to higher education that can actually make a concrete difference in a young student’s life. You are real, accessible, and fun. And learning can be that way, too.

In this role, you will:

- Develop effective written/verbal communication skills;
- Develop strategies to solve problems and select an appropriate course of action;
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills;
- Incorporate diverse teaching methods and strategies which are appropriate to addressing the needs of children and families;
- Work effectively with diverse age groups;
- Plan for and respond to issues of inclusion;
- Gain demonstrable leadership and mentorship experience;
- Have the opportunity to engage with other SFU students and volunteers;
- Earn credit on your co-curricular record.

Other benefits:

- Gain experience working with school-age kids in an elementary school setting.
- Gain experience facilitating an afterschool program.
- Gain demonstrable leadership and mentorship experience.
- Have the opportunity to engage with other SFU students and volunteers.
- Earn credit on your co-curricular record.
Program dates:
October 8, 2019 to the first week of June, 2020.

Times & Locations:
Tuesdays, Betty Huff Elementary School (13055 Huntley Ave, Surrey), 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, Newton Elementary School (13359 81 Ave, Surrey), 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Volunteers will be asked to arrive at 2:00 p.m. for set-up, and stay until 5:00 p.m. for clean-up and debrief. Availability (i.e. missing sessions) can be negotiated ahead of time with the Racing Readers Program and Volunteer Leader.

REQUIREMENTS

• Currently enrolled in OR graduated from an undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or Continuing Studies program at SFU (SFU students and alumni welcome!);
• Excellent oral and written communication skills;
• Excellent interpersonal and conflict management skills;
• Excellent organizational and problem-solving skills;
• Willingness and ability to work with at-risk children who may exhibit behavioral challenges;
• Previous experience working with children in a recreation or school setting will be considered an asset;
• Volunteers must attend a mandatory training session to prepare them for the program.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

To begin your application:
If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Trisha Dulku, Community Engagement Associate (community-volunteer@sfu.ca) with your name, contact information, current program and year of study at SFU, and any previous relevant experience.
You will be asked to participate in a quick phone interview at a time that is convenient for you.

Deadline to apply: Friday, September 20, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.