

V.I.P.A.R. Program



Since 1996, the Original V.I.P.A.R. (Volunteers in Parks and Recreation) program has been helping kids build a foundation of knowledge, a positive attitude, and skills that are needed to be a responsible volunteer and future employee.



All applicants must fill out a V.I.P.A.R. application and return to the DP Community Center no later than May 3rd.

Prerequisites and additional information are located on our website.

Deer Park Parks and Recreation
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www.deerparktx.gov/recreation

Dear Potential V.I.P.A.R. Parents/Guardians and Participants,

Thank you for considering volunteering in the City of Deer Park V.I.P.A.R. program. We are excited for our 23rd summer to start!

If you are new to the program, you are probably wondering, what is V.I.P.A.R.? V.I.P.A.R. stands for Volunteer in Parks and Recreation and was created in 1996 to teach this age group about the importance and aspects of a job from filling out an application, to interviewing and being responsible for a work schedule. It exposes the youth to new skills while providing extra help for the department. Our program provides volunteer opportunities for youth during the summer. Boys and girls can volunteer while having fun at Camp Crabgrass, Movies and Concerts in the Park and other youth-gearred camps as well as participate in art programs. The program gives kids a chance to practice life skills and learn responsibility, preparation and accountability.

What are we looking for? We are looking for energetic teens ages 12-15 to volunteer with us in the summer who are able to meet the following requirements:

- 12-15 years old
- Responsible and a great attitude towards volunteering
- Respectful towards all employees, adults and participants
- Good communication
- Get to work each day and perform all duties required
- Must have reliable transportation (adult driving you, walk, bike, etc.)

If you are interested in this program, fill out the attached application and return it to the Deer Park Community Center or email it directly to Stephen Bibbs no later than May 3rd.

What happens once you apply? Once we reach our deadline, we contact all of the participants by email and home telephone number. We will set up an interview time to come in and meet with us. After the interview, we will send you an acceptance or a “maybe next year” letter. Many variables go into choosing a V.I.P.A.R., this includes availability, interview and how many available spots we have for the summer.

Summer will be here before we know it and we are looking forward to working with you and your child. If selected to be a summer 2019 V.I.P.A.R., we will give you further information about what to expect in the summer.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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Volunteer In Parks and Recreation Application

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ V.I.P.A.R. Phone Number: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____ Parent Cell Number: _____

V.I.P.A.R. Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Emergency name/Phone Number: _____

Shirt size: (please circle or highlight) Adult XL Adult Large Adult Medium Adult Small Other _____

Areas of Interest: (Circle or highlight all that apply)

Summer camp programs	Arts and Crafts	Outdoor activities
Ceramics	Bowling	Office Help
Basketball	Cooking	Senior Citizen Services
Gym	Game Room	Other: _____

Are there any days you would not be available on a regular basis? (STP, Summer School, etc.)

Are there any dates and times you would not be available on a regular basis? (School, church, vacation, etc?)

Please tell us why you want to be a V.I.P.A.R.?

Parks & Recreation

I, _____ agree to conduct myself in a mature, responsible manner and to remember that I am a representative of the Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department. I will attend activities on the days I am scheduled and in the event of illness or an emergency; I will call the V.I.P.A.R. Coordinator as soon as possible to notify them of my absence.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Summer Schedule

I, _____, agree to serve, if accepted as a Volunteer in Parks and Recreation for the summer during the following weeks: **Please only check off the weeks you are available to volunteer**

<u>Yes, I can Volunteer</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Mandatory Parent Meeting, May 23 6pm – 7pm
	Mandatory V.I.P.A.R. training May 30 10 am – 3pm
	June 3 – 7
	June 10 – 14
	June 17 – 21
	June 24 – 28

<u>Yes, I can Volunteer</u>	<u>Date</u>
X	No volunteering this week
	July 8– 12
	July 15 – 19
	July 22 – 26
	July 29 – Aug. 2
	August 5 - 9

<u>Yes, I can Volunteer</u>	<u>Special Events</u>
	Concert in the Parks (every Friday night in summer)
	Daddy Daughter Dance (Friday Evening on June)
	Dive In Movies (First Friday of every month)
	End of Summer VIPAR Trip (August 6)

Transportation Agreement

Volunteering for such programs as Camp Crabgrass, track meets, etc. will require finding your own transportation to these locations. Will you be able to have transportation to the following?
(Circle or highlight all that apply)

Deer Park Community Center	North Campus High School
Jimmy Burke Activity Center	Claude Burgess Center
Kingsdale Recreation Center	Avon Recreation Center

What type of transportation will this typically be? (Circle or highlight all that apply)

Car Bike Walk Other _____

I understand that my child will need transportation to certain programs he/she will be volunteering for. I will arrange for transportation when it becomes necessary. I further understand that some programs will only be for a few hours and that the V.I.P.A.R. program discourages volunteers from being on site unless they are volunteering or using the facilities as a patron.

My child must wait with staff until his/her ride arrives Yes No

I, the undersigned, understand that my child may be transported for activity purposes by a City of Deer Park employee (s) in a City of Deer Park vehicle. I understand that there exists a possibility of an injury if my child does not abide by safety standards and policies explained to him/her verbally by staff or received in written format. I understand that my son/daughter must safely participate during transportation period during the trip. Lastly, I understand that if an accident does occur, I am obligated for any and all medical costs, ambulance costs and other expenses that arise as a result from transporting by a City vehicle.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



City of Deer Park Volunteer Release Form

I, _____ (“Minor”) being permitted by the City of Deer Park to volunteer and to use its property (i.e. city equipment and facilities) as described, I further agree to the foregoing indemnity and release and hold harmless the city from any and all claims that are brought by, or on behalf of, minor and which are in any way connected with such volunteer work or participation by minor.

Release and Indemnity – I hereby release, acquit and forever discharge the City of Deer Park and its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, expenses and judgments of any nature and however caused of whatsoever character or nature arising from or by reason of any and all bodily or personal injuries and damage to property and the consequences thereof which may be sustained by me, which are in any way connected with my participation as a volunteer (including acts or omissions) and/or using of the city property (including participation in any activities occurring thereon).

I certify that I have no medical or physical conditions, which would interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume, and bear the costs of, all risks that may be created directly or indirectly by any such condition.

I agree that the laws of the State of Texas apply and venue shall be in Harris County, Texas regarding any issue that may arise in any way connected with this agreement, acknowledgment of risk, release and indemnity.

I understand that public relations are an important part of volunteering with the City of Deer Park. I agree, therefore, on behalf of my heirs, personal representatives, and executors to allow the City of Deer Park to use any photograph or video images taken of me and/or which I produce. All photographs or video images will become the sole property of the City of Deer Park. The City of Deer Park may use them as it sees fit. The City of Deer Park will use reasonable efforts to notify me but such notification is not a condition of use under the auspices of the City of Deer Park.

I hereby verify that I have read and understand the contents of the above document and I agree to be bound by its terms and acknowledge same by my signature hereto:

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Printed Name: _____ Minor’s Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

**Volunteer in Parks and Recreation
Personal Reference form
(Neighbor, teacher or adult other than a relative)**

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Do you think the applicant is qualified in assisting in recreational programs with guidance? Please explain.

3. Do you find the applicant to be dependable? To use mature judgment? To be a positive role model for children? Please explain.

4. Would you consider placing the responsibility of your child with the applicant?

5. Additional comments.

6. Your name: _____

Day phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Applicant's name: _____