

Volunteering at E&DSC

Jobs available throughout the year

General

Phoning: A partial list of Skating parents' names and numbers will be provided to you and you will be asked to make calls to them in the event of a lesson cancellation due to inclement weather. In addition to this, you may be asked to help make calls to skating parents to confirm they will volunteer for specific Carnival volunteer jobs they indicated interest in at the beginning of the year.

Advertising/publicity: If you have an artistic creative flair, good photography skills, &/or connections to the media, we could definitely use your help with keeping our club in the news and keeping our Skating Board looking Fabulous.

Fund Raising: During each year there are two fundraising activities planned by our Fundraising Director on the Board. You will be asked to help out with the organization and delivery of orders – for example sorting of food orders (such as MacMillans Frozen foods) and being available to hand them to Skating parents as they pick them up.

Photo Night/Costume Try On: We hold our annual photo night in conjunction with the Carnival costume try on evening as the skaters are photographed wearing their outfits. You will be asked to help hand out costumes, check for fit and help take them back and hang them up on each individual skaters personal hangers.

CanSkate & PreSchool

Mail box: At each lesson, the mailboxes need to be rolled into the main lobby from where they are stored between the inner and outer set of doors to the arena. At the end of each lesson, they need to be rolled back out for storage. We assign this task to a different parent each month throughout the year.

Name badges: 10 minutes before the start of each lesson, the skaters' name badges need to be taken from the coaches locker room (on the left down near the end of the long hall past the dressing rooms) and handed out to the skaters. At the end of each lesson, these badges need to be collected back from the skaters. They are used to help the coaches group the skaters into their levels as we add coloured stickers on them as the skaters move up through their badges.

Progress Record keeper: In order to help out the coaches with their paperwork, we are in need of someone to help complete the Progress Tracking Sheets we plan to keep posted each week on the walls. As the skaters demonstrate each skill during test days, they are recorded and tracked.

On ice assistant: In addition to our teenaged and young adult Program Assistants, who work with our Professional Coaches to help supervise and monitor the skaters as they practice and develop their skills, we often can use additional adult skaters who have a good understanding of skating skills to help out. It's a fun way to use up your volunteer hours while remaining close to your own skater.

Ice Show

Costumes: Every year we have a need for volunteers to help us put together, organize, repair our existing inventory of costumes for the carnival show. If you like to sew, this is an ideal job for you. It is completed prior to the Carnival show day.

Props: If you have carpentry or good handyman skills, this could be an ideal role for you. For each Carnival there is a need to build some props

Set decorating: If you have artistic or painting skills, this may be the right job for you. It is completed prior to the Carnival show day.

Ticket sales: In advance of the Carnival show, there is a need for some people to sell tickets and also prior to the show, there is a need for both ticket sales as well as ticket collection duties. On the day of the show, this job starts one hour prior to the start of the show and continues till the first intermission (about 2 hours). The view from the sidelines is an excellent vantage point to see your skaters enter and exit the ice.

Fundraising Item sales: On the day of the Carnival, Programs, Flowers and Candy Kabobs have been sold in the past. Some of these, or similar item sales will be required again this coming year. This job starts one hour prior to the start of the show and continues till after the first intermission (2 to 3 hours). The view from the sidelines is an excellent vantage point to see your skaters enter and exit the ice.

MC notes: If you have an interest in music and/or research, this is an excellent role for you. The MC needs to have commentary about each of the musical numbers being performed so there is a need for someone to research and document some interesting facts about each one. It is completed prior to the Carnival show day

Program design: If you are creative and have skills or a flair for graphic design and a MAC, this could be an excellent role for you. It is completed prior to the Carnival show day and outside of skating lesson hours. The club has the programs printed at a local printer and requires the design file work only.

Set up/Tear Down: On the Friday afternoon/evening, prior to the dress rehearsal, there is a need to set up the lights, sets, props, etc. On the Saturday late afternoon, just after the Carnival show ends, there is a need to set up the lights, sets, props, etc. The more helpers that are available for these two jobs, the faster this goes. This job is completed outside of the show hours leaving the volunteers free to view the show.

Lights: There is a need for a few individuals to operate the lights during the entire Carnival show. If you have knowledge or experience in operating light systems, this could be the ideal role for you. In addition, all of the locations offer excellent vantage points to view the show from.

Security: In order to ensure the safety of all the skaters, Security is set up at the entrance and exit points and parents are asked to sign in their skaters and sign them out again at the end of their involvement in the show (after the first half or second half). This role does not allow for the volunteer to view much of the show, but they can go watch their own skater numbers briefly.