

READING ROCKS

Sign up to be a *Reading Rocks* Volunteer this summer!

Program Description

The Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to read with children (pre-kindergarten through sixth grade) in Central Park, Castle Rock Park, Gorham Park, Pioneer Park, Medicine Crow MS or Orchard Elementary this summer at Reading Rocks. This program is offered four days a week in conjunction with the free lunch program provided by School District 2.



Who Should Volunteer?

- High school, college students, and adults who enjoy working with children.
- Individuals who enjoy listening to children read aloud.

What's the goal of Reading Rocks?

The goal of Reading Rocks is to provide a fun and structured environment for students to read during the summer months. Statistics show that low-income students' reading skills slip backward by two to three months each summer. By providing summer reading opportunities in a convenient location, we hope to reverse this trend.

Scope of Responsibilities

- New volunteers must attend a brief training offered June 9 or June 10, noon to 1 pm at the Lincoln Center in room 213. Past volunteers do not need to attend.
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- Volunteers should be prepared to volunteer from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at each Reading Rocks session.
- We ask that volunteers be able to volunteer at least 5 times during the summer.
- Each day starts with unloading and setting up the book boxes and tent. The session begins with a storyteller or special presenter who will read aloud to the group of children. Following that, volunteers will listen to individual children read and help them pick out a book and prize to take home.

Summer Schedule

- Reading Rocks will run from **June 15th to July 23rd, 2020**, 12 noon to 1 p.m.
 - Mondays: **Castle Rock Park** (West Wicks Lane)
 - Mondays: **Orchard Elementary** (120 Jackson Street)
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays: **Pioneer Park** (3rd Street West and Ave. D)
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays: **Central Park** (Central and 10th Street West)
 - Wednesdays: **Gorham Park** (Houle Drive and Miles Avenue)
 - Wednesdays: **Medicine Crow MS** (900 Barrett Rd)

Benefits

Helping children succeed at reading is a highly rewarding experience. Volunteers will benefit as much as the children by seeing their enthusiasm.

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Teen Volunteer Application Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address (preferred mailing): _____ ZIP: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

References: Please choose your references from among the following: teacher, principal, employer, minister.

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Relationship: _____

Days/dates I would like to volunteer:

Mondays at Orchard Elementary _____
Mondays in Castle Rock Park _____
Tuesdays in Central Park _____
Tuesdays in Pioneer Park _____
Wednesdays in Gorham Park _____
Wednesdays at Medicine Crow MS _____
Thursdays in Central Park _____
Thursdays in Pioneer Park _____

Applicant's Signature:

Parent's Signature:

Your signature indicates your approval for your child's participation in the teen volunteer program and your acknowledgment that he or she is in good health.

Training Dates: Tuesday, June 9th or Wednesday, June 10th from noon to 1 pm at Lincoln Center in room 213. – Please Circle the date that you are able to attend.

Past volunteers do not need to attend training.

Please return your Reading Rocks Volunteer Application to:

Education Foundation/Attn: Reading Rocks/415 North 30th Street/Billings, MT 59101
406-281-5150 (phone) Email to: foundation@billingschools.org

