



Family Participation Program

The Family Participation Program (FPP) is an essential part of Valleyview Skating Club and is your opportunity to contribute to the overall success of our skating season and your child's skating opportunities. Our club is a not-for-profit society that is run by volunteers on our Board of Directors. Like most clubs, there is a lot of work spread between few people. We also incur a variety of costs that cannot only be covered by registration. It is our priority to keep registration as low as possible to ensure we are remaining accessible to the broader community. Therefore, to help subsidize costs such as ice time, coaching, electronic equipment, training equipment, miscellaneous competition, and club events; we fundraise and apply for grants. Volunteers are required not only to help lighten our load but they are also needed for fundraising efforts and to demonstrate our volunteer commitment for the greatest amount of available funding.

Who must participate in the program?

Some form of participation is mandatory from every family, and you will be required to sign up at the time of registration. The expectation is that all families will participate in fundraising. However, families will also sign up for more responsible volunteer roles as you progress through the years with our club. For our beginner skaters, you have the option of signing up for a "float" role which allows us to contact you as and when needed. It is possible you may not be called upon, but either way, these positions will not require a huge time commitment. For those of you that have been with us longer, you may also sign up for floating roles, but may be called on more or for roles not yet filled.

We have chosen not to have a buy-out option with volunteering this year as we have learned that when we have offered it: we don't meet our grant commitments; board members end up burnt out from taking on jobs that could be done by parents; and we cannot use the additional funds to hire these types of jobs out. Instead, we are looking to our members to help us spread out the workload so that it is manageable for everyone. If you have a particular interest or service not listed, below, please let us know how you can contribute!

Opportunities for Volunteer Requirements include:

- **Float**
 - This position is designed for our new families just getting to know our club. You are more than welcome to sign up for any volunteer position we have available, but if you are unsure, this is a great way to start! You will be asked to help out on a "when and as needed" basis. The time commitment will be 1-2 hours or what you are able to offer and will occur when your child is participating, when at all possible. Families that have been with us longer may choose this option as well, but could be called on more often or to fill positions that have not yet been filled.
- **CanSkate Table volunteer**
 - This person will arrive 15 minutes before the CanSkate session to set up the table with name tags. You will remain at the table while families come in and direct them to the appropriate area for putting skates on and answer any questions they have. You will have access to senior parents to help out if there are questions you can't answer. You will clean up the table after everyone is through (about 20 minutes after start). This is a great position for CanSkate families to learn more about how the club works, and meet other parents and skaters! Feel free to sign up for a specific day, even if you aren't sure you can make each week. We will schedule back-ups for those you are unable to make.
- **Off-ice Parent Program Assistant (PA)** (all levels – prefer 2 per session in younger sessions)
 - For your child's session, you will monitor the ice at all times and help the coaches with supervision when skaters go off/back on ice. You are there to help with skates, someone to help with bumps and bruises and/or help to get parent's attention for their skaters. In most cases, this will allow the coaches uninterrupted coaching with those left on ice. Feel free to sign up for a specific day even if you know there are weeks you are unable to make it. We will fill those positions with back up volunteers or floats.

- **Fundraising**
 - This position will support the fundraising coordinator. Specifically, the coordinator needs the most help with organizing items once delivered to get to their purchaser. This position will most likely be within a committee that will generate ideas, and support the fundraising efforts of the club throughout the year.
- **Team Spirit committee**
 - Be a part of making the Valleyview Skating Club an outstanding experience for your skater. Aside from skating, a huge part of belonging to a club is building lasting friendships, giving senior skaters the opportunity to mentor and creating a positive environment for all skaters to learn. To strengthen these relationships and build club spirit, it is important that our skaters have the opportunity to spend time together outside their skating level. Competitions are a fantastic way to cheer on club skaters but we would love to have even more opportunities for all members. Arranging club dinners or skating days at Sun Peaks/Stake Lake Cross Country skiing are some ideas! We need some energy and organization to make these happen. The more people on this committee the easier it will be to provide these opportunities to our skaters. All levels are welcome!
- **Family Participation Program**
 - This position will help the volunteer coordinators with emailing/organizing of the family participation program. They will reach out to families to assess when/how each family can contribute and schedule volunteer hours accordingly. They will keep track of who has/has not volunteered to ensure we are using all our volunteer resources appropriately.
- **Social Media/Photo keeper**
 - We would love our member community to help us elevate our profile on accepted social media outlets. This position would be representing Valleyview Skating Club and would therefore work with the board of directors and/or coaches to ensure content is factual and appropriate. Volunteers would/could create a skating club photo repository that could be used in all media/outreach functions. If you have are interested and/or have skills in this area, please sign up for this position!
- **Show Committee member**
 - Due to Covid, we had to cancel our Circus Dreams on Ice show in 2020. We are optimistically looking forward to presenting this show in the spring of 2022. To make this a reality, we need a show committee to handle everything from ticket sales to costumes to photo ops and more in between. We have a great head start but can use a few more committee members to help us make this show a reality!
 - If you would prefer to be a volunteer on the night of the big performance, please sign up below under Show Volunteer.
- **Show volunteer**
 - On the day of the big performance, we will need volunteers for a variety of jobs. Our intended date will be some time in March/April, depending on when we can get a "Special Event Ice Permit" from the city.
- **I have a different interest or service I can provide to the club**

Thank you for your participation in this program!

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