



# Local Volunteer Opportunities For Teens

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Emma S. Clark Memorial Library  
120 Main Street  
Setauket, NY 11733  
(631)941-4080

**Please Note:**

*While all information about volunteer opportunities provided in this brochure was accurate as of February 2024, teens are encouraged to contact organizations in advance, to confirm that locations are open to teen volunteers, and that trainings, required safety procedures, and duties match their expectations.*



## Animal Assistance

**RSVP (Responsible Solutions for Valued Pets)**

**PO Box 335, Eastport**

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

Volunteering with an Adult: Any Age

In-Person Opportunities: General office assistance and fundraising

To Apply: Call (631)533-2738 or email [info@rsvpinc.org](mailto:info@rsvpinc.org)

### Smithtown Animal Shelter

**410 East Main Street, Smithtown**

Independent Volunteering: Virtually: "Teens,"

undefined ages; In-Person: 16 years old and up

From-Home Opportunities: Create homemade treats, cat shelters, and cat toys, hold a supplies drive, attend virtual events, and participate in landscaping/beautification projects

To Apply: Contact Leigh Wixson at (631) 360-7575 or [LWixson@smithtownny.gov](mailto:LWixson@smithtownny.gov)

### Sweetbriar Nature Center

**410 East Main Street, Smithtown**

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Programming, gardening, wildlife care, office work, vivarium (butterfly exhibit) assistance, and event planning

To Apply: Contact Isabel at (631)979-6344 or [lmfswbriarnc@aol.com](mailto:lmfswbriarnc@aol.com)

## Art Galleries

**Gallery North**

**90 North Country Road, Setauket**

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Event planning, yard work, gallery sitting, office work, and organization

To Apply: Contact Erin Smith at (631) 751-2676 or [info@gallerynorth.org](mailto:info@gallerynorth.org)

## Environmental Conservation

**Atlantic Marine Conservation Society (AMSEAS)**

**Various Locations Across Long Island**

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

Volunteering with an Adult: 12 to 15 years old

In-Person Opportunities: Beach Cleanups

To Apply: Call (631) 317-0030 or email [volunteers@amseas.org](mailto:volunteers@amseas.org)

### Avalon Park Nature Initiative

**200 Harbor Road, Stony Brook**

Independent Volunteering: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and up

In-Person Opportunities: Completing projects

related to environmental science, marine ecology, stewardship and conservation

From-Home Opportunities: Virtual events

To Apply: Contact Kayla Serina at (631) 689-0619 or

[Kayla@avalonparkandpreserve.org](mailto:Kayla@avalonparkandpreserve.org)

### Coastal Steward

**Town of Brookhaven Shellfish Hatchery**

**231 Harbor Beach Road, Mount Sinai**

Independent Volunteering: "Teens," unspecified

In-Person Opportunities: Beach cleanups, shellfish restoration, and outreach

From-Home Opportunities: Creating social media content, newsletter assistance, and other various duties

To Apply: Call (631) 941-6528

## Food Programs

**Bethel Hobbs Farm**

**178 Oxhead Road, Centereach**

Volunteering Independently: Flexible based on maturity and self-motivation

Volunteering with an Adult: Any Age

In-Person Opportunities: Planting, weeding, tilling, watering, transplanting, and harvesting

To Apply: Contact Ann Pellegrino at (631) 774-1556 or [ann.hobbsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:ann.hobbsfarm@gmail.com)

## Cooking for Long Island Veterans

**31 Hawkins Road, Stony Brook**

Independent Volunteering: 12 years old and up

Volunteering with an Adult: All ages

In-Person Opportunities: Computer help, cleaning, packing, cooking, and food collections

To Apply: Contact Rena at (631) 275-4958 or [cookingfliiv@gmail.com](mailto:cookingfliiv@gmail.com)

### Long Island Cares: Harry Chapin Food Bank

**10 Davids Drive, Hauppauge**

Volunteering with an Adult: 6 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Food Drives and event planning

From-Home Opportunities: Participate in Kids United Against Hunger Program (for ages 6-12)

To Apply: Contact Nancy Guarino for general volunteering [licvolunteer@licares.org](mailto:licvolunteer@licares.org) or

Billy Gonyou for Food Drives

[fooddrive@licares.org](mailto:fooddrive@licares.org)

### St. Gerard Majella Food Pantry

**300 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station**

Independent Volunteering: 12 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Helping in the food pantry and soup kitchen (must be 13 or older to help in soup kitchen)

To Apply: Contact Jennifer at (631) 473-2900 or [jennifer@stgmajella.org](mailto:jennifer@stgmajella.org)

## Historical Institutions

**Three Village Historical Society**

**93 N. Country Road, Setauket**

Independent Volunteering: 13 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Gardening, scanning documents, filing, and various other duties

From-Home Opportunities: Writing reviews and creating social media content

To Apply: Contact Kimberly Phyfe at (631) 751-3730 or [development@tvhs.org](mailto:development@tvhs.org)

## Hospitals & Medical Centers

### Mather Hospital

75 N. Country Road, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 14 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Various duties as assigned, in clinical and gift shop departments

To Apply: Fill out this Form

<https://www.matherhospital.org/application-junior-volunteer-service/>

### New York Blood Center

Various Locations Across Long Island

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Greet and monitor blood donors before and after donations, perform administrative support and community education

To Apply: Call (516)478-5108 or email

[volunteers@nybloodcenter.org](mailto:volunteers@nybloodcenter.org)

### St. Charles Hospital

200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 15 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Various duties as assigned, in clinical and gift shop departments

To Apply: Contact Tasha Felix-Jerome at

(631) 465-7161 or [tasha.felix-jerome@chsli.org](mailto:tasha.felix-jerome@chsli.org)

Or fill out this form: <https://www.chsli.org/st-charles-hospital/ways-give/volunteer>

## Museums

### Long Island Explorium

101 East Broadway, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 15 years old and up

Volunteering with an Adult: 12 to 14 years old

In-Person Opportunities: Be a "Museum Guide," and help with events, camps, cleaning, and organizing

From-Home Opportunities: Content creation, video editing, copywriting, and citizen science

To Apply: Contact Rianna at

[volunteer@longislandexplorium.org](mailto:volunteer@longislandexplorium.org)

## Music, Entertainment, Event, and Theatric Venues

### The Jazz Loft

275 Christian Avenue, Stony Brook

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Setting-up and breaking-down performances, cleaning, and assisting with the elevator, front desk, and the artist/performers

To Apply: Contact Dr. Laura Landor at

(631)751-1895 or [laurasteg27@gmail.com](mailto:laurasteg27@gmail.com)

### Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce

118 W Broadway, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 15 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Set-up for events, ticketing, running activities, and cleaning

To Apply: Call (631)473-1414 or email

[info@portjeffchamber.com](mailto:info@portjeffchamber.com)

### Theatre Three

412 Main Street, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 15 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Ushering at shows

To Apply: Contact Russell Pulick at

(631) 379-8453 or [Russell@theatrethree.com](mailto:Russell@theatrethree.com)

Or fill out this form:

<https://www.theatrethree.com/volunteer.html>

(please note form says you must be 16 years old, but they accept 15 year-olds as well)

## Specific Community Needs

### The Book Fairies

Various Locations Across Long Island

Independent Volunteering from Home: All Ages

Volunteering with an Adult In-Person: 12 and up

From-Home Opportunities: Run Book Drives

In-Person Opportunities: Sort books for children in need

To Apply: Fill out this form:

<https://thebookfairies.org/volunteer-signup/>

### The Crime Victims Center at

### Parents for Megan's Law

100 Comac Street, Ronkonkoma

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Administrative assistance, prepping, sorting and processing materials for literature shelves and programs, and social media work

To Apply: Contact Amanda J. at (631) 689-2672

or [amandaj@crimevictimscenter.org](mailto:amandaj@crimevictimscenter.org)

### Help Homeless LI

Various Locations Across Long Island

Independent Volunteering: "High School" Teens

From-Home Opportunities: Online graphic designing, research, outreach work, finance and fundraising

To Apply: Fill out this form:

<https://helphomelessli.typeform.com/to/nw5Bbtfh?typeform-source=www.google.com>

### Long Island State Veteran's Home

100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook

Independent Volunteering: 14-17 years old

In-Person Opportunities: Assisting in recreational activities and interacting with the residents

From-Home Opportunities: Some, unspecified

To Apply: Contact Samantha Calandrino at

(631)444-8590 or

[Samantha.Calandrino@lisvh.org](mailto:Samantha.Calandrino@lisvh.org)

Or fill out this form:

<https://veteranshome.stonybrookmedicine.edu/volunteer>

### Newborns in Need

Headquarters in Huntington, NY

Independent Volunteering: All Ages

At-Home Opportunities: Knit or crochet baby blankets & hats, host a "Baby Shower" Drive for new and gently used baby items

To Apply: Call (631)827-0273 or email

[lincy@newbornsinneed.org](mailto:lincy@newbornsinneed.org)

### Pal-O-Mine Equestrian Inc.

829 Old Nichols Road, Islandia

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Work with clients, therapy horses, and farm animals, complete barn chores, fundraising, cleaning, gardening, and event planning

To Apply: Contact Andrea Casey at

(631) 348-1389 or (516) 971-9069 or

[volunteer@pal-o-mine.org](mailto:volunteer@pal-o-mine.org)

### VFOW Post 3054

8 Jones Street, East Setauket

Volunteering with an Adult: All Ages

Independent Volunteering: 13 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Property and building clean-up, fundraising, repair-work, and parade assistance

To Apply: Contact David Tracy at

[VFOWpost3054@gmail.com](mailto:VFOWpost3054@gmail.com)

## Volunteering

### Community Groups

#### Three Village Dads Foundation

P.O. Box 426, East Setauket

Volunteering with an Adult: All Ages

Independent Volunteering: 13 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Historical property care, weeding, watering plants, cleaning up environment

To Apply: Contact David Tracy at

[3VDFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:3VDFoundation@gmail.com)

#### Ward Melville Heritage Organization

##### Youth Corps

PO Box 572, Stony Brook

Independent Volunteering: 11 to 17 years old

In-Person Opportunities: Complete projects focused on local history and environmental betterment

To Apply: Call (631) 751-2244