



VARIETY (NSW) VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Volunteers at all activities are asked to assist carers when and wherever possible and interact with kids through conversation and joining in activities.

The number of volunteers required varies according to the activity, from 2 (eg accompanying a group to a Sydney Aquarium visit) to 600 (Children's Christmas party), and depends on the number of carers accompanying the school group.

Specific tasks also vary according to the activity:

Ice skating - requires 20 - 30 volunteers to assist in unloading/loading kids in minibuses, fitting skates, assisting with kids skating on the ice and pushing wheelchairs on the ice, serving morning tea and providing general information to carers (location of toilets and facilities).

Pampering Kids - caters for 5-8 volunteers to pamper kids with manicures, mini facials, styling hair with gel and coloured hair spray.

Kids discos - require 20 volunteers who assist with unloading/loading buses, dancing and singing with kids, serving morning tea, providing general information to carers.

The Variety Kids Christmas Party - requires the greatest number of volunteers over a 2 day period. Set up day 200-300 in general assistance duties including unloading, unpacking, setting up tables and hire equipment, packing party bags. Party day 500-600 volunteers are allocated specific areas of assistance including supervision of all entertainment activities, face painting, distribution of food and toys, accompanying kids on rides, providing general information to carers (location of toilets, Lost Children Location, Child Care facility for feeds, location of various activities etc)

Carers know the personalities and needs of the children in their care and it is essential that all volunteers be guided by them as to the extent of the interaction with children, and the childrens' reaction to attention from strangers.