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Volunteer Opportunity: Boys' & Girls' Club of Pittsfield

February 12, 2010 at 11:00 am (Pittsfield, Volunteer Opportunity)

Boys' & Girls' Club of Pittsfield: The Business of Volunteerism

When February vacation arrives, school hallways fall silent. It's a time to rest and regroup for students and teachers alike, but at the **Boys' and Girls' Club**, it marks one of the busiest times of the year.



Swimming at the Boys' and Girls' Club in Pittsfield, MA

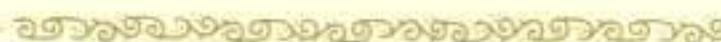
This year, Berkshire County students will enjoy February vacation from the 15th to 19th, and because of the annual rise in attendance at the club during school vacation weeks, the Boys and Girls Club relies on the talents of both club staff and volunteers, who include adults, teenagers, and younger children performing a variety of tasks, from the mundane to the extraordinary.

Tina Wixom, director of guidance and education at the Boys' and Girls' Club, said the role of volunteers has become an intrinsic aspect of its overall operation, especially during busy times when more hands are needed to ensure that programs and events run smoothly.

"The club relies on and functions very much because of the volunteer effort, but volunteers are not necessarily adults many are young people who are providing a huge service to the club," she said. "During February vacation, the events at the club are constant. There are soccer shoot-outs, foul-shot contests, and tugs-of-war going on in the gym during the day and organized swim meets, hockey games, and basketball games in the evening. **We need about 75 volunteers just to get through each night.**"

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