

Understanding Volunteer Hours

We are proud of our all-volunteer club! Because of you...adventure awaits.

Have you enjoyed SSTC's monthly dining out, day trips, sporting activities, monthly happy hours, or international travel? Have you enjoyed holiday parties, summer picnics at Larry Michaud's, or an Oktoberfest at Roger Schnelten's? We are an "all-volunteer" club. These opportunities are a possibility for all club members through the generosity of members donating time and talent. Countless hours are spent behind the scenes creating international trips, day trips, parties, processing membership information, publishing the directory, creating fliers, writing Snowjourner articles, publishing the Snowjourner, choosing venues, and leading activities. *Most importantly, volunteer hours are a way for you to get to know other club members, even if you have a lifetime membership.*

Did you know that your volunteer hours can earn you early sign-up privileges at our trip sign-up parties? Don't miss out. Trips often have limited space. Those members that accumulate 10 volunteer hours will, upon request to the executive vice president at least 14 days prior to the sign up party, receive this certificate.

When is the next opportunity to use a certificate? Vice Presidents and Chairpersons are responsible for submitting any hours earned to the executive Vice President. **Sign-Up parties are each spring and fall.** Check the calendar on the club website for exact dates. There are many day trips, sporting activities and an international trip on the horizon. If you checked the volunteer box on the yearly membership application, the Vice President or Chairperson has a list with your name.

Who do I contact to earn volunteer hours? On your membership application you checked a box indicating your areas of interest for volunteering. You may be contacted from this list. In addition, eblasts are sent offering opportunities. ***My suggestion is don't wait...Be Proactive.*** Contact a VP or Chairperson and let them know of your willingness to earn those hours. Each committee can always use help.

How far in advance of a trip do I need to earn the hours? The cut-off for earning, submitting, and requesting a certificate is 14 days prior to the date of the sign-up party. Certificate holders have third priority sign-up privileges after executive board members and trip leaders. A hard copy of the certificate must be handed to the Trip Leader at the time of the sign-up. Securing this certificate also means that trip application requirements, certificate and check may be hand delivered to the Trip Leader prior to the sign-up event. ***Note: 10 hours is needed for each trip.***

If I have a certificate, am I guaranteed that I will have a spot on the trip? A certificate does not guarantee a trip is locked in, but it does increase your chances of securing the trip you desire. Everything is based on the number of travelers a contract allows and the tier of

applications received by the trip leader; board members, trip leaders, certificate holders, then all other members.

Interested in serving on the Executive Board? You earn 10 volunteer hours for each year you serve on the executive board, plus you have first tier sign-up. If you would like to be considered for an executive board position, contact the Executive Vice President.