

Volunteer



A Westmoreland County
Family Holiday Tradition

Established 1956

Overly's Country Christmas® and its volunteers serves the community with a holiday gathering place for families and friends, generation after generation, year after year. And because of the support, troubled youths, children and families at-risk benefit.

To maintain this holiday tradition and to assure it's future, Overly's Country Christmas® requires individuals, groups or families wanting to make a contribution of

time and the willingness to make a difference by helping in Christmas Village or in the set up and tear down of this Westmoreland County holiday tradition.

Whether you are a retired professional, between jobs looking for experience, a member of a service group or a parent with a young child, you can help in assuring that Overly's Country Christmas® continues for generations to come.



Christmas Village Volunteer Information



Time Commitment

During the operating season, the week before Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, volunteers work a full shift (opening to close) and can choose to work one day or several days. Depending on the day of the week, a 'shift' is approximately 3.5 to 5.5 hours.

Age Requirement

Minimum age is 15 years. As a family organization, we strongly encourage family volunteering with children younger than 15 and even those older. Call to learn what areas are best suited for a younger child.

Reporting Time

All volunteers check in at the Overly's Office by 5:15 pm, proceed to their designated work areas where the Department Team Leader or Volunteer Assistant will provide directions on the use of the cash register and the duties of the department which he/she is assigned.

End of Shift

The end of shift is at closing time or at which time, volunteers are requested to begin clean up and are released from their duties. All areas must be cleaned and prepped for the next night's volunteer groups. On some weekends in December traffic may be so heavy that extending hours of operation is a necessity. Overly's personnel will update volunteers as to traffic conditions and the possibility of closing later than expected.

Special Considerations

Volunteers should possess group customer relations skills and be able to handle a diversity of people and situations. Cashiers must be comfortable handling money and counting change. Volunteers must be able to be on their feet for the duration of their shift with breaks. Additionally, areas have minimal heat therefore, volunteers should dress in layers with appropriate footwear.

Volunteer Treats

Volunteers receive Treat Food Coupon packs each evening that they volunteer, good for food and discounts.

For Set Up and Tear Down, Monday - Saturday , 9 - 3, with any day, times and activities to fit your preferences and schedule.

Most schools and colleges require volunteer service hours for graduation. Spend a Season with Overly's Country Christmas® and let us get to know you so writing your letter of recommendation or LinkedIn recommendation is from the heart.

Volunteer to Continue the Tradition . . .

724-423-1400 or info@overlys.com

Be A Part of the Holiday Tradition

Christmas Village Volunteer Positions Available

Country Kitchen

The Country Kitchen is an outdoor barbeque, serving a menu of char-grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, hot chocolate and apple cider. Spun Snow is available for the sweet tooth as well as marshmallows for roasting at the bonfire.

A volunteer Team Leader oversees all activities of the Country Kitchen including food preparation, delivery and customer service. Food prep volunteers grill and prepare hot dogs and hamburgers for the servers. Volunteers take orders and wait on customers by serving the grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, hot and cold drinks. Cashiers may assist as needed.

Positions include: Cook, cashier, food prep and customer service.



Santa's Workshop

Here, Santa listens to the dreams and wishes of girls and boys until December 23rd when he returns to the North Pole. Mrs. Claus or Santa's Helpers assist Santa with the children as well as capturing that special visit on film. Santa's assistants are most helpful to Santa by unobtrusively asking a child's name before the child proceeds to visit with Santa.

Positions include: Santa, cashier, photographer and assistant.

Hartman Station

This g-gauge model train display is a nostalgic highlight of Christmas Village. Hartman Station attendants assure that the integrity of the display is maintained and interact with guests

Positions include: Attendants (1 or 2)

Sweete Shop

An end to an evening in Christmas Village always constitutes a visit to this area for chocolates and fudge made specifically for Overly's Country Christmas®. Volunteers will provide samples to guests using safe food handling techniques as well as ringing and packing sales.

Positions include: Cashier, Candy Bagger and Sample Provider.



C. Edgar & Sons General Store

Filled with rustic charm, the gift shop features holiday ornaments and decorations, handmade gifts and commemorative items. Sales associates assist customers and help maintain the attractiveness of the merchandise.

Positions include: Sales associates (2-4).

Kettle Korn & Snacks

Overly's country-style kettle korn is a delicacy enjoyed by those who visit Christmas Village. Guests will also enjoy a freshly-baked chocolate chip cookie or a soft pretzel. Under the direction of the Kettle Korn Popper, volunteers will assist with sales, the packaging of kettle korn, preparation of pretzels and cookies.

Positions include: Cashier, server, pretzel food preparer and baker.

Team Leaders

Individuals with leadership experience are needed in all areas to help oversee department operations and to guide other volunteers. Team leaders are encouraged to volunteer one night a week and to give consideration to serve for several consecutive years. These individuals can work with diverse age groups

and can make the volunteer experience meaningful for those helping. Team Leaders for the Country Kitchen are an immediate need.

Bonfire Attendants

The bonfire is the heart of Overly's Christmas Village. It is a place where families sip hot chocolate, roast a marshmallow or two and create their holiday memories that bring them back year after year. The Bonfire Attendants assures that the bonfire is burning brightly and appropriately for guest traffic and weather conditions. Bonfire Attendants assure that guests are not stepping inside the bonfire ring and are safely toasting marshmallows. Bonfire Attendants also assist in extinguishing the fire at night's end.

Positions include: Attendants (1-3)

Getting Ready . . .

Setting up the light display and Christmas Village is a major undertaking that is only possible with the help of volunteers. Whether designing new displays, erecting favorites, decorating the shops, checking in merchandise, stringing the thousands of lights on the walkway canopy or being a Team Leader, volunteer assistance is always welcomed.



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