



NORTH HOUSE FOLK SCHOOL

Pizza Potluck Volunteer Program

In 2020 we plan to pilot a new volunteer opportunity at North House centered around the weekly pizza potlucks we host in the warmer months. The goal of pizza potlucks is to create a relaxing and fun way for students to build community with each other, instructors, North House staff and volunteers on Saturday nights. Students gather after classes on Saturday night to make and bake their own pizzas in the wood-fired oven on campus then share in eating and good company into the evening.

What will volunteers do?

A typical pizza potluck can have between 25 and 100 people in attendance on a Saturday night. The making and eating of pizzas usually starts at 6 pm, preceded by a Chopping Happy Hour from 5:30-6 for students to bring toppings, cut them up and to set up the toppings smorgasbord.

Volunteers will arrive at 5 pm to help set up the space, help direct students as they arrive, and assist with the flow of making pizzas during the evening. Volunteers will, of course, get to make and eat pizza every time they volunteer- a great perk! Volunteers should plan to stay and help clean up at the end of the night, which usually wraps up by about 8:30 pm. Volunteers will be assisting the campus hosts (1 staff member and 2 interns) as well as the weekly work-study students with the pizza potluck. You'll be part of the team and will look to the staff host for tasks and direction during the event.

Are there physical requirements?

Volunteers should be comfortable standing for periods of time, washing dishes, and moving chairs and tables. If you are interested but have concerns about the physical requirements, please get in touch and we can discuss if this role would be a good fit for you.

What if I have kids? Can they come with me?

Of course! We welcome parent volunteers and families at the pizza potlucks. You'll be in charge of your kids throughout the night, but there are often other young folks to play with and make new friends with at these events. Kids can help out too! Really young babies may not be a great fit, but you know your family best.

How much of a time commitment will you be looking for?

Interested volunteers will need to commit to joining us for a brief training session on either Wednesday March 18th from 11 am to noon OR Thursday March 19th from 5-6 pm. Once trained, volunteers are asked to sign up for 5-7 pizza volunteer slots over the course of the pizza season, which runs from April through early November. It works out to be about once



per month. We'll be looking for two volunteers each week which can work great for a couple or two friends who want to volunteer together.

How do I sign up?

To become a volunteer, you'll need to RSVP to attend the pizza potluck volunteer training. 2020 trainings are on either Wednesday March 18th from 11 am to noon OR Thursday March 19th from 5-6 pm.

At the training, you'll have the opportunity to sign yourself up for Saturday nights throughout the pizza season.

Questions?

Contact volunteer program manager Sarah at swaddle@northouse.org or 218-387-9762.