

WHAKAPAPA ADAPTIVE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

HELP MAKE THE MOUNTAIN ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE

Volunteers are a vital part of the Whakapapa Adaptive Programme. They help create opportunities for people of all abilities to experience skiing and snowboarding with the support, equipment and guidance they need.

Without volunteer support, we couldn't continue to grow the programme or support as many adaptive guests each season.

If you enjoy the outdoors, like helping others and want to be part of a positive mountain community, we'd love to hear from you.

WHAT DOES VOLUNTEERING INVOLVE?

Volunteers support guests and instructors, but do not independently instruct. A typical volunteer day varies depending on lesson schedules and weather, and may involve supporting lessons from 1 to 6 hours.

Volunteers work alongside trained Adaptive instructors to support guests on and off snow. This may include:

- Assisting during adaptive lessons
- Helping guests around the base area
- Supporting adaptive equipment setup
- Providing encouragement and a positive experience
- Assisting during adaptive events and programmes

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

- One free day pass for every day volunteered during the winter season
- Season pass refunds based on volunteer days completed;
- Volunteer **3 days and receive a 50% refund**;
Volunteer **6 days and receive a full refund**
- Pathways towards instructing and adaptive snowsports qualifications
- Experience within the snowsports industry
- Being part of a welcoming and supportive community



TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Volunteering is flexible, with availability chosen week to week. While there is no minimum commitment, support during weekends in August and September is especially valuable.

To help volunteers feel confident and prepared, we provide:

- Online volunteer training through Snowsports New Zealand (SSNZ)
- On-snow training sessions on 25 and 26 July
- Ongoing support from Adaptive instructors



WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

No previous adaptive experience is required and we welcome volunteers from all backgrounds. Non-skiers are also welcome to enquire, although opportunities may be more limited.

Volunteers should:

- Be comfortable skiing or snowboarding the mountain independently
- Have a positive attitude and willingness to learn
- Be generally 16 years or older



KEY DATES & INFO

Season Dates 4 July — 25 October

Induction and Training 25 and 26 July

Location Whakapapa Base Area

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

We need volunteers to help grow the programme and expand the number of guests and experiences we can support.

Contact Chris at
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to register your interest.