

Top Ten Reasons for volunteering at the St. Cloud Area Chamber

1. It's fun
2. We need you
3. It's a chance to give back
4. You are recognized
5. You learn new skills
6. You make new friends
7. You see old friends
8. It spices up your daily routine
9. You help to better your community
10. Sales leads

SHARE
THE
SPIRIT!

HAVE
FUN!

ADD SPICE
to your life

Filled
with
VALUE

LIVE IT UP!

Why Volunteer?

The success of the St. Cloud Area Chamber and its work in the community depends on a strong, active volunteer force. As a member of the Chamber you and others on your staff are welcome to actively participate in the meetings and projects of our volunteer committees.

The Chamber's volunteer program strives to create an environment that is friendly and welcoming. As a Chamber volunteer you work closely with the Chamber staff who are an active part of each committee. They are there to assist you and to answer questions about how the Chamber operates and to help you be the most effective volunteer possible.

Matching

After completing and returning the volunteer application a member of the Chamber staff or a Volunteer Coordinating Committee member will call and talk with you about your interest areas and time commitment. They will help you find the best fit. Once you choose a committee you will be added to the committee roster and begin receiving meeting notices.

Length

Most volunteer commitments are ongoing and leadership positions are held for 1-2 years. Most committees meet monthly for 1-1.5 hours. In addition, committees often require tasks to be completed outside of the meetings on the volunteer's own time.

For more information on our various committees or to see how we recognize our volunteers go to *Quick Links* on our homepage and choose *Volunteering*

www.StCloudAreaChamber.com

A guide to volunteering with the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sauk Rapids Chamber

Promotes Sauk Rapids through projects and special events. May be of particular interest to those who live or work in Sauk Rapids. Chamber meeting time: Fourth Thursday at 11:45 a.m.; Location varies.

Waite Park Chamber

Promotes Waite Park through projects and special events. May be of particular interest to those who live or work in Waite Park. Chamber meeting time: Third Wednesday at 11:45 a.m.; Location varies.

Government Affairs Committee

Volunteers serve as a link between local and state governments and the business community. Members carry the Chamber's policy positions to the legislature. Projects include candidate and legislative forums. Meeting time: Second Friday at 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.

Marketing Committee

Volunteers with a background in marketing, sales or promotion assist the Chamber staff in creating new membership programs and reviewing and promoting current activities. Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month from 8 - 9 a.m. in the Chamber Office.

Marketing and Membership Division:

Membership volunteers develop and maintain programs that serve the needs of the members.

Business After Hours- Extra! Committee

This unique networking program is a spin-off of the traditional Business After Hours. Volunteers secure exhibitors and coordinate promotional activities. Meeting time: Monthly January - March.

Chamber Open Committee

The Chamber's annual golf outing features two shotgun start times, prizes, food, and great networking. Volunteers solicit sponsors, collect door prizes, and help the day of the Open. Committee meets monthly January-September.

Star-Studded Celebration Committee

The Chamber's annual volunteer recognition event honors those who have volunteered for the Chamber throughout the year (this could be you). Volunteers assist with planning, promotion, decorations, sponsorships, and ticket sales. Meets at least monthly Feb. - October.

The Central Minnesota Farm Show Committee

The Central Minnesota Farm show runs for three days at the St. Cloud Civic Center and boasts over 250 booths and 160 exhibitors. Volunteers secure exhibitors, plan publicity, make booth assignments, help with set up and tear down and registration all three days of the show. If you want to be a part of the Chamber's largest fundraiser and you like all the details of event planning, you will fit right in here. Meets monthly October - February.

Technology & Education Conference Committee

The TEC- Technology and Education Conference is an annual half day event that provides individuals and businesses with an opportunity to investigate current and emerging tools and technologies for professional and business development. Through the use of featured speakers, interactive sessions, vendor exhibits and networking, participants gain a competitive advantage in tomorrow's workplace. Volunteers who are interested in technology and enjoy strategic thinking are encouraged to try out this committee. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m.

Chamber Connection Location Committee

Chamber Connection is a high-energy networking group that gives Chamber members an opportunity to exchange business information, ideas, products and services. Location Committee volunteers meet monthly and are responsible for planning and scheduling Chamber Connection meetings, including but not limited to securing sponsors and locations. Applications are accepted year-round.

VIP (Value, Information, Promotion) Membership Retention Committee

Assists with the Chamber's membership retention efforts. Volunteers call members to share Chamber news and information about coming events. Volunteers with an interest in being a key player in the Chamber's retention efforts should apply! Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Chamber. Volunteers provide their own cell phones.

Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Creates and maintains a system to communicate the volunteer needs of each committee to members, helps recruit volunteers, and helps recognize current volunteers and their companies. Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Business & Workforce Development Division:

The purpose of the Business & Workforce Development Division is to explore and implement alternative methods of attracting and retaining quality employees in the St. Cloud area.

Business Development Council (BDC)

Provides education and training opportunities to Chamber members in order to assist in their success and growth. Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:45 a.m. Volunteers that like to keep busy planning, promoting, coordinating, and educating are just right for this committee. Programs include: Lunchtime Learning, Customer Service Training, Supervisor Development Training Certificate Program, Young Professionals Groups.

St. Cloud Area Leadership Program Committee

Graduates of the St. Cloud Area Leadership Program are encouraged to be an integral part of planning this nine- month community leadership program. Volunteers can participate in interviewing and selecting candidates or day planning and coordinating. Meets as needed.

Work-Based Learning Committee

The Work-Based Learning Committee determines and communicates strategies and creates linkages between industry and education; coordinates and promotes programs that connect teachers and students to businesses. Volunteers that believe in lifelong education and are interested in developing connections between business and education will fit in great here. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

Operation Thank You

This annual event calls upon volunteers to help deliver the Chamber's membership directories. Volunteers are asked to personally deliver directories to fellow Chamber member businesses as a way to say thank you for being a member. Meets for two days at the end of January. Time commitment varies but usually lasts 2-4 hours.



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YES! I'd like to volunteer at the St. Cloud Area Chamber

Date

Please fill out the information below. Return to the Chamber by fax at 320-251-0081 or by mail to: St. Cloud Area Chamber, PO Box 487, St. Cloud, MN 56302-0487. For questions call us at 320-251-2940.

Name _____ Company _____

Company Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Please circle committees you are interested in:

Sauk Rapids Chamber

Waite Park Chamber

Government Affairs

Marketing

Business After Hours—Extra!

Chamber Open

Star-Studded Celebration

Central Minn. Farm Show

Technology & Education Conference

Chamber Connection

VIP (membership retention)

Business Development Council (BDC)

St. Cloud Area Leadership Program

Work-Based Learning

Operation Thank You

Volunteer Coordinating