

Arlington Boys & Girls Club Volunteer Opportunity

Project: **Annual Christmas Tree Sale**
Purpose: This is an all-volunteer project that raises roughly \$30k per year for Club activities. For information on the Club's mission, etc. please visit www.abgclub.org
Duration: December 6 through 24, 2008
Location: Arlington Boys & Girls Club
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Description: See Below

The sale is held at the Arlington Boys & Girls Club in Arlington. You can MapQuest it at 60 Pond Lane. You can actually walk the bike path to the Club from the Alewife T station in about fifteen minutes. Alternatively, you can take the Mass Av. bus from Harvard Square to Arlington Center and the Club is a five minute walk from there.

The sale runs this year from December 6 either until Christmas Eve or until all 1600 trees sell out. For the last seven years, the latter has been the case. The sale runs seven days per week from 9am to 8pm. But by far, the weekends are the busiest. Weekend dates for this year include 12/6 & 7, 12/13 & 14 and 12/20 & 21. We are seeking crews who can commit to one or two full days, from 9am to 5pm. You can split crews into half-shifts.

Duties include unwrapping the trees (they come individually netted and this netting needs to be removed in order to show off the tree), holding them up for customer review, carrying the trees out to the prep area (where we make fresh cuts to the ends and make the financial transaction), carrying the trees to cars and tying them to the roof. Ideally, two-person teams are the best as it makes light work for both.

Your crew would be managed by one of the tree committee 'veterans'. Further, we usually have a shift cashier so that the yard help doesn't have to worry about handling the money. For the six days mentioned, and the hours suggested, ten people per shift would be perfect. This is not to say that you need to send ten, but when we make out our shift schedule, we allow ten slots for these days/times.

Last year we had crews from Bentley, BU & Northeastern. Their help was instrumental in making last year the best sale ever. You are welcome to bring any school or club signage that you want to display on the lot, and we are happy to write thank you letters to individuals, the club or school officials.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to help. We look forward to meeting and working with you and your crews.

Sincerely,

The Tree Committee