



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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How long have you been volunteering for Outdoors for All? We have been volunteering for the last 8 years.

In what ways are you involved as a volunteer with Outdoors for All? I am a volunteer, volunteer coordinator for the Stevens Pass downhill group, we help some in the summer, I always am looking for grants for Outdoors For All and now am on the Program Committee.

What keeps you coming back to volunteer each year? Really two things. The volunteers at Stevens Pass are some of the most committed folks I have worked with and they are a LOT of fun! And watching skiers succeed and have a great time. It has been great getting to know some of the families who come back year after year, watching the students "grow up", mature and transfer the success the experience with Outdoors For All into other parts of their lives.

What do you enjoy most about your volunteer experience? I love serving not only our participants and families but making volunteering at Stevens Pass enjoyable and rewarding for our volunteers. I love the themed Sundays that we create, the parties up there and pre and post season and feeling like I am a part of something that is making a huge difference in everyone's lives - participants and volunteers. Having our volunteers come back year after year tells me we are doing something right. Having our participants come back year after year tells me what great volunteers we have. I have watched relationships and friendships develop, maybe someday soon even marriages. Being allowed to be a part of these folk's lives is pretty special.

Do you have any advice for individuals considering volunteering with Outdoors for All? Come try it out and be prepared for it to change your life. If you are a skier or boarder and want to get to know some really fun folks, come join Outdoors For All. Not only will you have a GREAT experience giving part of yourself to Outdoors For All participants, but you will thoroughly enjoy the other volunteers.

Hobbies/spare time activities: I am a born volunteer. Most of the time not working with cancer patients is spent volunteering with organizations who are serving cancer patients, families or special needs. I love to travel, sew, bead and hang out with my family and Max our dog.

