

Main Office Location

• **North Conway** - 41 Observatory Way, Intervale, NH - located 4 miles North of North Conway Village, on the West side of Rt. 16, right across from the Hartmann Model Rail Museum & Town Hall Road, and right beside Mountain Valley Self Storage.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator for more info & sign-ups:

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Polar Express Performance Dates

(There are *two* performances each night for the season)

NORTH CONWAY:

November 25 & 26th
December 2, 3, 4th
December 8, 9, 10, 11th
December 15, 16, 17, 18th
December 22 & 23rd

LINCOLN:

November 26th
December 2, 3, 4th
December 9, 10, 11th
December 16, 17, 18th
December 22 & 23rd



We have limited space for some assignments, please sign up as early as you can to be sure of your commitment dates!

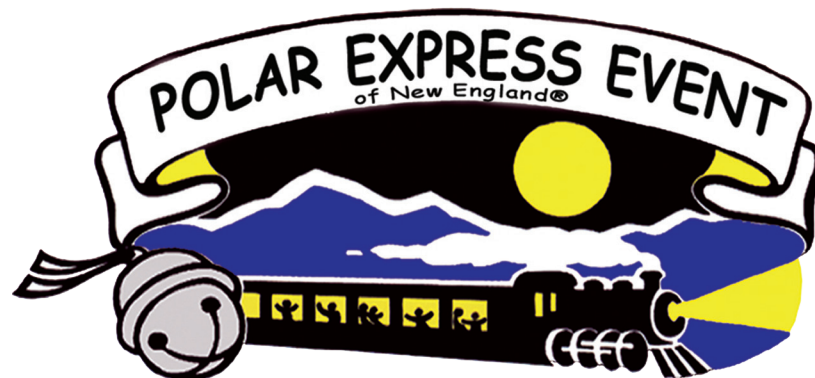
*Thank you for your interest in The Polar Express Event.
Hope we see you at the North Pole!*

The Board of Directors wish to thank you for your enthusiastic volunteering which helps make believers of us all.

Chuck Henderson, *President* • Ken Lydecker, *Treas.*
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Aimee Janowicz - *Volunteer Coordinator*
A.O. Lucy - *Executive Director & "Head Elf"*

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JOIN US...

IN THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE POLAR EXPRESS!

2011 VOLUNTEER FORM

Join us this holiday season in helping produce a truly magical journey to the North Pole!

This unique adventure departs from both North Conway and Lincoln, New Hampshire, between Thanksgiving and Christmas. With your help we will make true believers of all through the recreation of the children's story, The Polar Express ©.



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Being a part of the Polar Express is a very rewarding experience. The looks of joy on the faces of our guests, young and old alike, is guaranteed to keep you coming back year after year. Whether this is your first season, or you are a Polar Express veteran, we're glad to have you on our team and look forward to sharing our 17th season with you.

The following is a brief description of the different volunteer positions available to guide you in deciding what job is right for you. Although we are prepared for you to join us either for the afternoon or evening performance, it would be great if you stayed for both performances on the evenings that you choose to volunteer.

*THERE WILL BE FOOD BETWEEN SHOWS FOR THOSE VOLUNTEERING FOR BOTH PERFORMANCES.

**** Please be aware that Lincoln dates are different from North Conway, see back for details!**

• Greeter: (3-5 per performance)

Shift Times: 3:30pm - 4:30pm & 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Be the first to set the tone for a truly magical evening as you welcome all of our excited guests upon their arrival at the train station. Hand out programs, take tickets, and help our guests aboard the train. And don't forget to wave goodbye as they travel to the North Pole!

• Elf (Maximum: 60 per performance)

Shift Times: 4:00pm - 5:45pm & 6:30pm - 8:50pm

What's your elf name? Join us for some of the most fun you'll have all holiday season. Become an elf and greet guests as they arrive at the North Pole. Guide them up the path with the glow of your lantern and lead them inside the theater to enjoy the show! After each performance assist in guiding them safely down to the train.

• On-Train Chef: (15 per performance)

Shift Times: 3:45pm - 6:30pm & 6:15pm - 9:00pm

Become one of the stars of the show as you ride aboard the Polar Express! We provide the chef costumes, you provide the fun by serving hot cocoa, passing out candy, singing carols, and keeping the magic alive during a very special journey to the North Pole. Some light cleaning required between performances.

• Secret Kitchen Chef: (2 per performance)

Shift Times: 2:30pm - 3:45pm & 5:00pm - 6:15pm

Meet your team in our "secret kitchen" where you will use our magic formula to create hot cocoa "as thick, and rich as melted chocolate bars!" Assist with delivering the hot cocoa to the trains full of excited guests!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering for the key positions of Santa, Readers, or First boys, please contact our offices to schedule an "audition" today!

Also, adult Team Captains & Supervisors are always needed, as well as a few overall Supervisors. If you've had experience with this event, we could really use your dedicated help along with other people you may know who would do the same.

Volunteering is not only a fun and rewarding experience, but your work will also help the efforts of The Believe in Books Literacy Foundation in supporting literacy initiatives throughout New England! Here are some other great benefits our volunteers enjoy as well:

- Scholarships
- Merchandise Discounts
- Special Events
- Recognition
- Camaraderie
- Making a Difference!

Volunteer Benefits

There are many great benefits to volunteering for BIBLF, here are just a few...

- Only our Volunteers are applicable for **SCHOLARSHIPS** to use for purchasing books and supplies to support their educational pursuits after High School!
- Volunteers are invited to participate in **SPECIAL EVENTS** and **SOCIALS** to celebrate the great work they do!
- Volunteers make great **FRIENDS** and meet other like-minded people with a passion for community service and a love of literacy!
- Earn special **RECOGNITION** as we celebrate your volunteer achievement both in house and at events!
- Have **FUN** taking part in the various stages of our great events & programs that wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for **YOU!**

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old, and are responsible for their own transportation.

We hope you will join us in the 17th season of The Polar Express Event! The Polar Express Event is a 2 hour performance from start to finish for our guests. We will be running 15 nights this year in North Conway and 12 nights in Lincoln where we will entertain over 25,000 guests from destinations throughout the U.S., Canada and beyond!

For those of you who choose to join us, we can't thank you enough. It may be a little work, mostly just a time commitment, but the looks on the children's (and adults) faces are a special reward, and will keep you coming back season after season.

You will be part of over 100 volunteers involved each night! Whether you would like to volunteer for an hour and a half, or the whole night through, we have a job for you! Orientation sessions will take place at the beginning of each performance to prepare you for any position.

Your job as a volunteer is to help our guests "Believe" in the magic of the Polar Express and have a truly magical experience. The most important thing to remember is that while you are in costume, you must "become" that part in this intricate four-dimensional play. Volunteers are "on stage" for the whole time they are in costume. Whether you are a chef, greeter, or elf, if you "Believe" and have fun our guests will too!

P.S. Copies of The Polar Express book may be acquired at our gift shops and in local libraries. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with this classic story written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg and published by the Houghton Mifflin Company.