

# WISE Charter School & WESE Fair Volunteer Information

Waldorf festivals are heartwarming celebrations that invite families and our school community to come together in harmony to honor the rhythms of nature and the changing seasons. Rooted in tradition and filled with simple joys, these festivals honor the beauty of each season through creative activities, music, storytelling, and connection. Whether it's the gentle enchantment of the Pumpkin Walk, the glowing magic of the Winter Fair, or the joyful dancing of Mayfair, each celebration offers a special opportunity to pause, connect with one another, and embrace the wonder of the natural world. These cherished traditions create a sense of belonging and inspire a deep appreciation for the changing seasons and the beauty they bring.

It takes the entire community to bring these magical fairs to life for our children and school community throughout the year! These three beloved events together require over 250 volunteer roles to be filled to ensure they run smoothly, providing our families with joyful, memorable experiences. Below, you'll find detailed descriptions of each fair, detailing every shift's responsibilities and requirements—your support is what makes these events so special!



# WISE Charter School & WESE Pumpkin Walk

The Pumpkin Walk is a delightful autumn adventure where families are led down a glowing path of hand-carved pumpkins, taking part in a fun unfolding story. Along the way, they'll enjoy whimsical storytelling and fun interactive moments, all while soaking in the magical atmosphere. All are welcome to enjoy tasty treats and warm cider by donation while staying warm by an enchanting fire, connecting with one another in the liveliness of the holiday spirit. This joyful celebration of fall brings the community together, creating a playful, heartwarming experience filled with wonder, laughter, and the simple joys of the season.

<b>Volunteer Role</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Volunteers Required</b>
Set Up Crew (Saturday Afternoon)	Set out & light beautifully carved pumpkins, string fairy lights, arrange props at stations along the path, and much more!	6 (1 shift of 6)
Fire Minders	Keep our community warm! The first shift will start the fire, and the last shift will put it out.	4 (2 shifts of 2)
Ticket Takers/Check In	Welcome and sign in guests to begin their adventure!	4 (2 shifts of 2)
Bake Sale	Collect donations and re-fill treat table as needed.	2 (2 shifts of 1)
Soup Server	Help keep everyone warm by collecting donations & serving up delicious soup!	2 (2 shifts of 1)
Cider Server	Collect donations serve up delicious warm cider!	2 (2 shifts of 1)
Baked Goods Organizers	Not easily tempted? Then you would be great to help set out tasty items for the bake sale table.	3 (1 shift of 3)
Actors	Help bring the story to life as families are guided along the pumpkin lit path!	16 (shifts to be determined)
Guides	Guide each group along the path as the story unfolds! Guides may have lines as part of the story, year dependent.	8 (shifts to be determined)
Other Roles	Like surprises? Fill in wherever you are needed to make the story come alive!	4 (shifts to be determined)
Clean Up Crew	Help collect pumpkins and take down this magical evening!	6 (1 shift of 6)

# WISE Charter School & WESE Winter Fair

Winter Fair is a magical afternoon where the entire school is transformed into a place of wonder and winter magic! It is a warm and enchanting celebration of the winter season, inviting families, friends, and neighbours to come together in a cozy, festive atmosphere, blending holiday traditions with creativity and community spirit. Families can enjoy gentle activities like candle dipping, seasonal crafts and storytelling, as well as delicious winter treats, handmade treasures, and moments of wonder such as the Floating Cookie Cave. Winter Fair is a beloved tradition that brings a sense of magic and togetherness, and inspires wonder and warmth during the holiday season.

Typically, Winter Fair runs from noon-4PM on Saturday, and is preceded by the Candlelight Market on Friday night from 7-9PM, which is an adult-only evening opportunity to access the holiday vendors. Winter Fair is a busy but magical event, requiring over 160 volunteers to be successful for our children and community alike! This typically means that each family in our school community will need to volunteer for at least one shift, and with 19 different roles to fill over two days, there is something that everyone will find enjoyable and comfortable doing!

<b>Volunteer Role</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Volunteers Required</b>
<i>CANDLELIGHT MARKET</i>		
Front Desk Ticket	Volunteers welcome guests, take admission, and sell tokens for activities.	4 (2 shifts of 2)
Musician	Set the mood for a peaceful adult-only shopping experience.	2 (2 shifts of 1)
<i>WINTER FAIR</i>		
Set-Up Crew (Daytime Friday)	Come and string lights, move furniture, hang fabric, set tables, and much more! Singing is optional.	28 (2 shifts of 14)
Candle Dipping Set-Up	Come on the morning of the fair; help melt wax and dip wicks.	4 (1 shift of 4)
Cookie Cave - Cookie Loaders	Not easily tempted? Then you would be great to help load up the Cookie Cave before the Fair starts.	2 (1 shift of 2)
Front Desk Ticket	Good at math on the fly and under pressure? This is the spot for you... Volunteers welcome guests, take admission, and sell tokens for activities.	6 (3 shifts of 2)
Beeswax Candle Dipping	Help children create beautiful hand-dipped beeswax candles and fill your craving for the beeswax smell.	12 (3 shifts of 4)

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Children's Secret Store	Children come in and choose small gifts with their tokens.	6 (3 shifts of 2)
Cookie Cave	Children enter a cave filled with sparkling lights to pick a floating cookie. A friendly gnome guards the cookie cave and is responsible for taking tokens and hanging cookies.	6 (3 shifts of 2)
Craft Room	Like to be crafty and helpful at the same time? Volunteers will receive tokens and help children as needed.	6 (3 shifts of 2)
Fishing Hole	Volunteers help children go fishing, or help the fish get caught on the hook behind the scenes.	9 (3, 3, 3)
Cozy Cafe	Collect donations for items, serve food and re-fill treat table as needed.	9 (3 shifts of 3)
Jump Rope Making	Children will make their own jump rope with colourful yarn and our wonderful rope making machines. Collect tokens and assist with rope making - instruction provided.	12 (3 shifts of 4)
The Storytelling Woodland	Take tokens, help children find seats, and monitor the audience during our beautiful story.	3 (3 shifts of 1)
Maple Syrup Taffy	Want to feel like you're in a real Cabane-a-Sucre? Pour bubbling maple syrup over snow and have the children make their own taffy-pops. Instructions will be given at the station.	9 (3 shifts of 3)
Volunteer Floater	Like surprises? Fill in wherever you are needed on the day of the event!	3 (3 shifts of 1)
Musician	We have so many talented musicians in our school! Pick a shift and set the holiday mood in our market.	4 (4 shifts of 1)
Dishwasher	Looking for less mayhem, more zen? Meditate while working through our mountain of dishes.	3 (3 shifts of 1)
Clean Up Crew	If you're wondering how to really get to know people, stick around until the end. Take down lights, move furniture, pack away props, clean up!	18 (1 shift of 18)

# WISE Charter School & WESE Mayfair

Mayfair is a gentle and joyful celebration of spring, bringing families and friends together to honor and welcome the season's renewal and beauty. The centerpiece of the festival is the Maypole, around which the children dance with colorful ribbons in a lively and heartwarming display. Mayfair features other simple and lovely activities like a picnic lunch, flower crown making, seasonal crafts, and simple yet fun games! With gentle music, and a warm, festive atmosphere, Mayfair creates a cherished time to connect with nature and one another in a delightful and heartfelt way.

Mayfair is typically held on a Saturday from 11-3pm, with the Mayfair dance at 11am followed by the picnic lunch and all other events beginning at noon. Over 40 volunteers in 9 different roles are required to bring this magical spring festival to life! Please see the descriptions below for detailed information on what each role entails.

<b>Volunteer Role</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Volunteers Required</b>
Set Up Crew (Saturday Afternoon)	Help set up the Mayfair pole, bury treasure for little fingers to find, set up tents, and much more!	6 (1 shift of 6)
Events Reception	Volunteers welcome guests and take admission.	4 (2 shifts of 2)
Bean Bag/Penny Tosses	Support and supervise children at these stations.	2 (2 shifts of 1)
Relay Races	Organize participants and start the races.	2 (2 shifts of 1)
Buried Treasure	Supervise and support as children dig through the sand box for buried treasure.	2 (2 shifts of 1)
Flower Crowns	Assist with flower selection and wind them into beautiful crowns - instruction provided.	8 (2 shifts of 4)
Crafts	Hand out supplies and maintain the space for this year's craft.	4 (2 shifts of 2)
Face Painting	Channel your creativity for some amazing requests.	8 (2 shifts of 4)
Clean Up Crew	Help close out the joyful afternoon by taking down the Mayfair pole, tents, and packing away items for next year!	6 (1 shift of 6)

Do you have questions or need more information? Or have you always wanted to join a great committee that has so much fun while working so hard? Do you have ideas bubbling up? Are you a worker-bee who is happy toiling away? Please consider joining the Fairs Committee, which is responsible for Pumpkin Walk, Winter Fair, and Mayfair, and help create the magic by planning and running our beloved school fairs! Please reach out via email to [fairs@thewise.ca](mailto:fairs@thewise.ca) – we would love to hear from you!