

Volunteering with Friends of Animush

Participant Selection Criteria and Process

- All participants must be 18 years of age one month prior to departure for the trip.
- All interested individuals must complete an application and participate in the selection process.
- Selection will be based on the application process including past performance of experienced participants, as well as the purpose of the trip and the skills needed.
- Upon selection, all participants will participate in planning meetings and commit to assist in fundraising for the trips.

What to expect...

Trip logistics

Friends of Animush (FOA) will select airline and flight times, as well as will book ground travel as needed for each of the groups based on the individual community destination itinerary. Participants must travel to the initial point of departure (Likely Pearson International) on their own but can plan to carpool with other team members.

Participants are asked to cover the cost of extra FOA t-shirts (to be worn during the duration) and to contribute \$150 to cover some of the travel and food costs. As the cost of food in the North is significantly higher than in SW Ontario, each team is responsible for stocking up before departure.

Team Living

The maximum number of people on a trip is 9, which is a workable number for the workload and living conditions. The living quarters vary from location to location based on availability of space in the community. Dedicated team members prepare the meals but everyone takes a turn helping with cooking, doing chores such as dishes, tidying up communal space and preparing the living quarters as needed. If you have dietary or allergy concerns, work with your team to address them. Everyone is responsible for washing their own dishes and picking up after themselves.

Friends of Animush provides:

- Orientation documents to prepare you for working in the community
- Coordination of travel logistics
- 1 Cellular phone per team for emergencies
- A well-worn path with a little bit of the unexpected thrown in!

Participants are expected to:

- Organize and purchase food for the week with their team
- Participate and contribute to planning meetings, normally starting in January
- Work hard and embrace the long days—the effort is worth it!
- Work harmoniously with our community partners who have invited us into their home to help animals in need