



Schalmont Middle School

Volunteer Service Log



Student Name _____ School _____

Read for RMHC Challenges: Select the challenges in which you will participate

- Read for RMHC
 Run for RMHC
 Write for RMHC

Challenge Month - March 1st - 30th

Challenge Day	<u>Read for RMHC challenge</u> - Day 1-10 log of Service Activities - (reading activities)	Service minutes/ hours per activity
Day 1		
Day 2		
Day 3		
Day 4		
Day 5		
Day 6	Receive a Read for RMHC bracelet tomorrow if your online fundraising page is created by today!	
Day 7		
Day 8		
Day 9		
Day 10		

Challenge Day	<u>Run for RMHC challenge</u> - Day 11-20 log of Service Activities - (exercise activities)	Service minutes/ hours per activity
Day 1		
Day 2		
Day 3		
Day 4		
Day 5		
Day 6		
Day 7		
Day 8		
Day 9		
Day 10		

Challenge Day	<u>Write for RMHC challenge</u> - Day 21-30 of Service Activities - (writing activities)	Service minutes/ hours per activity
Day 1		
Day 2		
Day 3		
Day 4		
Day 5		
Day 6		
Day 7		
Day 8		
Day 9		
Day 10		

(This form is fillable and may be completed, saved on your computer, and printed.)

Total Service Hours _____ Return Logs to school at the end of the challenge month.

Participate in Read for RMHC to help children and families just like yours!

Program Overview

Read for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Capital Region (Read for RMHC) is a reading and literacy-based community service program that raises funds to support RMHC® of the Capital Region (RMHC-CR). In partnership with local schools, community groups and individual citizens, we offer participants the opportunity to engage in valuable community service while experiencing the powerful difference they can make in the lives of children and families struggling with serious childhood illnesses and injuries.

Program Details

Your school is participating in **Read for RMHC** from **March 1st - 30th**.

Prior to your challenge month:

- A special assembly or video presentation is offered to invite you to volunteer for a good cause!

When your challenge month begins:

- You may ask family and friends to sponsor you at an amount of their choosing as you participate in up to three 10-day challenges during your Read for RMHC challenge month. Sponsorships provided cover participation in all selected challenges. Donations received support the families served by RMHC-CR.
- Select the challenge or challenges in which you would like to participate. You can do one, two or all three challenges. You then choose the activities you will do during your challenge. Be creative! It's up to you! Choose what you like!

Day 1-10 challenge – Read for RMHC

Participants engage in their choice of reading activities for 10 days. Activities may include "buddy reading" (reading to younger students or the elderly), participating in literacy-based activities offered by your school, creating a reading-based game to share with friends, reading independently and more! You decide what you will do.

Day 11-20 challenge – Run for RMHC

Participants engage in their choice of exercise related activities for 10 days. Activities may include running, walking, sporting activities (baseball, kickball, swimming, etc.), yoga and more.

Day 21-30 – challenge – Write for RMHC

Participants engage in their choice of writing or literacy activities for 10 days. Activities may include writing stories, songs, poems, letters to sponsors regarding why they should support the participant's fundraising efforts, encouraging letters to military personnel or the elderly, supportive letters or cards to our RMHC families, thank you notes to sponsors and more.

- You can incorporate leadership/mentoring roles into the program depending on the challenge activities you choose. (Ex. Buddy reading, organizing a sporting event, establishing a writing club, etc.)
- Visit your school's team page to find informational videos, student materials, create an online fundraising webpage and more!
<https://give.rmhcocalbany.org/SchalmontMS2025>
- Have donations on your online fundraising page by the **15th of the month** to be included in the **Kindle Fire tablet raffle!**

After the selected challenge month has ended:

- Return donations to RMHC-CR by - **April 4th**. Donations may be made online through the Read for RMHC fundraising website or may be returned to school with a completed sponsor form. Students with online donations only do not need to turn in sponsor forms. Volunteer service logs do not need to be returned to RMHC.
- Participants who volunteer and raise donations will receive a personalized participation certificate, Read for RMHC prizes (see below) and an invitation to tour RMHC-CR.
- All participating schools receive a personalized thank you letter and are offered 10% of the funds raised by their school in the form of a rebate check.

We hope you will join us!

2024-2025 Program Prizes!

The following prizes are available for 2024-2025 Read for RMHC participating students and schools:

RMHC 2025 5K Family Fun Day - child admission free with paid adult admission for each student participant who earns donations for RMHC-CR.

Apex Entertainment - one free attraction coupon (for laser tag, bumper cars or Hologate) for each student participant who earns donations for RMHC-CR.

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse - one free kids meal for each student participant who earns donations for RMHC-CR.

Spare Time Entertainment - buy one game of bowling, get one free (shoe rental not included) and \$3 off laser tag for every student participant who earns donations for RMHC-CR.

Read for RMHC-CR water bottle sticker - awarded to every student participant who earns \$10 or more in donations for RMHC-CR.

Read for RMHC-CR drawstring backpack - awarded to every student participant who earns \$100 or more in donations for RMHC-CR.

Read for RMHC-CR T-shirt - awarded to every student earning \$500 or more in donations.

Tri-City Valley Cats - two 4-packs of tickets to the Valley Cats games will be donated to each participating school

Prizes for the 5 top earning schools and for the school with the highest student participation:

Grand Prize Bag - The 5 schools that earn the most in donations and the 1 school with the highest student participation will receive prize bags including: two **Six Flags Great Escape** Amusement Park day passes, two 4-packs of tickets to a **Tri-City Valley Cats** game, a 4 pack of tickets in the designated RMHC seating section for all of the following: men's and women's basketball, football and men's lacrosse games - **University at Albany**, 4 \$50 gift cards good for any attraction at **Apex Entertainment** and select memorabilia from **RMHC-CR**.

Grand Prizes for the school earning the most in donations:

Apex Entertainment - 2 hour exclusive party - Apex Entertainment's Albany location will be reserved for a two hour exclusive party for the winning school. Party will include access to all of the Apex attractions at the Albany location (bowling, candlepin, laser tag, bumper cars, Hologate, arcade games, sports simulators, escape rooms)

Albany Broadcasting – 1 hour dance party - Albany Broadcasting will provide a 1 hour dance party with a DJ to be held at the winning school.

Grand Prizes for the school with the highest level of participation:

Albany Broadcasting – 1 hour dance party - Albany Broadcasting will provide a 1 hour dance party with a DJ to be held at the winning school.

Stewart's Shops - Ice Cream Party (for up to 100 students) - Stewart's Shops will provide ice cream and toppings for up to 100 students from the winning school.

Drawing for 5 Kindle Fire Tablets - Students who participate and earn donations will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Kindle Fire tablet during their school's challenge month. Winners will be drawn around the 15th of the month from all students who have donations on their online fundraising page.

Our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors for providing these wonderful prizes!





Sponsor Form

Student Name _____

Grade _____

School _____

Sponsor Name	Email Address	Donation Amount	Final Donation Received

(This form is fillable and may be completed, saved on your computer, and printed.)

Please return this completed form to school with your donations.

Donations by check can be made payable to RMHC.

In order to receive a thank you letter/tax receipt, please provide your email address.
Email addresses provided will not be used for solicitation purposes.

Consider doubling your gift by asking your employer to match your donation!

Thank you for supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Capital Region!



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Our donation entry system automatically creates a fundraising webpage for students when cash/check donations are entered at RMHC CR. This is done in order to document the donations related to each student and to recognize each student as part of their school's team. If you do not want a webpage created in your student's name or do not want your student's name to be listed as part of your school's team, please check here.

Collect **Read for RMHC-CR** pledges and donations online through your own fundraising webpage!



To set up your fundraising page, please visit rmhcofalbany.org/read2025



1. Once you have reached the webpage, in the upper right corner, click on the magnifying glass and search for **the name of your school** and click your school's name under **Teams**.
2. Click the **Join Team** button on the left side of the page.
3. In Start Fundraising box, click **Login** if you have done online fundraising with Read for RMHC in the past. If you do not remember your password, click **Forgot Password** in the Login box to reset your password. Click **Create an account** to create a new account if you don't already have one. Enter your email address and create a password. Click **Next**.
4. Under "Complete your profile," enter the first and last name of the **student** who will be participating. Click **Sign up**.
5. Enter information to "Create your page," to customize your fundraising webpage. Click **Finish**.
6. Now you are ready to spread the word that you are raising funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Capital Region!

***If you share your fundraising page to Facebook, DO NOT click to add a donation button through Facebook when prompted. This will create a separate Facebook fundraiser not connected to Read for RMHC-CR. ***

To create multiple fundraising accounts with one email address, see directions on your school's team page. For additional assistance, contact Nancy Damato at 518-438-2655 or email ndamato@rmhcofalbany.org.



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