



Okanagan Indian Band

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Member Bulletin

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OKIB seeks Volunteers with Emergency Support Service (ESS) experience

Way' Community Members,

OKIB is looking for volunteers with ESS experience to staff our Emergency Reception Center should the need arise to open one during an evacuation order. Currently we will be looking to host one. Volunteers may be responsible to help coordinating the provision of:

- Food, clothing and lodging
- Emotional support
- Pet care
- Transportation
- Identifying locations for reception centres and group lodging to house and feed people forced from their homes
- Working with local businesses, service organizations and government agencies
- Providing information about the crisis
- Finding and coordinating other volunteers
- Family reunification

If you are interested in helping out, please contact our **ESS Coordinator** at **250-241-6945** or email okibeoc-essCoordinator@okanagan.org

You can learn about the ESS work and take online ESS courses free of charge at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/volunteers/emergency-support-services/training>.