

VOLUNTEER FOR LRCA RIVERFEST

Saturday, May 11, 2019

RiverFest is a multi-component event. It takes a lot of volunteers to help make RiverFest a safe and enjoyable community event.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

Duck Ticket Hustlers: Join with the LRCA to Hawk or rather Quack our Duck-A-Thon raffle tickets to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, folks at your local watering hole...anybody! Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10, and 8 for \$20. What a deal! Duck Hustlers are needed from March until the day of RiverFest.

May 10th Site Mobilization: Several volunteers are needed to help set up for the festivities at Sweeney's Beach Recreation Area; between 10am and 8pm.

May 11th Site Setup: Several volunteers are needed to put up tables and chairs, cover tables, put up directional signs, set up the LRCA information tent, help vendors set up, (all tasks associated with Sweeney's Beach festival activities); between 9am to 12pm.

Parking Marshals: Several volunteers are needed to direct traffic and parking, as well as provide event information at various points around the RiverFest finish line site at Sweeney's Beach; between 7:30am and 4pm on Saturday, May 11th. We hope to staff 4 positions in 3-hour shifts, so volunteers can enjoy other aspects of the event.

Registrars & Launch Masters: 10 volunteers are needed to staff the Canoe-A-Thon registration tables at launch sites at the Blakely Borough Recreational Park in Peckville and Laurel Street in Archbald. 6 to 8 volunteers are needed to manage and direct the launching of boats on the river bank at both sites; between 8am and 11am on Saturday, May 11th.

Heat Sheet Callers/Runners: Several volunteers with cell phones and cars are needed to call/run the race launching heat sheets from the launch sites to the finish line for data entry into the Canoe-A-Thon computer. This is a CRITICAL task; between 10:30am and 11:15am.

Search & Rescue Transport: We need 4 to 5 teams of 3 persons with a truck, van, or SUV and cell phones to transport disabled paddlers with boats and gear to the finish line. Teams should know all river access points from Archbald to Scranton. Teams will work in coordination with Emergency Responders. All fire and ambulance units in the Mid-Valley are deployed as part of Canoe-A-Thon. This task runs from 10am to 2pm, beginning at Archbald and Blakely. This task is CRITICAL to the safety and security of race participants. EMT and emergency response training is helpful but not necessary. Having a vehicle to transport boats on roof racks and knowledge of river access points is necessary.

Canoe-A-Thon Roust-a-bouts: We need 20 or so able-bodied volunteers at the Sweeney's Beach finish line to help pull canoes and kayaks out of the water and up to participant cars. This work will run from 11:15am to 2pm. Shifts run from 11am to 12:30pm and from 12:30pm to 2pm.

Duck Catchers: We need several volunteers who aren't afraid of getting wet to wade into the River to catch the ducks at the finish line of the Duck-A-Thon between 3pm and 3:30pm.

Refreshment Monitors & Bartenders: We need volunteers to work in shifts to monitor and sell tickets for alcoholic beverages in a fenced off area. Bartenders are needed to manage the service area. Must be 21 or older.

Waste Management Specialists: We need volunteers who will take charge of all waste and recycling cans on site to ensure they are functional. Cans should be checked regularly and emptied into an onsite dumpster during and after the event. Recyclable materials need to be bagged and taken to the Recycling Center.

Site Demobilization: We need about 20 volunteers to clear and stack tables and chairs under the tents at the end of the event. Volunteers are also needed to transport all logistical materials off site. We are very proud of our RiverFest site at Sweeney's Beach and like to make sure everything is in perfect order and appearance at the conclusion of our events; between 4pm and 6pm.

Post-Event Debriefing: Members and Volunteers are invited to point out areas of needed improvement and continue planning for RiverFest 2020.

Volunteers should contact the LRCA at (570) 347-6311 or lrca@lrca.org