

2010 Volunteer Positions

These jobs are less physically demanding than others.

Festival Desk – We are looking for friendly, out-going volunteers to act as ambassadors for Bangor. These volunteers welcome performers and staff as they arrive at **the host hotel**, provide necessary information, answer questions and count incoming performer CDs. This job can be quite busy at times, and quiet at other times. *A special training session is provided.*

Music Logger – Are you detail-oriented? Would you like to help record and accurately log performances from the sound board? Music loggers work in pairs, operating the recording equipment and taking detailed notes about the performance. *A special training session is provided. *Please indicate if you have a stage preference.*

Folk Art & Craft Marketplace – Do you have retail training? We are looking for volunteers to help our Folk Art & Craft, and Taste of Maine vendors with set-up, re-supply and occasional meal breaks.

The next set of jobs involve a lot of walking or long periods of standing.

Stage Area Services – Help where it is needed most – whether it's backstage assisting performers and staff, making sure only authorized people are backstage, helping with seating, crowd control or whatever else pops up around the stage. **Please indicate if you have a stage preference.*

Vending – Do you have retail experience? Know how to run a cash register? We could use your help in our Festival vending booths, where Festival merchandise, soda and water are sold. This job requires a good deal of time on your feet. **Please indicate if you have cash register experience.*

Safety Escort – Safety escorts make sure that performer buses are able to move safely through the Festival crowds. These volunteers must be able to clearly communicate directions to festival-goers to help keep pedestrians safe when vehicles come on-site.

On-Call Volunteer – Would you like to volunteer where help is needed most? On-call volunteers agree to be on-site and on-call during a specific period of time to fill-in as needed. On-call volunteers are *very important* to the changing demands of a busy Festival.

Information Booths – We are looking for social, outgoing volunteers to provide assistance in the Festival's Information Booths. Volunteers working in our Info Booths answer questions about performance times, location of vendors, ATMs, bathrooms, phones and much more. (This information is provided in a handy book!)

Folk Arts Stage – Would you be interested in working with Maine artisans? Folk Arts Stage volunteers work with Maine Folklife Center staff at the Narrative Stage.

Children's Area – Are you a kid at heart? The Children's area might be for you! Volunteers help with games, face painting and other activities.

Bicycle Parking – Help in the Valet Bicycle Parking area.

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Site Set-up or Strike – Here's your chance to help make the Festival happen and still get to relax once the music starts. We need a number of volunteers to help with set-up the week prior to the Festival, and folks to help with site strike once the music is over. There might be some waiting involved, while work needs are coordinated.

Music Sales – This is a very busy, fun and fast-paced job. Sell performer CDs to thousands of festival-goers. This job can be physically demanding, with a lot of time spent on your feet.

Ice & Water Brigade – Are you looking for a job that will give you a good workout? This is the job for you! Help deliver ice and water to vendors, backstage areas and vending booths. If you are a night owl, we have some late night hours available. This is a busy, fairly physically demanding job.

Bucket Brigade – We are looking for outgoing volunteers to help collect donations and hand out thank you stickers. There is a lot of walking, and time spent standing. This is a great volunteer job for families. **Sign up individually or as a team!!** *Training session is provided. Shifts still available Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.*

Donation Station Greeters – Greeters are the first to welcome people to the American Folk Festival. We are looking for friendly, upbeat, outgoing people to staff donation stations located at both the Heritage and Railroad entrances. These volunteers greet people, and hand out thank you stickers to those who make a donation. *Training session is provided.*

Information about Donation Stations and changes to the Bucket Brigade:

We will have a number of Donation Stations at the two main Festival entrances- the Railroad St entrance and the Heritage entrance. Teams will be stationed at these donation stations to welcome people and collect donations. This year, the AFF will be publicizing a suggested donation (\$10/day and \$20/day for families) prior to the Festival. These are suggested donations only, and people will be welcomed and thanked regardless of what they are able to donate.

With the addition of donation stations (and the suggested donation), the bucket brigade will still be a very important part of our donation collecting team, but its focus will change slightly. This year, the focus of the bucket brigade will be on stage asks: a group of twenty (or so) bucket brigade volunteers (working – as traditional - in pairs or as a family) will be moving from stage to stage (according to a schedule) and gathering donations after each stage ask. Unlike in past years, bucket brigade volunteers will not be assigned to one stage for the duration of their shift.

We will need 188 upbeat, outgoing volunteers to work in pairs to staff these new donation stations, so if you would be willing to take a shift or two, that would be a big help!

Festival dates:

Friday August 27, Saturday August 28, Sunday August 29

Scheduling information: Once you have been scheduled, you'll be contacted. If you aren't contacted with your schedule details, please contact Debbi at 974-3216 or debbi@americanfolkfestival.com

Parking information: Volunteers park free at Bass Park each day they volunteer. Parking passes will be distributed at orientation.

Shuttle information: A free shuttle bus runs between Bass Park and the Festival. The shuttle bus will begin on Friday at 4pm, and Saturday and Sunday at 10am. If your shift begins before the shuttle is operating, you should be able to find a parking spot downtown or in the Pickering Square parking garage.