

Thank you for volunteering for the **Bucket Brigade**

Before the start of your shift, please check-in at **Volunteer Registration** near the Railroad Stage shuttle drop-off. Volunteer Registration will direct you to the bucket dispatch center, which is located near the Police Mobile Unit (near the corner of Railroad and Front Streets.)

NEW IN 2010! We will have a number of **Donation Stations** at the **Railroad Street** 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.

The Railroad & Heritage Information Booths will be supplied with extra stickers and programs, so go to the closest one should you run out.

Here is what you can expect:

- With the addition of donation stations (and the suggested donation), the bucket brigade will still be a very important part of the Festival, but the focus of the bucket brigade will change slightly. This year, the focus of the bucket brigade will be stage asks: gathering additional donations and donations from those people who didn't donate when they entered the Festival.
- Bucket Brigaders will work in teams of two (or more, if a family).

You will be asked to **attend a training session that will be held after Festival orientation on August 17th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** at the Gracie at Husson University. At this training session, we will go over the various scripts you be will asked to use, and you will have an opportunity to practice. If you cannot attend training, please contact Debbi at the Festival office at 974-3216 or debbi@americanfolkfestival.com.

During your shift, PLEASE DO

- ... have fun. Teams that enjoy themselves always seem to reap greater donations.
When people give you donations, please give them a sticker and say *"Thank You!"*
- ... keep your bucket up and moving so people see it. Watch for people who beckon you to come to them. Keep moving so people who are standing or sitting will see you.
- ...make eye contact with people
- ... give everyone a sticker for donating
- ... wave the free pocket guides. When people ask you for them, they often make a donation (remember, they are free).
- ... watch for people who are not yet wearing the day's color-coded sticker. If you are in a crowd that is already wearing them, keep moving until you find folks who are not.
- ... drink water. Free water is available for volunteers at each t-shirt vending location. Take a break if you get tired.

PLEASE DON'T

- stand still for too long or linger in the same spot too long.
- ... be pushy, rude, or aggressive when asking for donations (remember, this is a free festival).
- ... forget to thank people for their donations or forget to give them stickers.
- ... make noise that will interfere with the audience enjoying the show.

DON'T FORGET TO

- ... wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen. Bucket Brigaders do a lot of walking!

Your coordinator is **J. Martin**.