

NEW IN 2010! 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.

The Northwest Folklife Festival (in Seattle WA) has been using this approach for the past 10 years, and it has worked out really well for them. We are optimistic that the addition of donation stations, and the suggested donation will increase our on-site donations, and improve our bottom line.

We will need 188 upbeat, outgoing volunteers to work in pairs to staff these new donation stations, so if you would be willing to change jobs that would be a big help! Just let me know via email or by phone.

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