



Back to Batoche ~ 125th Anniversary Celebrations Volunteer Program

What is volunteering?

Volunteering is the most fundamental act of citizenship and philanthropy in our society. **It is offering time, energy and skills of one's own free will.** A volunteer offers his or her time and skills to a community while receiving no monetary benefit for this involvement. Individuals who volunteer come from all walks of life - from the unemployed to the professional. All age groups are represented, as are Individuals from diverse cultures, abilities and backgrounds. **(Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement)**

We invite you to sign up as a volunteer and help us reach the goals we have set-up for this year's event.

Festival Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Back to Batoche festival for our 2010 season! Volunteers are the soul of the festival which runs from July 18th to July 25th, 2010 in Batoche, Saskatchewan. Volunteerism is being introduced to the Back to Batoche Festival to give it new life and a chance to grow. We want the friendliest, most helpful and knowledgeable volunteers around. If you're up for joining a great team to help one of Saskatchewan's premier summer events we'd love to hear from you!

Want to volunteer? Here's what you should know:

1. Volunteers are expected to work a minimum of 12 hours (no maximum – we need your).
2. A typical volunteer shift will be 4-6 hours long (unless you can take an hour shift)
3. Volunteers are expected to attend training sessions in June/July to get prepared for their role at the Festival. Volunteers will also receive a manual with important volunteer related information.
4. All volunteers are given free admission, volunteer vest and a pass for the **SaskEnergy Volunteer BBQ.**
5. Your name will be entered in a draw with fabulous prizes.

How the application process works:

Please fill out the 2010 Volunteer Application below. Once it's submitted you can expect us to be in touch to confirm we've received your application. You will need to participate in a volunteer orientation in Regina or Saskatoon in June or early July. We will do our best to accommodate your requests but cannot guarantee you will be placed in a certain area. It's important to have an open mind!

It will take over 250 energetic and dedicated volunteers to make the Back to Batoche Festival the premier cultural event in Saskatchewan. Volunteers are needed in a variety of positions that include such responsibilities as set up and clean up, venue supervision, campsite captains, gate services, on-site transportation, merchandise and more.

Led by a group of experienced coordinators, your volunteer experience at the Back to Batoche Festival will be like no other. From meeting other friendly and energetic volunteers and maybe a world class musician or two, Festival volunteers, from the young and young at heart, will celebrate Back to Batoche Festival as the highlight of their summer.

We want it to be your highlight as well. We are looking for bright, energetic and enthusiastic people to be a part of our volunteer family.

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

Believe us, the benefits provided are well worth it and include:

1. Volunteer Festival Pass
2. A chance to enter your name in a draw
3. Meet new friends
4. Give back to the community
5. Volunteer BBQ Ticket
6. Lots of fun

VOLUNTEER FESTIVAL PASS

The Volunteer Pass will get you into the Festival for the entire week. If you have already paid for your pass, it will be reimbursed after you complete 12 volunteer hours.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

SET-UP VOLUNTEERS: July 13th to July 17th (4 to 6 volunteers)

Job Description: Must be strong and able to assist in set-up, moving equipment, helping with tent set-up, tables and chairs, putting final touch on buildings either cleaning or painting.

What to bring: Work boots and gloves and a few good jokes.

NEW GENERAL ENTRANCE GATE:

July 16th to July 25th (32 volunteers per day for a 4 hour shift or 16 volunteers for 8 hour shift)

Job Description: Must be willing to work four to eight hour shift daily to meet and greet visitors at the gate, deal with payments, provide Festival Passes, Anniversary Programs, wooden spoons, maps and direction.

What to bring: Your smile, a positive attitude, a criminal record check as you need to be bonded in this position. You must be 16 or older.

SERVICE & EMERGENCY ENTRANCE GATE:

July 16th to July 25th (32 volunteers per day for a 4 hour shift or 16 volunteers for 8 hour shift)

Job Description: Must be willing to work four to eight hour shift daily to meet and greet visitors at the gate, deal with payments, provide Festival Passes, Anniversary Programs, wooden spoons, maps and direction.

What to bring: Your smile, a positive attitude, a criminal record check as you need to be bonded in this position. You must be 16 or older.

CHILDRENS PROGRAM: July 19th to July 25th (10 volunteers)

Job Description: We take the safety and security of our Mini Métis very seriously. Working under the leadership of Mrs. Faye Maurice, we need carrying people to supervise and play with our children. You will be teaching traditional games and crafts. We ask that you provide a Criminal Record Check prior to be allowed to work with children and with vulnerable.

What to bring: Your patience, your attention and positive energy, with a good dose of fun and laughter.

CAMPSITE CAPTAINS: July 16th to July 25th (10 volunteers)

Job Description: You will provide direction; help campers with direction on how to park their campers. Each electrical site has been numbered and signs are now present throughout the site to help visitors. You will be able to read the map and provide clear information. Campsite captains are required to arrive early on July 16^h to meet with the Campsite Coordinator. The 16, 17 and 18 are expected to be extremely busy and challenging for the electrical and tenting sites, later in the week the Rodeo and Chuck wagon camp area will get very busy.

What to bring: Your smile, a positive attitude, great negotiation skills and willingness to help... a few good jokes might help as well.

**MERCHANDISE TENT:
July 17th to 25th (8 per day)**

Job Description: Must be willing to work four to eight hour shift daily to meet and greet visitors, sell merchandise.

What to bring: Your smile, a positive attitude, good knowledge of the area and let your pride do the rest.

**SASKENERGY VOLUNTEER CENTRAL - INFORMATION TENTS & COMPETITION REGISTRATION:
July 17th to 25th (8 per day)**

Job Description: Must be willing to work four to eight hour shift daily to meet and greet visitors, provide information of on-site services and activities, information on surrounding communities.

ARTISANS VILLAGE: July 17th to 25th (4 volunteers)

Job Description: Must be willing to work 4 or 8 hour shift to assist vendors at set-up time. Meet and greet vendors and exhibitors, provide them with direction, help carry material, request information if necessary. Ensure that all vendors are happy with their work area and provide assistance when needed. You will be busy early in the week but after Monday July 18th, things are going to be much quieter, you will need to walk the village everyday and handle any questions or concerns the Vendors may have, as well as assist with any issues that arise.

What to bring: Your smile, a positive attitude, a willingness to help.

CLEAN-UP: July 26th to 28th (10 volunteers)

Job Description: There will be a lot of clean-up to do. Every corner of the site must be put back in its original state. Every building must be cleaned, garbage disposed of, and tents will be dismantled on Monday, July 27th.

What to bring: Your sense of humour, your positive attitude, your willingness to work hard after the festival fun is over, work boots and gloves... and a few good jokes... because we will all need them ☺.

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