



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

- Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age by June 13, 2008. Individuals under 16 must volunteer with a parent/guardian.
- Volunteers must physically be able to stand/walk outdoors for a 4-hour shift.
- All volunteers must complete the GM River Days Volunteer Application and sign the Waiver. The application is not valid without the signed waiver.
- Submission of the Volunteer Application does not guarantee an assignment.
- Volunteers who are accepted will be assigned shifts and assignments on a first-come, first serve basis.
- Dress code will consist of a provided Volunteer T-shirt, event credential, khaki slacks or shorts and comfortable shoes. In the event of inclement weather, ponchos will be provided.
- Free parking at a designated shuttle lot will be provided for all volunteers.
- Volunteers are required to attend **the Training & Orientation meeting scheduled for the evening of Thursday June 12 or Wednesday June 18 at 6:00 PM in the Renaissance Conference Center.**

If you are interested in becoming a part of Detroit's biggest event of the summer, 1) Review the positions and shifts available, 2) Complete the application, indicating what dates, shifts and positions you are willing to work, 3) Sign the waiver, and 4) Return the completed application to:

GM River Days Volunteer Program
c/o The Parade Company
9500 Mt Elliott, Studio A
Detroit, MI 48211
313.923.8368

Via fax to 313.923.2920

Via email to volunteers@theparade.org



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Festival Captain – Captains for each volunteer position will be responsible for orientating volunteers at beginning of each shift, re-assigning volunteers as needed, giving breaks, and communicating regularly with the Volunteer Coordinator as needs change. Captains will be asked to work at least 2 consecutive shifts. Must have experience leading others and have a positive attitude.

Bus Host – This is your chance to assist both volunteers and the public. Hosts will facilitate the loading and unloading of the (volunteer) shuttle buses, monitor ridership, provide festival information, assist with volunteer check-in and communicate with festival staff as needed. Must be enthusiastic, able to speak clearly and loudly and willing to ride during most of your shift.

Crowd Control – We need outgoing friendly people who love to interact with the public. You will assist with line queuing for special activities, provide information to and chat with guests waiting in line, direct guests as needed, and encourage safety. Must be friendly, and able to speak clearly and loudly to large groups.

Discovery Kids Zone – We need outgoing friendly people who love to interact with children. You will have the opportunity to work in the Arrghs & Crafts Pirate themed craft area, greet guests, wear a costume, help with crowd control or work as a floater!! You must be flexible, upbeat and able to take directions well.

Floater – This is the “**go and do crew**” who like variety and are willing to serve many positions. Floaters will be used to relieve other volunteers for breaks, fill in on shortages, run errands and generally help where needed. Must be very flexible, able to take directions and make adjustments quickly.

Fun Run – Be a part of the Saturn Fun Run! You will have the opportunity to help out with race registration or pass out water and cheer participants on along the race route. Must be upbeat, friendly, smiling and have a love for health and fitness! This position is on **Sunday, June 22 only**.

Greeter – Stationed at various areas throughout the festival, Greeters will welcome guests, provide directional assistance, and answer questions. Must be upbeat, friendly, smiling and knowledgeable of festival!

Renaissance Center Greeter – Help direct visitors while inside the Renaissance Center. Must be comfortable interacting with guests and have excellent knowledge of Renaissance Center. Preference will be given to Renaissance Center Employees.

Information Booth Attendant – Stationed at each Information Booth, you will hand out maps and event schedules, provide directional assistance, and answer questions. You will also assist lost children as needed and contact appropriate Security or Festival staff. Must be upbeat, helpful, smiling, enjoy interacting with the public and knowledgeable of festival!

Interactive Games Attendant – Assist with sports activities by collecting balls, monitoring lines, directing guests and encouraging safe participation. Must be energetic and able to handle physical tasks for an extended period of time.

Pet Walk Crew – Help keep the River Walk clean during the Pooch-a-Palooza Pet Walk as a Pooper Scooper. You may also be asked to help out with registration. Must be friendly and a dog lover! This position is on **Saturday, June 21 only**.

Volunteer Check-In – You will assist festival staff at the Volunteer Command Center and with the volunteer break area. Duties include checking in large groups of volunteers quickly and efficiently. Confirming each volunteer is dressed appropriately and knows their assignment for that shift. Must be organized, efficient and friendly!!