

2019



Florida
Blueberry Festival[™]
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

INFORMATION VOLUNTEER PACKET

Festival Dates & Hours:

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH & SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

10:00 am – 10:00 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Florida Blueberry Festival[™]
Formosa Gardens' Event Center
3050 Formosa Gardens Blvd., Kissimmee Florida 34747

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the 2019 Florida Blueberry Festival™ in Kissimmee, Florida. Approximately 150 volunteers will work together to host 65,000 plus people during this year's four-day celebration. Your help will make this year's event another success to support our 2019 Beneficiaries: The Florida Blueberry Growers Association, The Community Hope Center – Osceola County, The Sunshine Foundation – Dream Village – Polk County, The Greater Orlando Autism Society- Orange County along with many regional 501c Charitable Organizations.

This may be your first-time volunteering with Florida Blueberry Festival™, hopefully it will be personally rewarding knowing you're financially benefiting your civic organizations or others across The Blueberry Growing region.

This handbook will answer some of the questions you might have. Even the most experienced volunteers will find there is always new information to learn as the festival grows from year to year.

Please feel free to ask questions, make suggestions, or ask for assistance. Other volunteers, leadership team supervisors, and staff members are all great sources of help and support. Never hesitate to ask how to do something or why something is being done the way it is. You may have a great idea that will help improve the festival for years to come.

Volunteers carry out a variety of functions and duties, but all share a common role as an ambassador for Florida Blueberry Festival to every guest, exhibitor, and performer. A smiling face and a friendly attitude is important in ensuring the festival is a pleasant place for everyone.

We hope you enjoy your experience at the 2019 Florida Blueberry Festival. Thank you for volunteering! Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

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GENERAL VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

All event profits go to help regional 501(c) designated civic organizations. It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

To help ensure a safe and successful festival, there are several enforceable prerequisites for volunteering;

All volunteers must be 15 years of age or older. A signed Volunteer Liability Waiver Release Form is required of all festival volunteers; volunteers under the age of 18 must have a Parent/Guardian sign a Consent Form for Minors participating. All waivers must be submitted and will be verified before volunteer credentials are issued.

All volunteers assigned to children's activities are required to agree to a criminal record check and/or sexual offender registry check.

Festival volunteers are asked to attend a volunteer orientation prior to the event and, depending on their volunteer role, may be required to attend position specific training.

If you would like to become a volunteer for the 2019 Florida Blueberry Festival™, there are several ways to apply "see below". If you belong to a specify civic group there is a designated area on the application that will need to be filled out. Though you're a Florida Blueberry Festival™ volunteer a civic group supervisor will be your immediate contact. Remember you will be an ambassador for both organizations so always put your best foot forward.

By E-mail: dan.magnon@floridablueberryfestival.org

By mail: The Florida Blueberry Festival, Inc., Attention: Volunteer Coordinator
7862 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy Box 577 Kissimmee, Florida 34747

By fax: 407-479-5064 Attn: Volunteer Coordinator

Civic Group Supervisor will have applications, waivers and consent forms for your convenience.

Application Form

CONTACT INFORMATION	
NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
HOME PHONE	
WORK PHONE	
MOBILE PHONE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
DATE OF BIRTH	
DRIVER LICENSE NO.	

Please Print

Note: Volunteers will be provided with T-shirts and are *REQUIRED* to wear them during their shifts long with their ID Credentials. We asked that all volunteer wear Khaki pants, shorts or skirts. **Cargo pants and jeans are stickily prohibited. All ID Credential must be returned to the volunteer tent after your shift; to reenter the festival you will be given a day pass. T-shirts will be distributed at volunteer training sessions, credentials at check in**

Please indicate your t-shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

PLEASE CHECK WHICH DAY AND SHIFT(S) YOUR AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER	
SHIFT THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH	SHIFTS - FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:30 PM -10:30 PM – 6 Hour Shift	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 am – 2:00 pm – 4.5 Hour Shift
SHIFTS – SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm – 4 Hour Shift
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 am – 2:00 pm – 4.5 Hour Shift	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 pm – 10:30 – 4.5 Hour Shift
<input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm – 4 Hour Shift	SHIFTS – SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 pm – 10:30 – 4.5 Hour Shift	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 am -5:30 PM – 6 Hour Shift
<p>PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN TENT 30 MINUTE BEFORE YOUR SHIFT BEGINS</p>	

PLEASE CHECK THE BLUE BOXES TO THE RIGHT OF THE JOBS YOU THINK WOULD BE A GOOD FIT FOR YOU. WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE.

<p>Volunteer Check-In This position helps volunteers figure out where they need to go when they arrive and helps ensure volunteers have food and water.</p>		<p>Staging Staff Set Up Crew</p>	
<p>Food Concessionaire Check-In Wednesday Mid Afternoon starts at 1:00 pm & Thursday Morning 9:00 am</p>		<p>Directional Volunteer Providing Traffic Direction to Attendees, Exhibitors, Volunteers</p>	
<p>Food Concessionaire Liaison Assist food concessionaires with any questions or needs.</p>		<p>Ground & Information Attendant The volunteer holding his position Is responsible for reach the right staff member of any problems occurring during the festival on the venue grounds</p>	
<p>Exhibitor Vendor Check-In Thursday 28th Mid-Morning Check in Starts 11:00 Am.</p>		<p>General Parking Attendant Checking credentials, collecting parking fees and directing traffic.</p>	
<p>Exhibitor Liaison Assists exhibitors with questions and concerns. This position requires public relations/problem solving skills.</p>		<p>Vendor Parking Attendant It is sometimes busy and sometimes slow and requires good public relations skills.</p>	
<p>Fine Arts & Crafts Check In Wednesday Mid Afternoon starts at 1:00 pm & Thursday Morning 9:00 am.</p>		<p>Entry Gate Support Assist Tellers at entrance gates, hand stamps & VIP bracelets check – in.</p>	
<p>Fine Arts & Crafts Liaison Assists the art exhibitors with questions and concerns. This position requires public relations/problem solving skills.as needed.</p>		<p>Blueberry Store Support Ice runner, sample passing etc.</p>	
<p>Fine Arts & Crafts "Sitters" Must take the responsibility of sitting An exhibitor's booth while the proprietor must take leave his or her booth for a short length of time.</p>		<p>Rover A flexible individual comfortable being plugged in wherever needed.</p>	
<p>Food Court Custodian Police area for trash - clean tables aid venue custodian when necessary</p>		<p>Venue Custodian Police area for trash-empty trash receptacle replace plastic liners. Take to the main refuse center stock truck area.</p>	

Are you a Civic Group Volunteer for the event, please tell us the name of the group.

CIVIC GROUP _____

**The following documents must be provided before any
Florida Blueberry Festival™ credentials are issued.**

**FLORIDA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL™, INC.
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY In consideration of the risk of injury while participating in Florida Blueberry Festival™, Inc. (the "Activity"), and as consideration for the right to participate in the Activity, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily enter into this waiver and release of liability and hereby waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participation in the Activity, and do hereby release and forever discharge Florida Blueberry Festival™, Inc. located at 3050 Formosa Gardens Blvd. Kissimmee, Florida 34747, their affiliates, managers, members, agents, attorneys, staff, volunteers, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns, for any physical or psychological injury, including but not limited to illness, paralysis, death, damages, economical or emotional loss, that I may suffer as a direct result of my participation in the aforementioned Activity, including traveling to and from an event related to this Activity.

I Am Voluntarily Participating In The Aforementioned Activity And I Am Participating In The Activity Entirely At My Own Risk. I Am Aware Of The Risks Associated With Traveling To And From As Well As Participating In This Activity, Which May Include, But Are Not Limited To, Physical Or Psychological Injury, Pain, Suffering, Illness, Disfigurement, Temporary Or Permanent Disability (Including Paralysis), Economic Or Emotional Loss, And Death. I Understand That These Injuries Or Outcomes May Arise From My Own Or Others' Negligence, Conditions Related To Travel, Or The Condition Of The Activity Location(S). Nonetheless, I Assume All Related Risks, Both Known Or Unknown To Me, Of My Participation In This Activity, Including Travel To, From And During This Activity.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Florida Blueberry Festival™, Inc. against any and all claims, suits or actions of any kind whatsoever for liability, damages, compensation or otherwise brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney's fees and any related costs, if litigation arises pursuant to any claims made by me or by anyone else acting on my behalf. If Florida Blueberry Festival™ incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse Florida Blueberry Festival™, Inc.

I acknowledge that Florida Blueberry Festival™, Inc. and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives and agents are not responsible for errors, omissions, acts or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific event or activity on behalf of Florida Blueberry Festival, Inc.

I Acknowledge That This Activity May Involve A Test Of A Person's Physical And Mental Limits And May Carry With It The Potential For Death, Serious Injury, And Property Loss. The Risks May Include, But Are Not Limited To, Those Caused By Terrain, Facilities, Temperature, Weather, Lack Of Hydration, Condition Of Participants, Equipment, Vehicular Traffic And Actions Of Others, Including But Not Limited To, Participants, Volunteers, Spectators, Coaches, Event Officials And Event Monitors, And-Or Producers Of The Event.

I Acknowledge That I Have Carefully Read This "Waiver And Release" And Fully Understand That It Is A Release Of Liability. I Expressly Agree To Release And Discharge Florida Blueberry Festival™ And All Of Its Affiliates, Managers, Members, Agents, Attorneys, Staff, Volunteers, Heirs, Representatives, Predecessors, Successors And Assigns, From Any And All Claims Or Causes Of Action And I Agree To Voluntarily Give Up Or Waive Any Right That I Otherwise Have To Bring A Legal Action Against Florida Blueberry Festival™, Inc. For Personal Injury Or Property Damage.

To the extent that statute or case law does not prohibit releases for negligence, this release is also for negligence on the part of Florida Blueberry Festival™, Inc. its agents, and employees. In the event that I should require medical care or treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance. In the event that any damage to equipment or facilities occurs as a result of my or my family's willful actions, neglect or recklessness, I acknowledge and agree to be held liable for any and all costs associated with any actions of neglect or recklessness. This Agreement was entered into at arm's-length, without duress or coercion, and is to be interpreted as an agreement between two parties of equal bargaining strength. Both the Participant, _____, and Florida Blueberry Festival™, Inc. agree that this Agreement is clear and unambiguous as to its terms, and that no other evidence will be used or admitted to alter or explain the terms of this Agreement, but that it will be interpreted based on the language in accordance with the purposes for which it is entered into. In the event that any provision contained within this Release of Liability shall be deemed to be severable or invalid, or if any term, condition, phrase or portion of this agreement shall be determined to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect, so long as the clause severed does not affect the intent of the parties. If a court should find that any provision of this agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting said provision it would become valid and enforceable, then said provision shall be deemed to be written, construed and enforced as so limited. In the event of an emergency, please contact the following person(s) in the order presented:

Emergency Contact _____

Contact Relationship _____

Contact Telephone _____

I, the undersigned participant, affirm that I am of the age of 18 years or older, and that I am freely signing this agreement. I certify that I have read this agreement, that I fully understand its content and that this release cannot be modified orally. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract and that I am signing it of my own free will.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Print Your Name _____

FLORIDA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL™, INC.
PARENT / GUARDIAN WAIVER FOR MINORS

PARENT / GUARDIAN WAIVER FOR MINORS In the event that the participant is under the age of consent (18 years of age), then this release must be signed by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this individual.

Parent / Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Relationship to Minor: _____