



# Prairie Days Festival 2014



## Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> (10-5) & Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (noon-5)  
Shawnee Prairie Preserve**

The Darke County Park District is looking for volunteers to help celebrate prairies and the pioneer way of life! There is something for everyone to help with so check it out!

**Complete this form and return to: Laura Schwieterman, P.O. Box 801, Greenville, Ohio 45331**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Weekday Preparation:

Apple Butter Prep \_\_\_\_ Thurs. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 9AM- Peel and make AB \_\_\_\_ Fri. Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 8AM- Make AB  
Festival Set-Up /Tear down \_\_\_\_ Fri. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 9AM \_\_\_\_ Mon. Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 9AM

~See back for information about what each station includes~

### Festival Weekend:

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

~please number your top 3 choices~

#### **Dates & Times**

~please check mark the days and times you are able to volunteer~

	<b>Sat., September 27</b>	<b>Sun., September 28</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Butter <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Cider Press <input type="checkbox"/> Candle Dipping <input type="checkbox"/> Corn Grinder <input type="checkbox"/> General Store <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Horse and Wagon Rides <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Washing <input type="checkbox"/> Mad Anthony's Tavern <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Hats/Bonnets <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Toys <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery <input type="checkbox"/> Rag Dolls <input type="checkbox"/> Tin- Smith Lanterns <input type="checkbox"/> Tussie Mussies <input type="checkbox"/> Weaving Coasters <input type="checkbox"/> Wooden Shingles	    <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM-12:00 PM <input type="checkbox"/> 11:45 AM-2:30 PM <input type="checkbox"/> 2:15 PM-5:00 PM	    <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM-2:30 PM <input type="checkbox"/> 2:15 PM-5:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking Greeter <input type="checkbox"/> Information/Greeter <input type="checkbox"/> Shuttle Attendant <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Operator/Reception Desk* <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop/ Reception Desk* <input type="checkbox"/> Blacksmith Shop* <input type="checkbox"/> Log House* <input type="checkbox"/> Weaving*	   <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM-1:00 PM <input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 PM-5:00 PM	   <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 AM-2:00 PM <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

\*- prior experience/training required

~see the back of this form for additional information on these volunteer opportunities~

Prairie Days Training is occurring on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 10AM and Monday, Sept. 22 at 6:30PM- Please let me know which one you can attend. ~Thanks!

## Descriptions of Prairie Days Volunteer Opportunities...

**Apple Butter Prep** (Sept. 25): Help core and slice the apples which will become homemade apple butter for the festival!

**Apple Butter (Sept. 25, 26, 27 & 28):** Help stir/cook apple butter; enjoy working in a team environment.

**Apple Cider Press:** Invite visitors to hand-crank an old-fashioned cider press and then sample some of their efforts.

**Candle Dipping:** Assist visitors in dipping their own beeswax candle. Task requires working around the fire and handling hot wax.

**Corn Grinder:** Encourage visitors to grind their own corn by the Log House.

**General Store:** Selling items to the public such as: drinks, old fashioned candies, apple butter, etc... Tent will be by Log House.

**Grounds Maintenance:** Assist with gathering trash and various jobs around the center for the weekend.

**Horse and Wagon Rides:** Assist visitors getting on and off the wagon.

**Laundry Washing:** Assist visitors in the hand-washing and hanging of pioneer laundry on the line.

**Mad Anthony's Tavern:** Selling items to the public such as: drinks (pop, water, coffee, and tea) and pie sales. Tent will be by Shelter House.

**Pioneer Hats/ Bonnets:** Encourage children to make a pioneer hat/ bonnet

**Pioneer Toys:** Encourage visitors to play with toys that pioneers played with.

**Pottery:** Assist the public in creating something out of clay.

**Rag Doll:** Help visitors create their own rag doll out of cotton material.

**Tin-smith Lanterns:** Assist children to learn a new skill by making homemade tin can lantern. Task requires using nails, hammers, and other hand tools.

**Tussie Mussies:** Help visitors make small bouquets used by colonists and pioneers to repel body odor, as baths were few and far between!

**Weaving Coasters:** Help participants weave yarn through a burlap coaster.

**Wooden Shingles:** Assist visitors in making wooden shingles, by Log House area.

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**Parking Greeter:** Assist the public where to park for the festival. All handicapped parking will be at SPP and all public parking will be at the Triangle, along with a walk in entrance at 130 Winchester.

**Information/ Greeter:** Welcome the public when they arrive to Prairie Days! Any questions the public may have. Hand out schedules and maps for the festival. Tent will be by Foot Bridge near the Nature Center.

**Shuttle Attendant:** Assist visitors on/off transit, help with line flow and hand out festival schedule.

**Phone Operator/ Reception Desk\*:** Phone station will be at Nathan's desk. Answer the phone and any questions from the public in the Nature Center.

**Gift Shop/ Reception Desk\*:** Welcome the public and ring up sales, help visitors with purchases, restock shelves. Friendly personality and basic cash register skills desired.

**Blacksmith Shop\*:** Welcome and explain the items in the Blacksmith Shop. Work in the forge. Period Attire.

**Log House\*:** Welcome visitors and explain what some of the items are throughout the Log House. Assist with hearth cooking of food and chores. Prior Log House training is desired. Period Attire.

**Weaving\*:** Demonstrate how to weave on the Nature Center's loom. Tent will be by the Log House.

*~ Thank you in advance for all of your hard work and dedication during this weekend festival. It is greatly appreciated! ~*

For additional information call: Laura Schwieterman at 937-548-0165 or email at [lschwieterman@darkecountyparks.org](mailto:lschwieterman@darkecountyparks.org)

Check out the Prairie Days Page on our website: <http://www.darkecountyparks.org/Prairiedays.php>