



Prairie Days Festival 2015



Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

Saturday, September 26th (10-5) & Sunday, September 27th (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. 24th 9AM- Peel and make AB _____ Fri. Sept 25th 8AM- Make AB
Festival Set-Up /Tear down _____ Fri. Sept. 25th 9AM _____ Mon. Sept 28th 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~

<div><div>_____ Apple Butter</div><div>_____ Apple Cider Press</div><div>_____ Butter Making</div><div>_____ Candle Dipping</div><div>_____ General Store</div><div>_____ Grounds Maintenance</div><div>_____ Horse and Wagon Rides</div><div>_____ Mad Anthony’s Tavern</div><div>_____ Pioneer Hats/Bonnets</div><div>_____ Pioneer Toys</div><div>_____ Sewing Bean Bags</div><div>_____ Sorghum Press</div><div>_____ Tin- Smith Lanterns</div><div>_____ Tussie Mussies</div><div>_____ Wooden Shingles</div><div>_____ Wool</div></div>	<div><div>Sat., September 26Sun., September 27</div><div><div>_____ 9:30 AM-12:00 PM</div><div>_____ 11:45 AM-2:30 PM</div><div>_____ 2:15 PM-5:00 PM</div></div><div><div>_____ 11:30 AM-2:30 PM</div><div>_____ 2:15 PM-5:30 PM</div></div></div>
<div><div>_____ Parking Greeter</div><div>_____ Information/Greeter</div><div>_____ Shuttle Attendant</div><div>_____ Phone Operator/Reception Desk*</div><div>_____ Gift Shop/ Reception Desk*</div><div>_____ Blacksmith Shop*</div><div>_____ Log House*</div><div>_____ Weaving*</div><div>_____ Bake Oven*</div></div>	<div><div>Sat., September 26Sun., September 27</div><div><div>_____ 9:00 AM-1:00 PM</div><div>_____ 1:00 PM-5:00 PM</div></div><div><div>_____ 11:00 AM-2:00 PM</div><div>_____ 2:00 PM-5:00 PM</div></div></div>

*- 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. 19 at 10AM and Monday, Sept. 21 at 6:30PM- Please let me know which one you can attend. ~Thanks!

Descriptions of Prairie Days Volunteer Opportunities...

Apple Butter Prep (Sept. 24): Help core and slice the apples which will become homemade apple butter for the festival!

Apple Butter (Sept. 25, 26 & 27): 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.

Butter Making: Invite visitors to assist with Butter Making 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.

General Store: Selling items to the public such as: drinks, old fashioned candies, apple butter, etc... Tent will be across the drive from the 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.

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.

Sewing Bean Bags: Encourage visitors to fill and sew a bean bag.

Sorghum Press: Welcome the public to assist with making Molasses.

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!

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

Wool: Assist the visitors in creating a small craft out of wool.

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 in the Nature Center.

Bake Oven*: Demonstrate how to bake in the oven and explain the process to the public. Pass out samples if available.

~ 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

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