

Frequently Asked Questions

Where does the Festival take place?

The Bayou City Art Festival this spring takes place in Memorial Park. This year's map is not yet finished, but you can get a general idea of the layout from last year's map. To see last year's map, [click here](#).

What is the schedule?

The Festival runs Friday, March 26th through Sunday, March 28th. Each day is divided into the following shifts:

- 1st shift: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 2nd shift: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 3rd shift: 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for more than one shift is welcome to do so. We ask that volunteers report 15 minutes early for their scheduled shift(s).

Who is eligible to volunteer?

We welcome individuals, families, sororities, fraternities, high school and college clubs, contingents from your office, your bunco club - groups of any sort! Regardless of your age or capabilities, we can find something for you to do! **Volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.**

What types of volunteer opportunities / activities are there?

A few examples are listed below.

- Creative Zone Assistants - volunteers will be assigned to various art activities upon arrival at the discretion of the Creative Zone Manager. These opportunities are especially suited to students and large groups who wish to volunteer in the same vicinity.
- Artist Relations Assistants - volunteers will roam the festival and provide assistance to any Artists who may need to step away from their booths, who need someone to go fetch them refreshments, or who have other simple tasks they need help with. A desire to be helpful and ability to be flexible are a must!
- Festival Greeters & Ticket Takers - these volunteers stand at the Festival entrances to greet patrons with a smile, tear tickets, and distribute maps and brochures. Sunny disposition and bright, shining faces are a plus here.

Can my group volunteer together?

Volunteers from large groups can often work within sight of each other in the Creative Zone (though at different activities) but otherwise will be typically be assigned to smaller groups of 3-4.

What do I get for helping out?

- One (1) complimentary commemorative festival shirt (sizes S – XXXL – first-come, first-served);
- Free admission into the festival (valid only on day of volunteering unless you are helping out before the Festival begins)

Where is Volunteer Check-In and how do I get there?

Volunteer Check-in is located at the corner of North Picnic Lane and Memorial Drive. We recommend being dropped off or taking the shuttle buses to get there. Parking in Memorial Park is extremely difficult to come by.

Visit http://www.bayoucityartfestival.com/memorialpark_parking/ for shuttle schedules.

What will happen at Volunteer Check-In?

- You will check in with your Non-Profit Partner (be sure to remember which organization it is!)
- They will ask you to sign a waiver (unless you are a minor, in which case the adult volunteering with you will sign on your behalf)
- You get a fun job assignment
- We'll give you your volunteer t-shirt, which you must wear during your shift, and remove after your shift is complete. Sizes are S-XXXL and shirts are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis

What happens at the end of my shift?

- We ask that you remove your volunteer t-shirt after you are released
- We hope that you will stay to enjoy the Festival after your shift is done (or arrive early to enjoy it before your shift if you're helping out until the Festival closes)

I have more questions! Who do I contact?

If you have chosen a Non-Profit Partner to donate your hours to, contact their Volunteer Coordinator. Otherwise you may contact our Volunteer Committee at volunteer@bayoucityartfestival.com.

How do I sign up?

Visit <http://www.bayoucityartfestival.com/volunteer> for instructions!