



VOLUNTEER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES Guide 2026

WELCOME

Thank you for being a valued member of the Florida State Fairgrounds Volunteer program. We utilize volunteers in various areas throughout the fairgrounds:

- Participate in annual volunteer opportunities and social events.
- Spend the day with farm animals,
- Welcoming fairgoers
- Help visitors find their way
- Petition patrons to compete in fair-food eating contests
- Step back in time to the late 1800s.
- And so much more!

Whatever your desire, this guide will help you decide which volunteer opportunities you would like to sign up for. You can try a new experience every day or stick to your favorite area during the 12-day Fair.

We update the Guide annually. So, whether you are a first-time volunteer or a veteran of the Fair over the past 20 years, please review the Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities Guide.

Don't forget to review the Pre- and Post-fair opportunities as well. We can always use your help setting up and breaking down the Fair.

Now that you are an official Florida State Fair Volunteer, please visit the Florida State Fair Volunteer Portal at <https://app.betterimpact.com/Volunteer/Main>. Questions or concerns, please contact Dianne Stahl, Volunteer Coordinator, at Dianne.Stahl@FloridaStateFair.com.

We look forward to making your volunteer experience a great one.

It's always a great day at the Fair!

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As a valued member of the Florida State Fair Volunteer family, there are a few guidelines that impact all volunteers. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the following information:

2026 FLORIDA STATE FAIR RELATED DATES:

**** Pre-fair – January 5th through February 4th, 2026**

***** FLORIDA STATE FAIR – FEBRUARY 5TH, THROUGH FEBRUARY, 16TH, 2026**

**** Post-fair – February 17th through February 21st, 2026**

DURING PRE AND POST-FAIR ONLY:

- Enter the fairgrounds via **Orient Road ONLY**.
 - Park in the **Florida Center** parking lot. However, leave the **parking spaces closest to the Florida Center building available for exhibitors**.
 - Sign in at the Volunteer Office located in the Florida Center (Creative Living)
 - Wear your Volunteer T-shirt while on duty
- Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.

DURING THE 12 DAYS OF THE FAIR:

- Enter the fairgrounds through **Martin Luther King Blvd**.
- **Park ONLY in Lot 7**. All information requested on **Hangtags must be filled out** and hung on the rearview mirror with the **lot number facing out**.
- **Sign in and out in the Volunteer Office** located in the Florida Center (Creative Living).
- Wear your **Volunteer T-shirt and ID badge** while on duty.
- Lot 7 tags will be distributed during volunteer training or mailed following online training.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- Volunteers are required to attend the daily morning meeting.

YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEERS:

- Enter the fairgrounds via **Orient Road ONLY**. If you do not have your credentials, please have the Guard Gate call the Volunteer Office – (813)404-5839
- Information regarding parking and shift times will be provided via email (before your volunteer commitment).

Information about duties, requirements, and pertinent qualifications can be found on the following volunteer descriptions in the Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities Guide, found below.



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Champion Youth Skilathon Assistant

Team / Department: Agribusiness Program Assistant– Record Book & Record Book Skills Test Superintendent-TBA

Description of role: Assist the Youth Livestock Exhibitors with checking into the Skills Testing Skilathon & Record Book Skills.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist the students before the Skilathon & Record Book Testing.
- Assure the students sign in and sign out before and after.
- Distribute and collect the test papers for each student.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.
- Park in **Lot 7** parking lot. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror, and the information is facing toward the outside of the car.
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meeting.

Skills & Experience:

- Volunteers must be kid-friendly
- Willing to work with children to make the check-in and check-out process run smoothly
- You must exhibit some organizational skills.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Volunteers will be instructed on specific needs at the testing site.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- Volunteers are required to attend the daily morning meeting.

Time Commitment: Most testing will run for approximately 4 hours.

Age Requirement: The minimum age is 16 years old with adult supervision.

Support: Advisors will be available during all Skilathons.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Volunteers will sit behind a table and assist students as they arrive for testing.

AG PRE-FAIR VOLUNTEER HOURS

2026 FLORIDA STATE FAIR

| DATE | TIME | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|---|
| Saturday, January 3 | 9:00am | Record Book Judging | Chelsea Baptist Church (not on fairgrounds property) |

SKILATHON SCHEDULE

| DATE | TIME | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Friday, Jan. 30 | 6:30pm | **Youth Dog (Managed by Committee) | TECO Arena |
| Wednesday, Feb. 4 | 3:00pm | Youth Beef 1 | Special Events Center |
| Thursday, Feb. 5 | 1:00pm | Youth Rabbit | Special Events Center |
| Friday, Feb. 6 | 9:00am | Youth Sheep | Special Events Center |
| | 1:00pm | Youth Swine | Special Events Center |
| Friday, Feb. 7 | 3:00pm | Youth Beef 2 | Special Events Center |
| Sunday, Feb. 8 | 2:00pm | Youth Boer Goat | Special Events Center |
| Tuesday, Feb. 10 | 3:00pm | Youth Beef 3 | Special Events Center |
| Wednesday, Feb. 11 | 10:00am | Youth Steer | Special Events Center |
| | 2:00pm | Youth Dairy Goat | Special Events Center |
| Thursday, February 12 | 10:00am | Youth Poultry | Special Events Center |
| | 5:30pm | **Youth Llama (Managed by Committee) | Special Events Center |
| Friday, February 13 | 4:00pm | Youth Dairy | Special Events Center |

PLEASE NOTE: The times listed are start times for the Skilaton. Committee members. Volunteers should be at the location at least **45 minutes prior** to the start.

**** Skilathons/Written test handled by committees**

Agribusiness Livestock Barn Attendant

Team/Department: Joe Wenhardt – Livestock Barn, Lynann Hudson – Director of Agribusiness, Dr. John Crews – Livestock Superintendent

Description of role: The Florida State Fair maintains a rich tradition of Competitive Livestock Shows, including the 4H and FFA Champion of Champions Youth Competition. All types of livestock are judged and exhibited during the Florida State Fair. Livestock Barn Attendants provide safe passage to fairgoers as they move through the Livestock Barns.

Primary Responsibilities: Monitor activities in the TECO Arena. Monitor the flow of traffic in the cattle and livestock barns.

- Must be willing to work around large animals.
- Experience with animals is a plus, but not necessary.
- Volunteers must wear appropriate footwear (boots or closed-toed shoes required).
- Volunteers must wear long pants (jeans preferred)
- Volunteers must be Age 18 or older.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.
- Park in **Lot 7** parking lot. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror, and the information is facing toward the outside of the car.
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meeting.

Skills & Experience: Volunteers should be friendly, able to communicate with fairgoers, and instruct guests where they can and cannot walk. Keep children, adults, and animals alike safe while navigating through the Livestock Barns. Be kind, friendly, and have a welcoming personality. Volunteers should enjoy being around the animals and kids.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Volunteers will receive their barn zone of responsibility from the Livestock Barn Volunteer Coordinator.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- Volunteers are required to attend the daily morning meeting.

Time Commitment: 4-hour shifts

Age Requirement: Volunteers must be Age 18 or older.

Support: The Livestock Barn Volunteer Coordinator, as well as the Volunteer Coordinator, are your point of contact and available to answer questions.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Volunteers will sit/stand in a designated area and direct fairgoers to the proper aisles they can walk down. There are areas where the livestock will cross. Barn Attendants help guarantee that fairgoers stop where they are while the animals pass. Volunteers will be sitting or standing in the livestock area.

Ag Hall of Fame Hologram Greeter

Team / Department: Joe Wenhart, Livestock Barn and Ag Hall of Fame

Description of role: Direct Fairgoers to the Ag Hall of Fame Hologram Theatre.

Primary Responsibilities: Duties include:

- Must be friendly and welcoming
- Announce the next show time
- Open the "Exit" curtain when the hologram show is over
- Open and close the "Entrance" curtain when the hologram show is about to begin
- Check for lost items or trash between each show

Secondary Responsibilities:

- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.
- Park in **Lot 7** parking lot. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror, and the information is facing toward the outside of the car.
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meeting.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- Volunteers are required to attend the daily morning meeting.

Time Commitment: 4-hour shifts

Age Requirement: Minimum age is 18 years old.

Support: Joe Wenhart, Livestock Barn and Ag Hall of Fame Volunteer Coordinator, and Dianne Stahl, Volunteer Coordinator, are available to answer questions.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Some standing. The ability to speak to an audience for a short period of time.



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Creative Living Office Assistant

This volunteer position is available only **during the pre-Fair**. You must enter the fairgrounds through **ORIENT ROAD**. Please Park near or in Lot 7 (Volunteer Parking Lot).

Team / Department: Creative Living - Kadi Duff, Coordinator and Susan Jones

Description of role: Assists Creative Living Office Staff with minor office duties.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Maintains exhibitor documents used during Intake and Checkout.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Staff the office while seasonal staff are away from the office during meetings or other special functions/events
- Answer questions from Fair Patrons.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.
- Enter the fairgrounds via Orient Road
- You may park in the Florida Center (FLC) parking lot. However, the parking spaces closest to the FLC center are reserved for competitors
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- Attend Volunteer morning meetings.

Skills & Experience:

- Be friendly and a team player.
- Be patient with exhibitors and Fair patrons.
- Organizational/filing experience, basic math skills, and neat handwriting are required.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation. Creative Living Staff will provide additional training, if necessary.

Time Commitment: Pre and Post-Fair.

- January 4th until February 4th, 2026
- February 17th until February 21st, 2026
- Flexible hours – prefer a minimum of a 4-hour shift to maintain continuity.

Age Requirement: 16 years of age plus

Support: Creative Living Staff will be available to answer questions.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Some lifting, standing, and walking required.

Cook - No Cooking Required

Pre- Fair and Post-Fair

January 4 through February 4, 2026 & February 17 through February 20, 2026

This volunteer position is available only **during the pre-Fair**. You must enter the fairgrounds through **ORIENT ROAD**. Please Park near or in Lot 7 (Volunteer Parking Lot.)

Team / Department: Creative Living - Kadi Duff, Coordinator and Susan Jones

Description of role: Coordinate a simple lunch menu for FLC volunteers and staff (i.e. sandwiches, chips, soup).

Primary Responsibilities:

Shop for menu items. Must be capable of following and staying within the boundaries of a set budget. Maintain a clean and organized kitchen. Make certain that proper food handling and sanitation procedures are followed.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- May include tasks such as chopping fruits and vegetables.
- Use of kitchen equipment such as knives, ovens and stove tops safely and efficiently.
- Be friendly and a team player.
- Comfortable working with a small budget.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.
- Enter the fairgrounds via Orient Road
- You may park in the Florida Center (FLC) parking lot. However, the parking spaces closest to the FLC center are reserved for competitors,
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)

Skills & Experience: No previous culinary experience needed.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Instructions from Creative Living staff will be provided as needed.

Time Commitment: Volunteers during pre-Fair - from Monday, January 4th, until Wednesday, February 4th. Between the hours of 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Age Requirement: 18 years of age PLUS

Support: Florida Center Staff will provide the proper utensils for the job.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Some standing and some moderate to light lifting.

Pre and Post-Fair Handyman

This volunteer position is available only **during the pre- and post-Fair**. You must enter the fairgrounds through **ORIENT ROAD**. Please Park near or in Lot 7 (Volunteer Parking Lot)

Team / Department: Creative Living – Kadi Duff, Coordinator and Tim Thomas

Description of role: Help prepare and break down the FLC Creative Living exhibition.

Primary Responsibilities:

- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt, ID, and comfortable shoes while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Additional responsibilities may include:

- Assist with repairs
- Paint and/or touch up displays and walls.
- Some carpentry
- Other duties as assigned.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Be friendly and a team player.
- Comfortable working with tools and making minor repairs.
- Enter the fairgrounds via Orient Road
- You may park in the Florida Center (FLC) parking lot. However, the parking spaces closest to the FLC center are reserved for competitors,
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)

Skills & Experience: Background in construction (including painting) is a plus.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Instructions from Creative Living staff will be provided for each special project.

Time Commitment: Pre and Post-Fair.

- January 5th until February 4th, 2026
- February 17th until February 21st, 2026
- Flexible hours between 10:00 am until 5:00 pm – prefer a minimum of a 4-hour shift to maintain continuity.

Age Requirement: 18 years of age PLUS

Support: Florida Center Staff will provide the proper tools for the job. Volunteers must have prior knowledge & proficiency in the safe operation of construction tools & ladders.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Assignments may include climbing ladders and using various construction tools, like a hammer and power drill. Must have the ability to stand for extended periods and lift moderate to heavy objects.

Pre and Post-Fair Competitive Exhibit Intake and Check-out

This volunteer position is available only **during the pre-Fair**. You must enter the fairgrounds through **ORIENT ROAD**. Please Park near or in Lot 7 (Volunteer Parking Lot).

Team / Department: Creative Living - Kadi Duff, Coordinator and Esther Kim

Description of role:

- Pre-Fair: Assist exhibitors in the delivery of their items and ensure their work is ready for judging.
- Post-Fair: Assist in returning items to exhibitors following the Fair.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist with check-in and check-out of exhibit competitors.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and comfortable shoes while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Volunteer Positions:

- **Intake Clerks:** Greet exhibitors, review their applications, and accept their entries.
- **Check-out Clerks:** Greet competitors, retrieve their paperwork. and direct them where to go with their artwork.
- **Runners:** Volunteers move entries from the intake tables to the tables in the building where the individual judging will take place.
- **Intake** volunteers move entries from the intake tables to the tables in the building where the individual judging will take place.
- **Checkout Clerk** volunteers aid exhibitors find their item(s). Match paperwork with items picked up and distribute winning ribbons.
- **Table Captain: **Previous experience required.* PRE-FAIR ONLY!** Volunteers must have specific knowledge of certain departments (i.e., Quilts or Photography). Responsibilities include organizing the artwork and preparing the appointed area for judging.

****** Assignments will be delegated on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Sign in at the Volunteer Office located in the Florida Center (Creative Living)
- Wear your Volunteer T-shirt and ID badge while on duty
- Enter the fairgrounds via Orient Road
- You may park in the Florida Center (FLC) parking lot. However, the parking spaces closest to the FLC center are reserved for competitors,
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)

Skills & Experience:

- Be friendly and a team player.
- Be patient with exhibitors.
- Handle artwork with care.

**** Pre and Post-Fair Competitive Exhibit Intake and Check-out Volunteer description continues next page.**

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Training: All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation. Creative Living staff will provide additional training, if necessary, and will be available to answer questions.

Time Commitment: Pre-Fair and Post-Fair – 10 am-6 pm

Age Requirement: 16 years of age PLUS

Support: The Competitive Exhibit Check-in and Intake roles are vital to the success of this exhibit. Handling our exhibitors' items with respect and care is essential. Creative Living Staff are available to answer questions and help you in any way.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions:

- **Intake Clerks/Check-out Clerks:** Sitting mostly however, will need to be able to lift and carry items to tables.
- **Table Captain:** Mostly standing, moving, and organizing items.
- **Runners:** This position requires walking, standing, and lifting (less than 40lbs).

Pre-Fair Clerking for Judges

This volunteer position is available only **during the pre-Fair**. You must enter the fairgrounds through **ORIENT ROAD**. Please Park near or in Lot 7 (Volunteer Parking Lot).

Team / Department: Creative Living - Kadi Duff, Coordinator and Esther Kim

Description of role: Works directly with judges and assists in keeping paperwork organized; assists with time management. Help judges to understand the rules of the contest.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Keeping judging sheets and tallies organized
- Assisting with moving and organizing entries for judging
- Assisting in the recording of feedback sheets
- Assisting the judges by ensuring their job goes smoothly.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt while on duty & comfortable shoes.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Ensures that judges have water and snacks.
- Enter the fairgrounds via Orient Road
- You may park in the Florida Center (FLC) parking lot. However, the parking spaces closest to the FLC center are reserved for Judges,
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)

Skills & Experience: Must have neat handwriting. Organization skills a plus.

Training: All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend volunteer training. Creative Living staff will provide additional training prior to the event and will continue to update volunteers regarding the processes.

Time Commitment: (January 2026) 10am – 6pm

- Times will vary depending on the judges' schedule.

Age Requirement: 16 years of age PLUS

Support: Creative Living Staff will be available to review procedures and policies

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Some lifting, standing, and walking required.

Pre-Fair Display Assistant

This volunteer position is available only **during the pre-Fair**. You must enter the fairgrounds through **ORIENT ROAD**. Please Park near or in Lot 7 (Volunteer Parking Lot).

Team / Department: Creative Living - Kadi Duff, Coordinator and Wayne Ballard

Description of role: Arrange the exhibitor items for display.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Hanging & displaying of 2D & 3D artwork
- You must be able to use a drill.
- Must have a good eye for arranging artwork on a wall.
- Must wear Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and comfortable shoes while on duty
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Be Friendly
- A team player
- Handling the arts and crafts items with care
- Enter the fairgrounds via Orient Road
- You may park in the Florida Center (FLC) parking lot. However, the parking spaces closest to the FLC center are reserved for competitors,
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)

Skills & Experience: Familiar with tools for hanging artwork. Use of a drill and level.

Training: All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation. Volunteers will work beside a staff person and will learn along the way.

Time Commitment: 9am – 6pm

Shifts Times: Flexible

Age Requirement: 18 years of age PLUS unless approved by Creative Living Coordinator

Support: Creative Living Staff will be available to provide guidance

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Some lifting, ladder climbing, standing and walking required.

Fair-Time Creative Living Greeter

Team / Department: Kadi Duff, Coordinator

Primary Responsibilities:

- Stationed at Florida Center doors to greet Fair patrons, distribute Fair pamphlets, answer questions; roams the Florida Center to ensure the integrity of the exhibits.
- Be patient and friendly with exhibitors and Fair patrons.
- Use the Florida State Fair map to direct patrons to where they would like to go.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty and comfortable shoes.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- On the day you volunteer, you are required to attend the morning meeting.
- Creative Living Staff will provide additional training during the event.

Time Commitment: 4-hour shifts

During Fair: February 5-16, 2026

Shift Times: 11 am – 4 pm weekdays and 10 am – 5 pm weekends

Age Requirement: 16 years of age PLUS

Support: This job is a very important job as Door Greeters and Navigators introduce Fair patrons to the Florida Center Exhibits. Creative Living Staff will be there to answer questions.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Mostly sitting but some lifting, standing, and walking required.

Volunteer Demonstrator

Team / Department: Creative Living - Kadi Duff, Coordinator

Description of role: Explain and showcase artistic techniques and processes to fairgoers. Must be preapproved by the Creative Living Coordinator.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Act as both an artist and educator.
- Engage fairgoers in your creative process. Share your techniques and concepts
- Inspire interest in art. Interact with Fair patrons, answer questions, and foster a positive and engaging experience
- Keep your workspace clean and free of hazards (*Example of hazards – a spill on the floor needs to be cleaned up immediately, sharp tools should be kept out of reach of children, and the general audience*).
- **Complete an online application no later than December 24th, 2025.** The application can be found on the Florida State Fair website: <https://floridastatefair.com/creative-living/clvolunteer/>
- **Volunteer Demonstrators may not sell their wares.** You can, however, provide fairgoers with a business card.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Training: All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation. If necessary, volunteers will receive additional training from the Creative Living staff.

Time Commitment: As a volunteer demonstrator, you must be able to commit to a minimum of a 4-hour shift for the 12 days of the Fair. All volunteers are required to attend the morning meeting, conducted by the Volunteer Coordinator, each day of the Fair. Morning meetings are scheduled for 15 minutes before the Fair opens.

Age Requirement: 16 years of age

Support: Creative Living Staff will be available to answer questions.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: An 8-foot table and a folding chair will be provided. Physical demands are based on your creative process.

Baking Competition Clerking, Check-in and Intake

Team / Department: Kadi Duff

Description of role: Assist exhibitors in the delivery of their baked items and assist during judging.

Primary Responsibilities:

- **Must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer tee shirt** while on duty & comfortable shoes. Follow all FSF health and safety protocols. Attend mandatory volunteer training.
- **Intake Clerks:** Greet exhibitors and review their application and receive their entries.
- **Table Organizer:** Ensure judging tables are organized and baked items are in their correct place.
- **Runners:** After an entry is photographed, deliver entries to the proper table for judging. Prepare tables and properly display entries.
- **Clerking for a Judge:**
 - Assist in the recording of Feedback sheets.
 - Assist the judge in cutting pieces for tasting.
 - Assist with moving and organizing entries for judging.
 - Keep utensils clean.
 - Move first place items to judging table.
 - Keep Judging Sheets and tallies organized.

Secondary Responsibilities: Must have neat handwriting and math skills.

Skills & Experience:

- Be friendly and a team player.
- Be patient with exhibitors.
- Be careful with competition items.

Training: All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation. Volunteers will receive additional training from the Creative Living staff.

Time Commitment:

- Baking Competition: February 14th (9:00 am – 4pm)
 - Volunteers needed – 8:30 am until noon.
 - Volunteer Clerks needed – noon – 4pm

Age Requirement: Minimum 16 years of age

Support: This job is a very important job as the handling of our exhibitors' baked items is essential to our being successful. Creative Living Staff will be there to answer questions and ensure you are doing your job accurately.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: This is not a physical job but will involve carefully moving and placing baked goods on tables.

**** Assignments allotted as needs arise.**



EXPO HALL



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Fair Expo Hall Greeter

Team / Department: Sales/Expo Hall Vendors - Brooke Hart

Description of role: Welcome Guests to the Fair.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Responsibilities include offering maps to guests,
- welcoming people, and
- answering customer inquiries.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Assist with various tasks as they arise.
- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Skills & Experience: Great communication skills, friendly attitude, and welcoming personality.

Training:

- Skills to be learned during service.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.

Time Commitment: 4-hour shift during the Fair.

Age Requirement: The minimum Age is 16 years old with adult supervision.

Support: The Expo Hall Manager is available to answer questions and lend support.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: May require short periods of standing indoors and outdoors.

Fair Expo Hall Show Office Assistant

Team / Department: Sales/Expo Hall Vendors - Brooke Hart.

Description of role: Handle organizational and clerical support tasks.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Main activities consist of organizing files, answering the phone,
- distributing paperwork and assisting the Expo Hall Manager in daily tasks.
- Information will be provided for reference.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Assist with various tasks that may arise.
- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Skills & Experience: Great communication skills and warm personality.

Training:

- Skills to be learned during service.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.

Time Commitment: 4-hour shift during the Fair.

Age Requirement: Minimum Age would be 16 years old with adult supervision.

Support: The Expo Hall Manager will always be available for questions and support.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Fast-paced office setting.

Fair Expo Hall Monitor

Team / Department: Sales/Expo Hall Vendors, Brooke Hart.

Description of role: Patrol and monitor aisles in Expo Hall.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Observe activities taking place in the building.
- Take notes and identify items such as spills, trip hazards and vendors not following guidelines.
- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Assist with various tasks that may arise.
- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Skills & Experience: Great communication skills and warm personality.

Training:

- Skills to be learned during service.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- Volunteers are required to attend the daily morning meeting.

Time Commitment: 4-hour shift during the Fair.

Age Requirement: minimum age requirement – 16 years old with adult supervision.

Support: The Expo Hall Manager will always be available for questions and support.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Standing and walking through the Expo Hall.



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Chalk Art Assistant

Team / Department: Concessions and Exhibits (Beth Buckley, Dianne Stahl)

Description of role: Assists chalk artist, Brian Morris, by retrieving supplies, distributing bottled water and other unspecified general support.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist chalk artists.
- Provide water
- Minor crowd control

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Comfortable following directions from artists and staff.
- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Skills & Experience:

- Be friendly and a team player.
- Be patient with fairgoers.

Training:

- Chalk artists will provide additional training.
- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.

Time Commitment: 2-Day event

Shifts Times: Friday, February 6th and Saturday, February 7th

Two (2) shifts:

Morning shift: 10am - 2pm

Afternoon Shift: 2pm - 6pm

Age Requirement: 18 years of age PLUS

Support: Volunteers will receive added support from the volunteer staff.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Standing, and walking required.

Artisan Marketplace Ambassador

Team / Department: Concessions and Exhibits (Beth Buckley, Daysha Catrett)

Description of role: Provide a warm and welcoming environment for Crafters and fairgoers.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Greet Crafters with a smile. Stationed at Special Events doors to greet Fair patrons,
- distribute Fair pamphlets,
- answer questions.
- roam the Special Events to identify items such as spills, trip hazards and vendors not following guidelines.
- Report on any such issues to the Artisan Market Coordinator.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt while on duty, Fair ID and comfortable shoes.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Be friendly and a team player.
- Be patient with fairgoers.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Skills & Experience:

- Be friendly and a team player.
- Be patient with fairgoers and vendors.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Marketplace staff will provide additional training.

Time Commitment: 4-hour shift each day of the Fair.

Shifts Time:

Monday through Thursday – 11am – 3pm

Friday through Sunday – 10am – 2pm

Age Requirement: 18 years of age PLUS

Support: Volunteers will receive additional support from the volunteer staff, as needed.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Standing, and walking required.



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Hospitality Room Assistants

Team / Department: Florida State Fair Director of Marketing and Partnerships, Patty Chandler, and Shannon Dixie, Corporate Sponsorship and Sales Executive.

Description of role: The Sponsor Hospitality Room, located in the Expo Hall, provides snacks and a break from the crowd for FSF sponsors and special guests. Volunteers will be part of the Sponsorship team to meet and greet FSF Sponsors who visit the break room.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Volunteers will be responsible for ensuring snacks and drinks are available daily in the room,
- Keep the room tidy, welcoming,
- Pleasantly interact with guests.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Welcome and assist Fair Sponsors and guests by answering questions and providing directions.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Skills & Experience: Volunteers should be friendly, and service oriented with an ability to learn and follow protocols set forth by the Florida State Fair. Experience in customer and quality service is desirable.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation
- Additional training will be provided by the Corporate Sponsorship and Public Relations staff.

Time Commitment: Four-hour shifts during the fair. Hours will vary.

Age Requirement: the minimum age requirement is 18 years old.

Support: Hospitality Room Assistants will be supported by our Corporate Sponsorship and Public Relations staff.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Volunteers will be on their feet for much of the time. They may need to bus tables and move small items in the room.

Sunny (FSFA Mascot) Companion

Team / Department: Patty Chandler, Florida State Fair Director of Marketing and Partnerships

Description of role: Provide a safe environment for Sunny, the Florida State Fairgrounds mascot, while interacting with fairgoers. Requires patience, a cheerful demeanor and attentiveness to customer service practices. Ability to walk moderate distances outdoors.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Provide a safe and secure environment for the Florida State Fairgrounds mascot.
- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt or Fair Merch (if provided)
- Wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer ID badge
- Follow all FSFA health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Skills & Experience: Must be outgoing, friendly, and polite. Must have the ability to walk moderate distances outdoors.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- Additional training will be provided by our Corporate Sponsorship and Public Relations staff.

Time Commitment: Every day of the Fair

Age Requirement: Minimum 16 years with adult supervision.

Support: The Volunteer Office or the Director of Marketing and Partnerships will provide maps, special promotion maps, guest services information, and position summaries, as needed. The mascot companions are to contact the Volunteer Office for support when needed. The Corporate Sponsorship and Public Relations staff will dictate the daily schedule.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: *Must* be able to maneuver out-of-doors for an extended period. *Must* have a cell phone.



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Fair Navigator

Team / Department: Florida State Fair Volunteer Coordinator - Dianne Stahl

Description of role: Provide fast and friendly customer service by answering questions and giving directions to our guests.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist patrons of the Florida State Fair by providing directions, communicating events, attractions, and vendor information.
- Assist guests by answering questions or leading them to a Guest Services booth for information.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Explore the Florida State Fair, seek out locations for entertainment, vendors, and special attractions, then report your findings to the Volunteer Office.
- A Fair Navigator should be ready to cover breaks and/or vacant volunteer positions as needed throughout the day.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. Make sure your hangtag is hanging from your review mirror and the information on the tag is facing outside
- Sign-in and Sign-out in the Volunteer Office (located in the Florida Center)
- On the day you volunteer, you must attend the Volunteer Morning Meetings
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.

Skills & Experience: A minimum of one year of experience as a Florida State Fair Volunteer. Must be outgoing, friendly, polite, capable of answering questions, and resolving issues. You must be willing to seek answers and solve problems.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- First-time volunteer navigators must shadow an experienced Volunteer Navigator until they feel comfortable taking on the requisite tasks alone.

Time Commitment: 4 hours per shift, shifts begin upon opening.

Age Requirement: Minimum 16 years old with adult supervision

Support: The Volunteer Office will provide maps, child safety buttons, special promotional materials, and a guest services information guide. Navigators are required to help fairgoers download the Florida State Fair online app to their phones using a QR code. Florida State Fair Navigator aprons are available through the Volunteer Office. Fair Navigators are to contact the Volunteer Office for support when needed. The Volunteer Office will set the volunteer schedule.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: *Must* be able to maneuver outdoors for an extended period. *Must* have a cell phone.

Volunteer Office Helper and Greeter

Team / Department: Volunteer Office: Florida State Fair Volunteer Coordinators - Dianne Stahl

Description of role: Assists Volunteer Coordinator with office duties.

Pre-fair Responsibilities: You **must enter the fairgrounds through ORIENT ROAD. Please Park near or in Lot 7 (Volunteer Parking Lot) and not close to the Florida Center (Creative Living) entrance. These parking spaces are reserved for competitors.**

- Assemble volunteer welcome packets
- Attach ribbon and pins to volunteer badges
- Contact volunteers utilizing the FSF phone to remind them of upcoming deadlines. For example: volunteer documents, RSVP for volunteer banquet, and upcoming training dates.
- Help clean and organize the Volunteer Office in preparation for the upcoming Fair.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.

Fair Time Responsibilities:

- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. All information requested on Hangtags must be filled out and hung on the rearview mirror with the lot number facing out.
- Sign in and out in the Volunteer Office located in the Florida Center (Creative Living).
- Wear your Volunteer T-shirt and ID badge while on duty.
- Lot 7 tags will be distributed during volunteer training or mailed following online training.
- Set up and break down the coffee and snacks in the Volunteer break room
- You must wear Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.
- Staff volunteer office while employees are unavailable due to meetings or other fairgrounds obligations.
- Answer the volunteer office phone and relay the message to the volunteer coordinator.

Post-fair Responsibilities: You **must enter the fairgrounds through ORIENT ROAD. Please Park near or in Lot 7 (Volunteer Parking Lot) and not close to the Florida Center (Creative Living) entrance. These parking spaces are reserved for competitors.**

- Provide support for Volunteer Banquet. For example: organize gift baskets for the banquet auction, decorate the Pavilion, set tables, break down, and return items to the Volunteer Office.
- Volunteer Office inventory

Skills & Experience:

- Be friendly and a team player.
- Be patient with volunteers and Fair patrons.
- Organizational/ filing, basic math skills, must have neat handwriting.

Age Requirement: 16 years of age PLUS

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: Some lifting, standing, and walking required

Volunteer Photographer

Team / Department: Florida State Fair Volunteer Coordinator (Dianne Stahl)

Description of role: Provide digital pictures of volunteers. You must wear Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.

Primary Responsibilities: Take digital pictures of volunteers providing support to Fair patrons. Daily send photographs to the Volunteer Coordinator. Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park ONLY in Lot 7. All information requested on Hangtags must be filled out and hung on the rearview mirror with the lot number facing out.
- Sign in and out in the Volunteer Office located in the Florida Center (Creative Living).
- Wear your Volunteer T-shirt (or FSF merch shirt, if provided) and ID badge while on duty.
- Lot 7 tags will be distributed during volunteer training or mailed following online training.
- Explore the Florida State Fair, **take photographs of volunteers at work.**

Skills & Experience: Must be outgoing, friendly and polite. You must own a camera or phone that takes high quality digital pictures.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- Volunteers are required to attend the daily morning meeting.

Time Commitment: 4 hours per shift.

Age Requirement: Minimum 16 years with adult supervision

Support: The Volunteer Office will provide maps, special promotion maps, guest services information book, and position summaries. Fair Photographers are to contact the Volunteer Office for support when needed.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: *Must* be able to maneuver out-of-doors for an extended period. Must have a cell phone or digital camera that takes high quality digital pictures.

***** PRE-FAIR:**

Most pre-Fair volunteer opportunities will be in the Florida Center. Please meet with the Volunteer Coordinator before photoshoot for more detailed instructions.

Volunteer Floater

Team / Department: Florida State Fair Volunteer Coordinators - Dianne Stahl

Description of role: Provide volunteer support wherever and whenever available. This position is designed for volunteers with limited availability and who are unable to commit to a 4-hour shift.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist with various tasks as they arise.
- You must be able to walk moderate distances indoors and outdoors.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Wear your Volunteer T-shirt and ID badge while on duty.
- Skills to be learned during service.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- Volunteers are required to attend the daily morning meeting.

Skills & Experience: Great communication skills, friendly attitude, and warm personality.

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.

Time Opportunities:

Weekdays: between 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

Weekends: between 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Age Requirement: Minimum 18 years old.

Support: The Volunteer Office will provide maps, special promotional maps, guest services information, and position summaries, as needed.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: *Must* be able to walk short distances indoors.

Competitive Food Challenge

Team / Department: Florida State Fair Volunteer Coordinators – Laura Clark and Dianne Stahl

Description of role: Must possess a friendly, yet persuasive tone of voice to attract fairgoers and encourage them to enter the daily eating contest.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Encourage fairgoers to participate in the daily (except for the first day of the Fair) food-eating contests.
- Provide contestants with the required paperwork.
- Once all paperwork is complete, bring the filled-out documents to the Midway Stage and hand them to the assigned staff member.
- You must wear a Florida State Fair Volunteer T-shirt and ID while on duty.
- Follow all FSF health and safety protocols.

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Sign in contestants,
- aid in preparing the stage for the event, and
- provide support following the contest.
- Enter the fairgrounds through Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Park **ONLY** in Lot 7 parking lot. Make sure your hangtag is filled out, and hang it on the rearview mirror with the lot number facing out
- Sign in and out in the Volunteer Office located in the Florida Center (Creative Living)
- Wear your Volunteer T-shirt and ID badge while on duty
- Wear jeans and closed-toe shoes while in the barns
- Lot 7 tags will be distributed during volunteer training or mailed following online training.

Skills & Experience: Must be outgoing, friendly, and polite. Must like to have fun!

Training:

- All Florida State Fair Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation.
- You will receive an evening email with information regarding the next day's events, extra volunteer help that is needed and updates that will make you a better-informed volunteer.
- Volunteers are required to attend the daily morning meeting.

Time Commitment: One 4-hour shift. Your morning responsibilities end once the required number of contestants is obtained. You must be at Midway Stage a half-hour before the contest begins. Often, there is a break between the Primary and Secondary Responsibilities.

Age Requirement: Minimum 16 years old with an adult.

Support: The Volunteer Office will provide maps and registration forms for potential contestants. Contact the Volunteer Office for support when needed.

Physical Demands/Working Conditions: *Must* be able to maneuver outdoors. Must have a cell phone.



Fair Dates:

Thursday, February 5 – Monday, Feb 16, 2026

Fair Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 11:00am until 9:00pm

Friday thru Sunday: 10:00am until 9:00pm

Sample Schedule

subject to change

| Volunteer Role | Location | Shift 1 | Shift 2 | Shift 3 | Supervisor |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Craft Demonstration | Florida Center | 10a/11a | 2p/3pm | | Kadi Duff |
| FLC Office Greeter & Helper | Florida Center | 10a/11a | 2p/3pm | | Kadi Duff |
| Navigator | Vol Office - FLC | 10a/11a | 2p/3pm | | Dianne Stahl |
| Vol Office & Golf Cart Support | Vol Office - FLC | 10a/11a | 2p/3pm | | Dianne Stahl |
| Vol. Fair Photographer | Vol Office - FLC | 10a/11a | 2p/3pm | | Dianne Stahl |
| Livestock Barn Attendant | TECO Arena | 10a/11a | 2p/3pm | | Joe Wenhardt |
| Expo Hall Volunteers | Expo Hall Office | 10a/11a | 2p/3pm | 9pm | Brooke Hart |
| Sponsorship Hosts | Expo Hall Media Center | TBA | TBA | | Shannon Dixie |
| Skilathon | Special Events Center | | 45 minutes prior to test | | TBA |

**** If attending multiple shifts, you only need to attend the first shift meeting located in the Volunteer Office (FLC)**

NON-FAIR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Ag-Venture (Spring and Fall): Ag-Venture is an amazing program aimed at giving school-aged children an opportunity to learn about the business of agriculture in the great state of Florida. You do not need to have any experience in any aspect of agriculture to volunteer for this program. Volunteers will be assigned to help support our commodities sponsors with their hands-on exhibits. It is really a lot of fun and a great way to support our young people.
- Cracker Country (October – December and March – May): There are so many volunteer opportunities at Cracker Country throughout the year. Here are just some of the events available for volunteers:
 - Home School Days (four times per year) – Homeschool groups explore Cracker Country while on a self-guided tour. Volunteers are needed to assist with hands-on projects. No experience is ever necessary.
 - Tall Tales (October): The public is invited to explore Tampa's 19th century living history museum by night. Along the way, visitors meet storytellers who will spin wild yarns about a few of Florida's unexplained oddities! A little scary, a little funny and always family friendly.
 - Christmas in the Country (December): Come help us decorate Cracker Country in the holiday tradition of an old-fashioned country Christmas.

Volunteer Get-togethers

Maintaining close connections with fellow volunteers is an important part of the FSF Volunteer program. Several times during the year (primarily in late Spring and early summer months), the Volunteer Coordinator organizes social events and field trips. No matter where we go or what we do - getting together as a group is always fun!

COMMUNICATION

The Fair Exchange is a newsletter designed specifically for Florida State fairground Volunteers. Published April through December, the newsletter keeps volunteers up to date regarding volunteer opportunities, new Fair attractions, and invites to social events (to name a few).

During the Florida State Fair, in February, volunteers receive a daily update entitled ***Today at the Fair***. Delivered via email, *Today at the Fair* provides volunteers with information on the Fair's daily schedule, featured Fair food items, areas that need additional help as well as other pertinent announcements.

The Fair Exchange and *Today at the Fair* are delivered to FSF Volunteers via personal email. Please contact Dianne Stahl, Volunteer Coordinator at Dianne.Stahl@floridastatefair.com to make sure you are on the Volunteer email list.

REGISTER TO BE A FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS VOLUNTEER

Registering to be a Florida State Fair Volunteer is easy:

- Contact Dianne Stahl, Volunteer Coordinator at Dianne.Stahl@FloridaStateFair.com
- Or, call – (813)404-5839. Leave a message with your name and address and we will send you a copy of the volunteer documents through the mail
- Or, click on this link - [Volunteer - Florida State Fair](#)

Don't wait – Register today!!