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# 2016 Arapahoe County Fair Volunteer Descriptions

## NEW! TEAM LEADERS

Experienced Fair volunteers (3+ years) with demonstrated leadership and expertise in their area(s) can serve as Team Leaders. TL's will guide area volunteers in their tasks by providing training, answering questions, helping with fairgoer issues, and providing breaks as needed. TL's will serve as a liaison between staff and volunteers, share safety information and help clarify expectations to volunteers. TL's will commit to at least 3 volunteer shifts and will attend a TL training before the Fair. This a great opportunity for volunteers to step up to the plate and show off their leadership skills!

For more information on Team Leading, please contact [Nira Duvan](mailto:nduvan@arapahoegov.com) at [nduvan@arapahoegov.com](mailto:nduvan@arapahoegov.com)

## GENERAL POSITIONS

**Gate Ambassador:** Gate Ambassadors are responsible for greeting fairgoers and confirming payment by collecting entrance tickets for all visitors. Volunteers will provide guests with a printed map and schedule of events. Volunteers must be comfortable on their feet and very welcoming to visitors. Volunteers will need to come early to tour the grounds in order to be well-versed on fair activities and locations.

**Greeter:** Greeters serve at the entrance to the main exhibit hall and welcome fairgoers to the Open Class exhibits. They provide a welcoming face and help direct people to specific areas. Shifts are 3 hours long with 2-3 volunteers working each shift. Volunteers will be on your feet for the entirety of your volunteer shift.

**Heritage Tent & Booths:** Volunteers assist fairgoers as they participate in Heritage Tent activities which will be located both outside in the heritage tent and inside in the "Homestead" area. Activities may include games, craft skills like working a loom or leather craft, contests and demonstrations. Volunteers must be comfortable interacting with fairgoers of all ages with enthusiasm.

**Information Ambassador:** Located near the Fair entrance, these volunteers greet fairgoers, answer questions about activities and direct guests to events on the grounds. Volunteers must be comfortable interacting with excitement and answering questions with the public

**Craft Beer Tent:** Volunteers are needed to serve alcohol on Friday evening of the Fair. Please note that anyone volunteering in this tent **must be 21 years of age**. Volunteer shifts will be between the hours of 5 pm – 11pm each night.

**Volunteer Headquarters Host:** Hosts help with a slew of activities in and near Volunteer Headquarters including: Volunteer Sign-In, volunteer snacks and drinks, helping as needed with the mascots and their handlers, and managing Lost & Found. The Volunteer Host will also manage the fairgrounds P.A. system and read scripted announcements to notify guests of upcoming activities.

**Stage Assistant:** This volunteer takes on the behind-the-scenes job of supporting the entertainment on stage and helping to transition between performers. The volunteer may also assist stage techs who manage sound and other technical aspects.

**Children's Games:** The Fair offers several free activities for children that are run entirely by volunteers. Volunteers must be comfortable working on their feet and interacting in a fun, appropriate and friendly way with children. You must be outgoing, playful and comfortable using a bullhorn to recruit fairgoers to participate in the events.

**Mascot:** The three Fair mascots are Parker Pig, Henry Horse and Connie Cow. The mascots are important ambassadors that bring joy to people of all ages and it takes a special volunteer to fill this roll. Volunteers will wear a full-body costume and head-covering for up to 15 minutes at a time, walking around inside and outside. You will interact with fairgoers *without* speaking, so you must be able to exaggerate with arms and legs to convey emotion. Mascots give lots of hugs, pose in many photos, and cheer on fairgoers in contests.

**Mascot Handler:** Mascot handlers are the voice and guide for mascots. The handler must be friendly to people of all ages, including children, who are interested in saying hello. You will pass out marketing prizes for the people that you interact with. You will also let your mascot know when it's time to take a rest after 15 minutes in the costume. You and the mascot will learn non-verbal cues to indicate the mascot is doing okay or needs to be relieved.

*Please use the [General Volunteer Application](#) to sign up for these positions.*

## OPEN CLASS VOLUNTEERS

Open Class Volunteers assist with setup, accepting exhibits, clean up and judging day for our Open Class contests. Volunteers also serve as ambassadors to watch the valuable display items in the main Exhibit Hall, ranging from quilts to photographs, and to answer questions about the displays. Ambassadors need to have basic knowledge about the 4-H Program and Open Class competitions, which will be provided during orientation. Materials and training will be provided before you volunteer.

*Please use the [Open Class Volunteer Application](#) to sign up for these positions.*