



RICHMOND FAIR VOLUNTEER F.A.Q.

Are there any volunteer opportunities for Richmond Agricultural Society?

Yes! We depend on a mighty team of volunteers to make sure our Events run smoothly. Openings will be posted online for all events on a first-come, first-served basis, check our online registration regularly for openings for different events

What happens if I can't attend one of my shifts?

We can't run our events without our volunteers, so we're counting on your attendance! It's expected that you'll show up for all of your scheduled shifts. In order to avoid missing shifts, make sure not to sign up for more shifts than you can commit to.

Remember: In order to keep your Fair privileges, you must attend the shifts that you're scheduled for.

How old do I have to be to volunteer for Richmond Agricultural Society?

In order to volunteer with us, you need to be at least 15 years old. Keep in mind there are certain areas that have different age requirements (e.g. any position involved in serving or selling alcohol requires a minimum age of 19).

Can I work in more than one area of the fair?

Yes, but during having our volunteers work all their shifts in one area helps us to keep things consistent and you don't have to learn the ropes for a new activity every time you come in. Our Area Leaders also depend on the experience of their team to keep things running smoothly, and to help new volunteers get the hang of the day-to-day activities & expectations of their Area.

Do I get to see all the events for free?

Definitely! All outside events during fair weekend. That's one of the great benefits of volunteering at RAS. You can see shows on your days off, and before or after shifts. To be entitled to free admission throughout any event, you must sign in first.

Can I sign up to volunteer with a friend?

Absolutely! We often have volunteers working together in areas throughout the site. To increase the chances of this happening, you and your friend should sign up for the same shifts at the same time.

I want to sign up with my family (children, partner, sibling, etc)—is there anything special that we need to know?

Yes, there are a few of things that you should keep in mind:

- Each family member needs their own PRIMARY email address; if the same email address is used for more than one volunteer as their PRIMARY email, the files will merge and cancel out all but one of the registrants. Sharing the same SECONDARY email address is fine and will cause no problems.
 - We recommend that your respective Emergency Contacts is not someone who is working at the festival at the same time as you.
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How many shifts do I have to sign up for?

Each shift is approximately 4 hours long but can vary depending on the activity's requirements. Please read over the duties and requirements of any Area you may be considering volunteering for to make sure that you can meet the expectations of the position for the length of your shift.

Can my time at RAS count for high school hours?

Yes! Make sure to bring your school-issued form with you and have your Area Leader sign it immediately following each shift.

Do I need to go to Orientation Night?

We highly recommend you attend the one for the fair held at the fair site to find out the details of your assigned duties, as well as get a tour of the grounds and see all the key volunteer areas (they usually change a little every year). It's also a great opportunity to meet your Area Leader and the team of volunteers you're going to be working with!

Is there any volunteer parking onsite?

No, there is no onsite volunteer parking.

Do we get fed?

Yes, depending on the length and time of your shift and what event you're working at, arrangements are made by the Area Leader.

Is my agenda final? Can I make changes to my shifts?

You can make changes to your agenda. The RAS and your volunteer team are counting on you to complete all of the shifts or events you sign up for, so please be sure to remove any shifts you are unable to commit to as soon as you know! To make changes, contact the volunteer team or your team leader.

How do I cancel my registration if I can no longer volunteer?

We sorry to hear you are no longer able to volunteer for The RAS! Please send us an email and we will be able to remove you from our list

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