



FISH FEST 2009 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Event Preparation, Clean-Up and Participation

Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
34270, County Road 652, Mattawan, MI 49071

Fish Fest promotes outdoor recreation, natural resource stewardship and conservation at this fun and free community event.

PREPARATION: Week of July 13: up to 8 hours /day, openings available Monday – Friday. Volunteers will assist visitor center staff to put up tents, organize tables, chairs and various other tasks

CLEAN-UP: Week of July 20: up to 8 hours/day, openings available Monday – Friday. Volunteers will assist visitor center staff to take down tents, organize tables, chairs and various other tasks

EVENT PARTICIPATION: July 18 – 19: 8 hours/day, openings available one or both days. Volunteers will receive lunch and a festival t-shirt for their participation. The number of volunteers needed each day is listed in parentheses after the volunteer position.

Catch and Release Fishing (12)

- Rod Repair, Safety Talk, Registration, Floater, Fish releasers
- Basic fishing knowledge and experience is preferred.

Children's Activities (12)

- Face Painting, Fish Printing, Minnow Races, Pond Study and additional activities.

Dock Attendant (1)

- Be able to identify various fish species and answer visitor questions pertaining to the hatchery and general Michigan DNR questions. Working knowledge of DNR and hatchery operations is preferred.

Festival Greeter (3)

- Greet visitors as they arrive at the festival and provide information about activities

Fishing Simulator Operator (2)

- Assist visitors in using the computer simulated fishing machine

Front Desk Attendant (3)

- Answer phone and visitor questions. Stock brochures and maintain orderliness to desk area, bathrooms and lobby.

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Nature Hike Guide (2)

- Guide visitors on hikes around the ponds and wetlands on our nature trails.
- Some interpretation experience and working knowledge of wetlands is required.

Parking Lot Attendant (2)

- Keep traffic flowing and direct visitors to parking spaces.

Photographer (1)

- Document the event using various media. Visitor center will provide digital camera.
- Previous camera and photography experience is preferred.

Refreshment Attendant (2)

- Keep beverages and snacks stocked and available for visitors.

Volunteer Assistant/ Festival Floater (4)

- Ensure all volunteers have breaks, enough water etc.
- Assist Visitor Center staff as needed.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? Contact the Visitor Center Interpreter, Shana McMillan by email at mcmillsk@michigan.gov or by phone at 269-668-2876