



## 2020 Volunteer Information

### Festival Overview

Bellwether Music Festival is a three-day, four-stage alternative music festival with camping. To be successful, we need friendly and motivated volunteers. Hopefully, that's YOU!

We're sure you have a lot of questions, so please take a few minutes to read this document before sending questions or registering for consideration online.

### Festival Location, Dates and Times

Renaissance Park

10542 OH-73, Waynesville, OH 45068

- Thursday, August 6 – Campers start loading in at noon.
- Friday, August 7 – Gates open at 1pm. Music starts at 2pm and ends at 11pm.
- Saturday, August 8 – Gates open at 1pm. Music starts at 2pm and ends at 11pm.
- Sunday, August 9 – All campers must leave by 11am.

### Selection Process

- July 1 – Volunteer notification begins.
- August 1 – First consideration deadline.
  - Submissions after this date will be wait-listed.

Your submission does NOT guarantee an invitation. After you receive your invitation, you have three (3) days to respond. If you do not respond, you will forfeit your invitation.

### Getting Selected

**IMPORTANT!** You must be 18 years of age or older to volunteer and will be required to sign a waiver.

The more flexible you are as far as dates, time, and role, the better your chances of being selected.

It also helps if you have volunteer experience. If you are not from the Cincinnati/Dayton/Columbus area, please let us know where you will be staying as out-of-town volunteers have a higher "flake" factor. Speaking of flakes...

If you accept your invitation and don't show up, you will not be eligible to volunteer again. If you abandon your assignment, we will find you. We will hunt you down like the dog you are and eject you from the event site.

## Volunteer Arrival

There is limited parking, so we encourage carpooling or ridesharing. We may have volunteers park at another location and take a shuttle to the event site. Regardless, parking is FREE for volunteers.

You will arrive 30 minutes prior to your shift and go through a brief orientation. There are three shifts each day – morning, afternoon, and evening – and last around four (4) hours.

## Volunteer Positions

This is a volunteer position and you will not get paid; however, you will receive the following:

- A free campsite if you decide to stay on the grounds.
- You get in the festival for free on the days you work.
  - After your shift, you are free to enjoy the festival.
  - If you have a late shift, you can come early.
- You receive a t-shirt designed just for volunteers.

Volunteer positions are guest-facing. In other words, you will not be backstage or in VIP areas. Your role as a volunteer will be simple, fun, and not last too long. Yes, you will have time to enjoy the music.

- **Bullpen:** Just like baseball, you'll be on-deck to fill-in when needed.
- **Clean Crew:** Members of the Clean Crew are assigned an area to monitor and pickup large debris with Pik Sticks and EZ Reachers.
- **Camping Crew:** We need help helping campers. Most shifts occur prior to festival hours.
- **Gates Crew:** When you have lots of guests, they need lots of help getting in. Members of the Gates Crew direct guests, answer questions, check ID's, etc.
- **Info Booth/Lost & Found:** This is for people that love interacting with people. When guests have questions, they info booth is where they'll be heading.
- **Volunteer HQ:** We know it sounds strange, but we need volunteers to help check-in volunteers. Seems like a chicken-and-egg kind of thing, but somehow it all works out.

## Lead Volunteer

Lead Volunteers manage a small team of volunteers. As a lead volunteer, it's your job to keep volunteers motivated and on task. Each team is assigned two (2) lead volunteers so you have support. There are even a few opportunities for lead volunteers assisting the festival management and staff.

This is not an easy role. It's a 10-12-hour day, every day, with a lot of standing and walking. You will have time for breaks, meals, and a little bit of music. You will not get paid, but you will receive the following:

- A free campsite if you decide to stay on the grounds.
- Two (2) t-shirts designed just for lead volunteers.
- Parking pass and festival credentials.
- Meals from production catering.
- A pair of three-day passes for friends or family.