

Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce - 70th Annual Musky Festival Volunteer Information

What do volunteers do at Musky Fest?

Each year, it takes a lot of volunteers to execute an event the size of Musky Fest. There are various areas throughout the entirety of the festival that volunteers are invaluable. Below are examples of ways to volunteer and what you will be doing. We appreciate your consideration in helping to make this year another successful event and thank you in advance for all your help!

Set-Up

This is for early risers or those that would like to volunteer but also enjoy more of the festival during the day. Set-up begins Friday morning at 5 AM and tasks will include, but are not limited to:

- 1.) Marking the street for vendors and in turn help vendors find their booth locations upon arrival
- 2.) Assisting our electrician on setting up the food vendors – no electrical experience required
- 3.) Helping set up the main stage
- 4.) Setting up the tent for our merchandise area
- 5.) Placing garbage bins up Main Street
- 6.) Moving barricades to block traffic from entering the festival grounds

Merchandise Booth

This is a great area to grab a few friends to volunteer with and enjoy your time talking to festival goers! Our merchandise booth is a central location for festival attendees to grab some gear but also ask questions and gather information for the weekend. These shifts are a quick 3 hours each and the booth is open from 9 AM to 6 PM Friday and Saturday with limited hours on Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Block Parties

The Block Party is another great area to volunteer with friends and family and enjoy some great live music! Volunteering for the Block Party means you'll be checking I. D's and handing out wristbands as people enter the Beer Garden. Duties could also include crowd control and assisting with a raffle. Shifts run 3 hours each with the first shift including some set up and the second shift including clean-up of the area as the music wraps up. Times for the Block Parties vary each evening, please reference the sign-up sheet.

Musky Run/Walk

This is another opportunity for early risers to help out and get some steps in! The Run/Walk route is the first task to be marked starting at 6 AM before the race start at 8:30 AM. There is also opportunity to check runners in, pass out swag bags, and help with clean-up.

Parade

The Grand Parade is our Finale of the festival weekend. Our biggest need for this event is to line-up all of the awesome participants. This volunteer opportunity starts at 11 AM and ends with the parade at 1 PM.

Clean-Up

This might be our biggest need for volunteers because as they say, "many hands make light work". The clean-up process for our festival is vast as it covers all of Downtown Hayward. Clean-up includes picking up trash, moving garbage cans, taking down tents and packing up merchandise. We start cleaning up at the end of the Grand Parade at approximately 2 PM.