

# SUSTAINABILITY VOLUNTEERS

## SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

June 29–July 4 and July 6–9, 2017

National Mall between 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> streets (adjacent to the Smithsonian Castle)

### Sustainability at the Festival

As one of the premier events on our National Mall, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival attracts up to 1 million visitors a year. We are in need of volunteers to help run the compost and recycling program for the 2017 Festival. Over the past three years, the Festival has achieved stunning diversion rates of more than 90% and recycled or composted over 100 tons. As the largest public event on the National Mall to demonstrate such eco-friendly practices, our program serves as an example for not just public events on the Mall, but events all over the country. The program was awarded the Sustainability Excellence Award from the American Alliance of Museums in 2017.



It is through the work of our committed volunteers, that we have been able to achieve these milestones. **Join us!**

**Description:** Volunteers tend Resource Recovery Stations positioned throughout the Festival grounds. They guide the public in placing their waste into the proper containers (material categories are landfill, recycling, and compostable organics), and are responsible for pulling bags when full and replacing liners at the stations. Volunteers are provided with information to share with the public about the Smithsonian's recycling/composting effort and why it is important.

### Volunteer Hours

10 am – 6pm (days) & 5:30 – 9pm (evenings)

### Special Instructions:

- Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. This is a great opportunity for students who need to complete community service/service learning hours for school.
- Meal vouchers are provided for volunteers who perform a full day shift (8 hours).
- Recovery Stations will have chairs and tents, but volunteers must be able to work outdoors.
- Volunteers should wear closed shoes and hats. Sunscreen is recommended!

**To complete an online application, please visit <http://www.festival.si.edu/volunteer>.** When you register through the online application, be sure to sign up to volunteer for either Sustainability Volunteer or Evening Sustainability Volunteer. For more information about the Festival, go to <http://www.festival.si.edu/>

**Volunteer groups are encouraged to apply!**

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**\*\* Photo Francisco Guerra, Ralph Rinzler Folklife Archives, Festival volunteers manage a resource recovery station.**