



Volunteer Information

Welcome to volunteering with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival! Thank you for your vital support. Here are our Volunteer guidelines and information.

Volunteers are vitally important to the Festival. We wouldn't be able to open the theater and present the plays without our volunteers. By the end of September, we will have utilized the talents of more than 1,400 volunteers for our Front of House! THANK YOU!

- For performances on Sunday - Thursday nights we will need 12 – 15 volunteers.
- For performances on Friday and Saturday nights we will need 15 volunteers.
- Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older and accompanied by an adult (if under 18) for safety reasons.
- **IMPORTANT!** Please note that if you sign up to volunteer at the Festival, we are relying on you and expect you to show up on time. When volunteers don't show, it makes more work for those who do and can cause the performance to start late. Certainly, we understand that situations may arise that won't allow you attend. In these circumstances, we ask that you do your best to find a replacement and let us know as soon as possible.

When

Volunteering is generally a six hour time commitment, depending on performance run-time and audience size.

- For performances Tuesday – Saturday nights in June, July and August, volunteers need to arrive at the Amphitheater by 5:30 pm.
- For all performances on Sunday nights volunteers need to arrive at the theater by 5:00 pm.
- For September performances (Tuesday through Saturday) volunteers need to arrive at the theater by 5:00pm (time commitment will be shorter on these nights).

What

Volunteers help the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in a number of ways:

- Cleaning and prepping the theater before and after the performance.
- Greeting patrons and guests – Volunteers are ambassadors for the Festival.
- Assisting with ticket-taking, seating, handing out programs and being stationed at doors for information.
- Assisting throughout the evening with trash collection and general theater appearance.
- Being available in case of emergency to assist House Managers with evacuation and safety.
- Enjoying the evening and knowing that you are a valuable part of the Festival Team!

Wear

We request that you wear appropriate, comfortable clothing. If you have a corporate/group t-shirt please do wear it. You will be provided with half aprons to help identify you to audience members (that have handy pockets!). You should also be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring a jacket and/or rain gear. Unfortunately, we can't guarantee gorgeous weather every night!

Thank you!

- Volunteers will be able to watch most of the performance. You will be seated on the Hillside, near the theater entrance. If seating is available, you may be able to sit in open chairs, at the discretion of the House Manager. Be prepared to sit on the Hillside; bring blankets, low-back beach chairs, and any food or beverages you would like.
- Corporate/Group volunteers will be recognized from the stage the night of the show.
- On nights when you are volunteering, you will be entitled to a 10% discount on food from *Café Shakespeare*. Food will need to be enjoyed after the performance begins, but can be pre-ordered.

Please contact our box office, at volunteer@idahoshakespeare.org with any questions. Thank you!