

# WHAT IS VOLUNTEERFEST?

For nearly 30 years VolunteerFest has galvanized people of all ages and abilities to volunteer and get to know local nonprofits. This signature Volunteer Fairfax event is happening on **Saturday**, **October 21**, **2023** and seeks to foster connections between community members and the missions of Fairfax County nonprofits. It also helps partners complete wish-list projects, accomplish annual fall clean-up activities and to get volunteer support for special holiday events.

### **BENEFITS TO NONPROFITS**

- Participate in a countywide day-of-service event!
- Recruit new volunteers and supporters to your mission.
- Accomplish a wish-list project that needs lots of hands.
- Provide an opportunity for FCPS students and volunteers of all abilities seeking to engage in service learning.
- Gain access to our communications toolkit and special VolunteerFest promotional materials.



## YOUR ROLE AS A PARTNER



As a partner you are expected to communicate with volunteers throughout the registration process including sending a welcome message and detailed information about the project they are supporting. You will organize the project details, including all supplies needed, and must have a person from your organization present on project day to run the activity.

### **VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX'S ROLE**

We recruit the volunteers for all projects using our extensive volunteer lists and by coordinating additional marketing and outreach efforts for this event. You become the primary contact for the volunteers on your project and can ask them to opt in to your organization's communications. VolunteerFest allows volunteers to choose projects and organizations that resonate with them for a one-day, commitment free engagement so they can get to know organizations where lasting connections are possible.

#### **HOW DO! PARTICIPATE?**

Project submissions can be made directly through our volunteer management system. **See instructions below.**Most projects will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. However, some projects may not be a good fit for this event. If your project doesn't work for VolunteerFest, you can still promote it in our volunteer management system.
VolunteerFest projects are limited to ensure that we have a variety of projects happening across Fairfax County and that we can get adequate volunteer support for each activity.



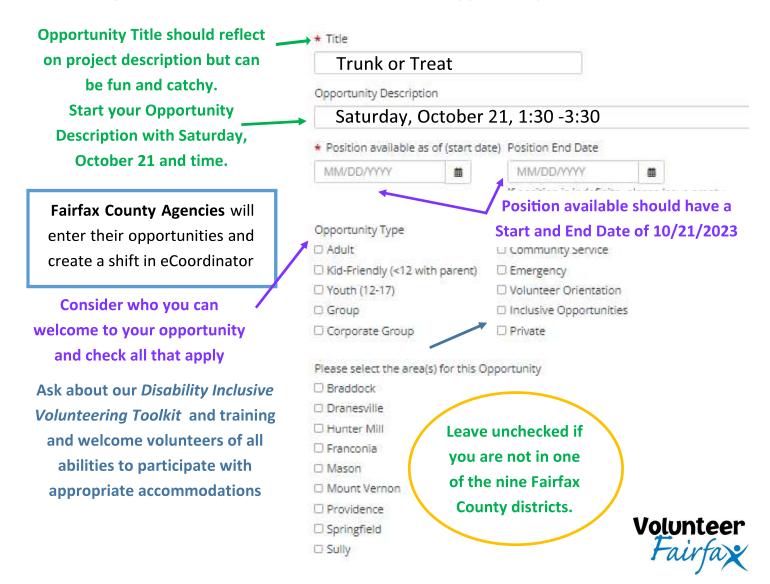


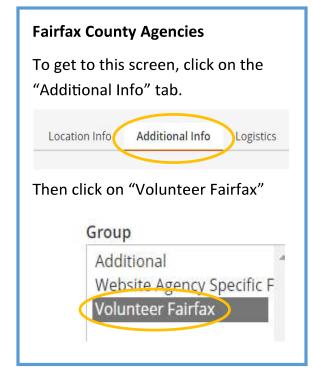
Before entering an opportunity, your organization must be registered in Volunteer Fairfax's or Fairfax County's (if applicable) Volunteer Management System. To do this, click on the "New Organization Registration" link at:

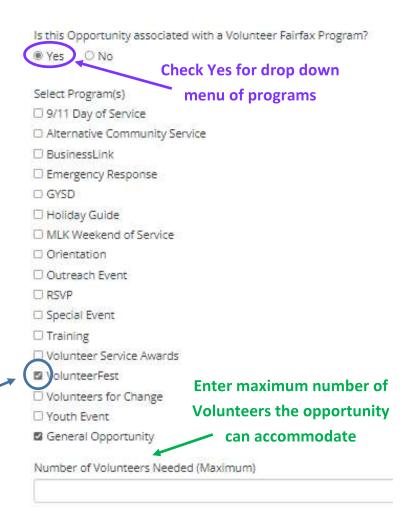
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### **ENTERING VolunteerFest OPPORTUNITIES**

On the Organization Dashboard, click "Create New Opportunity."

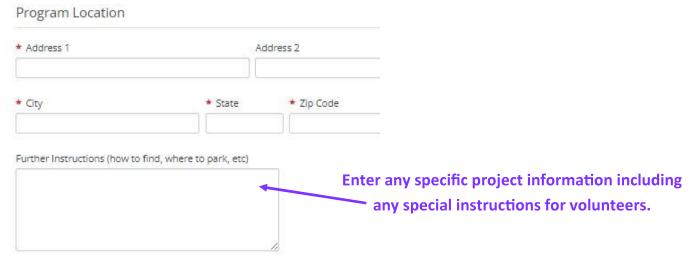








VolunteerFest logo will be added to each approved opportunity



Ready to start creating your VolunteerFest opportunity:

Volunteering - Fairfax County Virginia (volunteerfairfax.org)

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Charlesworth at acharlesworth@volunteerfairfax.org

