



Call for Volunteers: French Quarter Festival GREEN TEAM – Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2021

Program Description: Festivals make up the cultural backbone of New Orleans and Louisiana, and are as celebrated as our many picturesque bayous, rivers, and lakes. Louisianan's understand that to protect these natural parts of our culture, we need to adapt our festivals to have lower impact upon the environment. The creation of the state-wide **Geauxing Green Program** came from the understanding that producing a large-scale event like French Quarter Festival creates a lot of waste – much of which could be better diverted into organic or recyclable waste streams, therefore lessening the impact on costal waterways. The program – a partnership with the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP), based in Houma – will help to launch a cleaner, healthier, and happier 2021/2022 festival season in Louisiana. To achieve our goals, French Quarter Festival will be allowing only reusable, recyclable, and compostable food and drink products at the festival. In addition, attendees will be greeted by the *Green Team*, who will be on hand throughout the festival grounds to guide the public in the use of recycling and composting stations. Accompanying marketing materials focused on marine debris prevention will be visible on site. The partnership supports FQFI's goal of being a leader in sustainable festival production in the Gulf South.

Volunteer Position Description: Green Team Volunteers will on the 'front lines' of sustainability at French Quarter Fest! We are seeking passionate, friendly, and positive individuals to assist and educate the public. Each volunteer (or group of volunteers) will be stationed at one of many 'Sorting Stations' – trios of trash cans that collect compost, recycling, and landfill/trash items. Volunteers will be given specific instruction on what materials go into each stream, and will have signage and documents to help guide the public. The Green Team will help ensure that there is no contamination between waste streams, and that the public is having fun and engaged with the new system. Each group of volunteers is supported by a Zone Manager, who will have radio access to festival sanitation and production staff. We ask that individuals commit to a 4 hour shift whenever possible.



Qualifications: Ideal volunteers are friendly, feel comfortable interacting with the public, and are focused on working hard while having fun. Volunteers must be comfortable working in an outdoor environment that may include exposure to sun and rain. Candidates should be comfortable handling refuse (with appropriate PPE). Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to join, but underage folks must have written permission from a parent or guardian, and must have a chaperone on site. All volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver at the beginning of their shift.

Perks:

- Each volunteer group will receive tickets good for redemption at FQF Drink Booths (alcohol, water, soft drinks, seltzer) and merchandise booths during festival hours (11am-9pm).
- Snacks and water provided throughout your shift – and breaks encouraged.
- Recondition of your volunteer group on French Quarter Festival website, and social media blast, following the festival.
- Opportunity for your group to table in Geauxing Green Info/Check-In booth (handouts and materials must be approved prior to event)

****Groups and organizations are encouraged to wear unifying t-shirts/uniforms/costumes to show off! A limited number of Geauxing Green hats/shirts/swag items will be available to wear during shifts*****

Dates: **French Quarter Festival 2021 (3 days)**

- Thursday Sept. 30 – 11am-9pm
- Friday Oct. 1 – 11am-9pm
- Saturday Oct. 2 – 11am-9pm

Contact: Please email both Andrew (Andrew@fqfi.org) and Joanna (volunteers@fqfi.org) with your name, organization (if applicable), number of volunteers, and desired shift times or locations. Please see the attached Green Team Volunteer Schedule to see where and when shifts are available.

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the first ever French Quarter Festival **Green Team**.