



MERSEA ISLAND FESTIVAL 2019

Volunteer Information



Many thanks for offering to help on this year's Mersea Island Festival. Here are some details for you as a volunteer.

Volunteer Medical & Consent Form

Look out for an email with a form for you to complete or download the one on the webpage and return as soon as possible.

Saturday 17th August

From 11am	Volunteers for the week can arrive to put up their tent. Please go straight to reception to find out which village you'll be in and where to put your tent. If you can't get there early, there's time for tent pitching later in the day. Those volunteering on the weekend only don't need to arrive until 2pm but you're welcome to stay until the Sunday to help with setting up. Please let us know if you plan to do this.
	Sorry but we are not able to provide a lunch this year on the Saturday.
2pm	ALL Volunteers - Meet in the hall for introductions plus some training then we'll start sorting areas and villages
6pm	Dinner then continue preparations/finish tents
8pm	Bar Open!

What to bring

You don't need anything special. Every volunteer gets a t-shirt to wear but otherwise, please bring enough clothes for the week (and all weathers) as laundry facilities are very limited. We can provide a groundsheet and mattress for your tent but please bring any bedding. Please don't bring expensive personal items as the Festival can't compensate you for any personal losses. All meals from Saturday dinner are provided, and we have vending machines, a bar and snack bar open each evening.

Fancy Dress

We're having a 'Heroes & Villains' fancy dress party on the last night of each camp and on another night the dress code will be **BLUE** in honour of a previous Co-ordinator.

Sponsorship

Each year we ask volunteers to try and raise some sponsorship towards the cost of the Festival that is subsidised by the Mersea Island Festival Trust, a registered charity. As a guide the cost of camp fees, food and t-shirt for each volunteer is about £200, but anything you can raise will be very much appreciated - and getting any donation gift aided means we get money off the tax man! A sponsorship form template to download can be found on the volunteer page of the website as well as a link to set up online donations.

Decoration

Anything you have that might brighten up the site or your village will be put to very good use. Film posters are really useful and if you can get any from your local cinema to brighten up the dining hall, please bring them along.

Departure

All good things must come to an end, and campers leave after lunch on Friday or Monday. Whichever day you're departing we need ALL volunteers to remain on site until at least 3pm to help get ready for the weekend camp or get most of the clearing away done. *It's a team effort* so please don't disappear earlier and leave it to everyone else.

And finally...

If you've got any queries at all about volunteering, please give us a call or drop us an email. If it turns out you can't make it please let us know straight away. There's a handy checklist below to help you get ready.

Many thanks for volunteering this year and see you soon.

Phil

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Things to do before Festival

- Let Phil know if I can make it to the prep day
- Make sure I've booked off work from Saturday 17th August
- Find something for the **BLUE** night
- Decide what I'm going to wear for the Heroes & Villains fancy dress party
- Don't forget to pack my musical instrument (if you have one ~ we can store it safely)
- Ask a few friends to sponsor me as I'm giving up some time to volunteer
- Make sure I'm at Mersea by 2pm latest on the Saturday (and don't have to leave before 3pm on my last day)