



# 2017 National Cherry Blossom Festival Lead Volunteer Opportunities

## Highlight Events

**March 16: Pink Tie Party\*** is our final fundraising event and kickoff Spring! Volunteers for this event must go through an interview process and be invited to participate. Positions include registration, sponsor activation engagement, silent auction, and greeters/floaters.

- Shifts: 4:30pm-10:30pm or 5:30pm-11:30pm

**March 25: Opening Ceremony\*** at the Warner Theater. Positions here include Merchandise coordination, Greeter/Directionals, and Talent escorting.

- One shift: 3pm-7:30pm

**April 1: Blossom Kite Festival** on the grounds of the Washington Monument kicks off the kite-flying season as enthusiasts and watchers enjoy a day of kite competition and craft. There is an array of jobs for volunteers at this fun and beautiful event including Chief Kite Cop, Logistics Managers, Craft Manager, Stage Manager, Information Managers and Field Managers. Those who participate should be prepared to stand on their feet and be okay with working outdoors. Priority sign-ups for those who choose to participate both days.

- Friday set-up: Every event needs to be built. Help us build the Blossom Kite Festival! If you are available, we need you! Flexible schedule from 10:30am-4:30pm (manual labor)
- Saturday: 8am-1:00pm or 12pm-5:00pm; or all day for those who want higher positions!

**April 8: National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®** will be along historic Constitution Avenue. Participate in the nation's grandest display of springtime pageantry with top entertainment, seen by hundreds of thousands live and on TV. Lead Positions include Lead ushers, Lead crowd engagement, volunteer managers, logistics managers, sponsorship team, or possibly walking in the parade!

- Call times anywhere between 6am - 8am, parade takes place 10am – Noon.

**April 15: Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival** is a day of activities that flows right into a spectacular evening of fireworks and events. Positions include crafts, information managers, merchandise managers, stage management, event operations/logistics, and area managers.

- Shift Times on Saturday, April 15 will be released soon. Higher positions for all-day

## Volunteer Requirements

- **Be realistic with your numbers:** We love that you are interested in volunteering! But we reserve these spots for you and they are then not available for other volunteers to sign up.
- **Orientation:** It is recommended all Leads and first time volunteers attend the March 7, 2017 Orientation from 5:30 PM – 8 PM
- **Have fun!** As a volunteer, we are donating our time because we enjoy it! All volunteers should know that early mornings and rainy days will not put a damper on our festivities or our smiles! This is a great learning opportunity for those with large scale events and tourism interest, so let's make the best of it!

Phone interviews will be conducted until the end of January and additional events will be posted on the [website](#) in February 2017. All 2017 Lead Volunteers will receive an official NCBF Volunteer Certificate detailing volunteer hours after the Festival. For more information, contact [cmurphy@ncbfdc.org](mailto:cmurphy@ncbfdc.org)

\*These events have special requirements and additional training. Must agree to take on a Lead Volunteer position at 3 or more additional events in order to be considered.