



2018 National Cherry Blossom Festival Lead Volunteer Opportunities

March 15: Pink Tie Party* is our final fundraising event and kickoff to 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/floater.

- Shifts: 4:30pm-10:30pm (Auction) or 6:00pm-11:30pm (All other positions)
- Attendance at March 7th Orientation Required

March 31: 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 lead roles for volunteers at this fun and beautiful event including Chief Kite Cop, Logistics 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 set-up and event 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 7: PetalPalooza is a full day of art, music, and play at The Wharf! Formerly known as the Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival, PetalPalooza will include interactive art installations, larger-than-life games and activities, live music on three stages, a spectacular fireworks show, and more.

- This is an all-day event with Lead Positions consisting of Zone Managers, Stage Managers, and Information Managers. Attendance at April 6th Walkthrough required.

April 14: 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! Attendance at April 12th Pre-parade meeting required.

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

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 7th 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 general volunteer positions will be posted on the [website](#) in February 2018. All 2018 Lead Volunteers will receive access to the exclusive 2018 Lead Volunteer Reception. For more information, contact cmurphy@ncbfdc.org

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