

RiverFest 2025 Volunteer Positions

Event Details:

Join the celebration of World Rivers Day and BC Rivers Day through performances, an exhibitor expo, artisan market, and family fun zone with different activities throughout the Fraser River Discovery Centre! RiverFest will take place Saturday, September 27, and Sunday, September 28 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. As part of the RiverFest celebration, walking tours and workshops will take place on September 20 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

We need volunteers for all three days during RiverFest. Volunteer shifts are available for both morning and afternoon on Saturday, September 20, September 27, and Sunday, September 28.

RiverFest activities and volunteer shifts will mainly take place at the Fraser River Discovery Centre and surrounding area; 788 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC, V3M 6Z6, apart from one workshop taking place at Tipperary Park; 315 Queens Avenue, New Westminster, BC, V3L 1K1.

Volunteer Roles:

Family Yoga at Tipperary Park – Assist participants during a playful river-themed, family yoga class.

Shifts available: 8:30am to 10:30am for September 20.

Quayside Tour – Assist participants during a Quayside walking tour down the New West boardwalk.

Shifts available: 10:15am to 11:45am for September 20.

Horticulture Walk – Assist participants during a plant walk down the New West boardwalk.

Shifts available: 11:45am to 1:15pm for September 20.

Smartphone Photography – Assist participants during a smartphone photography workshop on the New West boardwalk.

Shifts available: 1:45pm to 4:15pm for September 20.

Set-up – volunteers are needed to chalk off exhibitor booths, set up tents, tables, and chairs.

Shifts available: 8:30am to 9:45am for September 27.

Fire Lane Parking Control – volunteers are needed to assist with traffic control and exhibitor drop-off.

Shifts available: 8:30am to 9:45am for September 27.

Arts New West Workshop – volunteers are needed to assist Arts New West during an art workshop.

Shifts available: 9:30am to 12:15pm and 12:45pm to 3:15pm for both September 27 and 28.

Salmon Ladder Activity – volunteers are needed to introduce guests to various kinds of fish passage infrastructure and how the design of fishways must be adapted to fish behaviour!

Shifts available: 9:30am to 12:45pm and 12:45 pm to 4:00pm for both September 27 and 28.

Water Quality Testing – volunteers will assist participants with testing the pH and turbidity of the Fraser River water and observing if it is safe for salmon to live in it!

Shifts Available: 9:30am to 12:45pm and 12:45pm to 4:00pm for both September 27 and 28.

Origami Animals and Plants Craft – volunteers will assist participants with making origami animals or plants inspired by those that live in or around the Fraser River ecosystem.

Shifts available: 9:30am to 12:45pm and 12:45 pm to 4:00pm for both September 27 and 28.

Exhibit Maintenance and Counter – volunteers will assist FRDC staff with cleaning/resetting exhibits for visitors and tracking RiverFest visitor traffic.

Shifts available: 9:30am to 12:45pm and 12:45 pm to 4:00pm for both September 27 and 28.

Application Process:

Applicants can fill out a volunteer application form or email the Education Manager. If more information about volunteering at the FRDC is needed, please visit <https://fraserriverdiscovery.org/becomeavolunteer/>.

Application form: <https://www.jotform.com/80456857168267>

Email: volunteer@fraserriverdiscovery.org

Additional Info:

- Volunteers must be 15 years of age or older.
- Mandatory attendance at a briefing session before volunteer shift begins.
- Must commit to an entire volunteer shift, either in the AM or PM. Volunteers may choose to volunteer for an entire day.
- May be subject to a Criminal Record Check.
- Dress code during a volunteer shift is business casual. The FRDC can provide volunteer shirts, or volunteers may choose to wear a navy t-shirt or sweatshirt.
- Nametags will be provided for each volunteer.
- Volunteer sign-in will be at the Fraser River Discovery Centre front desk.