



## Frequently Asked Questions: Volunteer Program

### **How old do you have to be to volunteer?**

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers who are 16 & 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### **I do not have any experience building/painting floats.**

No worries! We welcome volunteers of all skill levels to help build and paint floats. We have trained, knowledgeable artists on site to help with any project.

### **When is the studio open for volunteers?**

Our art studio is open to volunteers Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. We offer after-work hours and Saturday hours during Parade season (late September through November). We usually post volunteer opportunities online and notify volunteers via eblast. Sign up [online](#) to be added to our distribution list!

### **What do I need to bring with me?**

Just yourself! We provide you with everything needed for the day.

### **Should I bring a lunch?**

If you plan to volunteer in our office or studio for an extended time, then you should bring a lunch with you. We usually have snacks and candy in our volunteer room.

Buddy's Pizza provides delicious, hot pizza for our volunteers who work in our studio on late nights during Parade season (Sept through Nov).

If we order lunch for the Parade staff and have extra food, we are happy to share it with volunteers. However, there are times when we may not have enough food to share. Please be mindful not to take food from staff lunches unless a Parade staff member offers.

**I do not want to work on floats.**

Volunteers are also needed to help with events, sewing, office work or in the Parade gift shop. Send an email to [volunteers@theparade.org](mailto:volunteers@theparade.org) to learn about other opportunities!

**How do I set up a volunteer day for my group?**

Send an email to [volunteers@theparade.org](mailto:volunteers@theparade.org) and request a day to schedule your group. We can take up to 10 volunteers total for the day.

Volunteer shifts are: 9 AM to 1 PM or 1 PM to 4 PM. Volunteer duties include float wash, sewing, or paint/build floats. All volunteers must be 16 yrs. or older, and sign a waiver of liability.