

“Grow Shamrocks” Volunteer Information

Thanks for volunteering! Please read the following points and advise the person who volunteers after you to read them as well.

- Read the information board on the table so you have some knowledge of the history of shamrocks. Read the planting instructions (see the next page) so you can comfortably assist visitors and make sure they follow all the steps. Also, read the information card that people take with them.
- People of all ages are welcome to plant shamrock seeds.
- Make sure each participant older than 5 has a green or orange wristband. If not, politely inform them that they need to purchase a wristband to participate in any festival activities.
- Each of the peat pots has a hole in the bottom. Prepare pots in advance by putting a paper towel square at the bottom of a few pots.
- There are two different kinds of seeds, white clover and red clover. The color is based on the color of the flower.
- Try to avoid soil spilling on the floor – have visitors fill their pots over the soil bucket.
- When someone needs help or has a question, help/answer them in a friendly and polite way so that everyone feels welcome and has fun.
- When the next volunteer arrives to take your place, share hints or wisdom you acquired during your shift.
- At the end of your shift, please complete a survey form letting us know what worked well and what needs improving.

Thanks, again!

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Planting Shamrocks:

- ♣ Fill the pot almost all the way to the top with soil (to within $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch from the top).
- ♣ Sprinkle a pinch of seeds on the top of the soil.
- ♣ Put a very small dusting of soil on top of the seeds.
- ♣ Moisten the soil with a spray bottle (don't over water it).
- ♣ Write your name on one of the info cards.
- ♣ To prevent spilling, take a piece of plastic and cover the top using a rubber band. Tuck the info card under the rubber band. Make sure to take the plastic off when you get home.
- ♣ Enjoy your shamrocks!

“St. Brigid’s Cross” Volunteer Information

Thanks for volunteering! Please read the following points and advise the person who volunteers after you to read them as well.

- Read the information board on St. Brigid’s Cross, the information card that people take with them with their cross, and the instruction board so you have an understanding of the history and process for making a cross.
- Make a cross to familiarize yourself with the process.
- People of all ages are welcome to make a St. Brigid’s Cross.
- Make sure each participant older than 5 has a green or orange wristband. If not, politely inform them that they need to purchase a wristband to participate in any festival activities.
- When people need help or have questions, help/answer them in a polite & friendly way so every has fun and feels welcome.
- **IMPORTANT:** In order to minimized breakage of the dry rushes do the following:
 1. Soak bundles of rushes for 10-15 minutes before using them – always have a good supply in the tub ready to go.
 2. Tell people to use two fingers to flatten the middle part of the rush (about a 2” length) – the part that will be bent.
- Some of the rushes will undoubtedly break – that’s OK. A couple extra rushes have been included in each bundle. If too many break, rushes can be taken from another bundle to supplement.
- Don’t forget to give each person who makes a cross an information card.
- When the next volunteer arrives to take your place, share hints or wisdom you acquired during your shift.
- At the end of your shift, please complete a survey form letting us know what worked well and what needs improving.

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“Earn An Irish Coin” Volunteer Information

Thanks for volunteering! Please read the following points and advise the person who volunteers after you to read them as well.

- Read the information board on the coins so you have an understanding of the information on the board.
- Read through the questions and answers on the worksheet.
- Read through the information boards and information cards on the other tables so you have an understanding on all the topics and know where people can find the answers.
- People of all ages are welcome to earn a coin – but only one.
- Make sure each participant older than 5 has a green or orange wristband. If not, politely inform them that they need to purchase a wristband to participate in any festival activities.
- When people need help or have questions, help/answer them in a polite & friendly way so every has fun and feels welcome.
- In order to earn a coin, a person needs to return a complete worksheet with correct answers. If an answer is incorrect, you can give them a hint as to where to find the correct answer.
- If all their answers are complete and correct, use a pen and put a star on the top and let them choose their coin. Try to make sure they don't walk off with the pencil – we don't have a large supply.
- Everyone can take their sheets with them if they would like to.
- **Please make sure no one takes any of the coins from the information board.**
- When the next volunteer arrives to take your place, share hints or wisdom you acquired during your shift.
- At the end of your shift, please complete a survey form letting us know what worked well and what needs improving.

Thanks, again!

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“Irish Place Names” Volunteer Information

Thanks for volunteering! Please read the following points and advise the person who volunteers after you to read them as well.

- Read the information board about Irish place names so you have an understanding of place names.
- Use the picture cards to learn what different Irish place names mean.
- Look on the maps to find example place names.
- People of all ages are welcome to participate.
- Make sure each participant older than 5 has a green or orange wristband. If not, politely inform them that they need to purchase a wristband to participate in any festival activities.
- When people need help or have questions, help/answer them in a polite & friendly way so every has fun and feels welcome.
- In order to earn a shamrock (either a foam or paper sticker, their choice), a person needs to return worksheet with one side completed with correct answers – there is an answer key to check against. If an answer is incorrect, give them a hint as to where to find the correct answer. If they finish with both sides correct, they get two!
- If all their answers are complete and correct, use a pen to put a star on the top of the side of the sheet that they have finished and they can choose a shamrock. The participant can take their sheet if they want it.
- When the next volunteer arrives to take your place, share hints or wisdom you acquired during your shift.
- At the end of your shift, please complete a survey form letting me know what worked well and what needs improving.

Thanks, again!

Peggy Hinsman
Family Activities Coordinator

“Make a Book” Volunteer Information

Thanks for volunteering! Please read the following points and advise the person who volunteers after you to read them as well.

- Read the information boards about the subjects of the books.
- Read through the instructions for making each book so you understand the process and can help those who need help.
- People of all ages are welcome to make a book, but only one book per person.
- Make sure each participant older than 5 has a green or orange wristband. If not, politely inform them that they need to purchase a wristband to participate in any festival activities.
- When people need help or have questions, help/answer them in a polite & friendly way so every has fun and feels welcome.
- If needed, cut more strings for binding the books.
- When the next volunteer arrives to take your place, share hints or wisdom you acquired during your shift.
- At the end of your shift, please complete a survey form letting me know what worked well and what needs improving.

Thanks, again!

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“Learn About Ogham” Volunteer Information

Thanks for volunteering! Please read the following points and advise the person who volunteers after you to read them as well.

- Read the information board about Ogham so you have knowledge of the alphabet in Ireland and how it was used.
- People of all ages are welcome “carve” their name or a phrase in “marble” using the Ogham alphabet.
- Make sure each participant older than 5 has a green or orange wristband. If not, politely inform them that they need to purchase a wristband to participate in any festival activities.
- Make phrase pages visible to participants in case they want to write a phrase.
- Each person can take an Ogham sheet with them.
- Try to avoid soil people taking the pens with them, along with their “marble carving” of the Ogham language.
- When someone needs help or has a question, help/answer them in a friendly and polite way so that everyone feels welcome and has fun.
- When the next volunteer arrives to take your place, share hints or wisdom you acquired during your shift.
- At the end of your shift, please complete a survey form letting us know what worked well and what needs improving.

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Temporary Tattoo Instructions

1. These temporary tattoos are FDA approved and are safe and nontoxic. **However, do not apply a tattoo to sensitive skin or near eyes.**
2. Each volunteer should choose one temporary tattoo for free to put on their own skin so they understand the process and can help others who need help (read instructions below).
3. Each tattoo costs 50 cents. People can put them on now or later. If they opt for later, put the purchased tattoo(s) in a plastic bag.
4. The skin should be clean and free of oil and makeup. If this person doesn't have sensitive skin, clean the skin with rubbing alcohol and a cotton ball. Only use the cotton ball once and throw it away. Let the skin dry.
5. Remove the clear protective top plastic sheet from the tattoo.
6. Fold a paper towel into a square and use the spray water bottle to soak it.
7. Press the tattoo firmly onto clean, dry skin with the tattoo facing down.
8. Hold the wet paper towel against the back of the tattoo, wet it thoroughly, hold it there for 30 seconds, remove the paper towel and throw away the paper towel.
9. Peel off the tattoo's paper backing and you've got a temporary tattoo.
10. The easiest way to remove the tattoo is to saturate it with rubbing alcohol or baby oil, wait 10 seconds, then rub it off with a tissue or cotton ball.

