

VOLUNTEER Blues LETTER

ISSUE 1

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

JULY 5, 2018

Welcome Volunteers!



As we kick off the 2018 season I'd like to say thank you for agreeing to spend part of your summer with us!

Our first orientation night featured special guests, *The Chaffee Brothers*, who represented *Blues in the Schools*, one of the charities that is supported by RBC Bluesfest. In addition, we had a visit by Mark Monahan, the festival director, who shared some stats about

volunteers with us, including that this year we are acknowledging our first ever 25-year volunteers.

We also had our annual training with *Project Soundcheck*, which has been helping people at festivals reduce the incidence of sexual assault through training teams on bystander intervention. Elsa Mirzaei led us in some exercises to practice what to do when we encounter situations

that may require some attention. For more information, please visit projectsoundcheck.ca

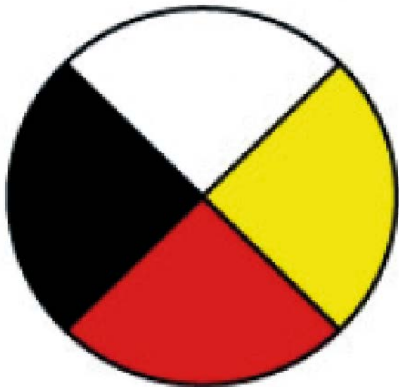


Thank you to Gabriel Pizza for providing select meals to our volunteers



A special thank you

We'd like to acknowledge that we're on traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin nation and thank them for allowing us to host our festival on this land. I asked the *Odawa Native Friendship Centre* for a traditional symbol to share with the volunteers that would show some of the culture of the Algonquin people. *Vince Kicknosway, Cultural Resource Coordinator*, suggested we share the medicine wheel. It is frequently believed to be the circle of awareness of the individual self; the circle of knowledge that provides power we each have over our own lives.



“We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin nation.”



Volunteer orientation night was a great success!



YOUR VOUNTEER SERVICE TEAM:

Jamine Ackert *Interm Volunteer Manager*
 Sarah Speed *Administrative Systems Coordinator*
 Francis Ifedi & Liam Bowman *Volunteer Services Assistants*

2018 VOLUNTEER HOURS OF OPERATIONS

Gates	Weekdays 5:00 pm Weekends 3:00 pm	Free Show Check-In (Vimy Place and Booth)	Weekdays 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Weekends 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Volunteer Gate	Weekdays 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm Weekends 2:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Bike Park	Weekdays 2:30 pm - 11:30 pm Weekends 12:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Volunteer Village Check-In	11:00 am - 9:30 pm	Outdoors Blues Café	Weekdays 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Daily Specials - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm) Weekends 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Daily Specials – 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm)
Volunteer Village Bag Check	11:00 am - 11:30 pm		