

## Fire Circle Tender Coordinator(s)

This position requires a self-motivated & highly responsible individual who possesses basic camp craft skills. Due to the extreme danger of wildfires in the Pike National Forest during certain years, careful attention to the fire is essential for the safety of all. While the Tender will have assistance, the responsibility for the fire cannot be transferred. The successful applicant He/she must also be friendly, personable, possess strong problem solving skills, and able to deal with the public in a polite and tactful manner. An enjoyment of drumming and/or dancing will be a big plus. The major time commitment takes place during the festival.

Mandatory Skill Requirements consist of the ability to safely construct, ignite, maintain & extinguish a large campfire for the warmth & enjoyment of drumming & dancing festival celebrants. He/She must be able to carefully instruct all work shift volunteers who will assist in maintaining the fire through out the evening.

Pre-festival duties consist of the following:

- Attend Dragonfest meetings as necessary or required.
- Ensure the Kiosk Coordinator/Lieutenant has the Volunteer Shift Requirements.

Festival duties consist of the following:

- Hold a training session for all work shift volunteers the duties of the Fire Tender
- Makes sure all shifts are covered
- Be available to the volunteers should questions arise

For each nights circle the following will need to be done

- Ensure work shift volunteers are at the sight and are aware of their duties and know they are to stay with the fire from 8:00 pm until the fire is shut down.
- Inventory supplies for each night's fire
  - Truckload of split wood
  - 5 gallon bucket of water
  - Ignition materials for the fire (newspapers, petroleum accelerant such as kerosene or briquette starter fluid) DO NOT USE GASOLINE.
  - Matches
- Work gloves
- Water-proof tarp to cover wood pile should it rain
- Shovel, Axe, Rake, poker
- First Aid Kit

For the really devoted: rake & carefully prepare the circle for dancing. Sticks & sharp stones do not make for happy feet or tranced pagans. Also, the area should be ritually prepared in the best possible fashion. This is a serious circle & should be treated as such. Proper offerings are always appreciated by the spirits

At the close of each circle it is the Work Shift Volunteers duty to ensure the fire is completely out. This is very critical. The bucket holds about four gallons of water in it. This will be enough to extinguish the fire if the Fire Tender carefully stirs & soaks the fire to make certain all the coals are extinguished

Post festival duties consist of the following: None