

Durham Children's Watershed Festival Adult Volunteer Info Sheet

Festival Hours: 9:45 AM – 1:30 PM



Arrival & Parking

- No additional parking is available. All adult volunteers must arrive by school bus.
- If arriving separately is absolutely necessary, contact your teacher at least 3 days in advance to make arrangements with festival staff.

Activity Centre Volunteers

- Volunteers (secondary students, industry professionals, and community members) help run the activity centres. Please help us in acknowledging their support of this community event!

General Reminders

- Your attention and engagement are essential to ensure a safe, fun, and educational day for students.
- The festival runs rain or shine. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable, weather-appropriate footwear.
- Do not bring siblings, daycare children, or pets. The event requires your full attention and supervision of students.

Upon Arrival

- Remain on the bus until greeted by a Festival Greeter who will provide instructions.
- Name tags will be distributed by your teacher and must be worn at all times.
- Your teacher will also provide a Festival Map and possibly a list of priority activities tailored to classroom learning goals.

Safety & Boundaries

- Stay within designated festival areas only. Do not enter the creek, lakebed, or forested areas.
- Poison ivy is common, and ticks may be present in long grass.
- Remind students to stay together at all times. If one student needs a washroom break, the entire group goes together.
- Backpacks are the responsibility of the students and must be carried throughout the day.

Food & Waste

- There are no food or drink vendors.
- This is a **Boomerang Lunch** event – all waste must be taken home. Bring peanut-free, litterless lunches and snacks.
- There is no scheduled lunch break—groups may stop to eat as needed. However, in the event of inclement weather, each school will be assigned a designated time to use the lunch tent in the **Aki (Land) Area**. Please respect your school's scheduled time, as the tent accommodates up to 200 people.

End of Day Procedures

- A horn will sound at 1:20 PM to signal the end of the day. Finish your activity and proceed to your "End of Day Meeting Place", (identified at the start of the day). One designated adult will locate the school bus and direct the rest of the group for boarding.

Support & Safety

- First Aid Station and Lost & Found: Located in **Giizhig (Sky) Area** at **Council Hall**.
- Festival Organizers wear red aprons. If you have safety concerns or questions, speak with them.
- If a student becomes separated from your group, inform a Festival Organizer.
- In the event of an emergency (e.g., sudden severe weather), red flags will be posted at Council Hall and in each festival area. Listen to Festival staff for further instructions.

THANK YOU & HAVE A GREAT DAY!

