# Gate Attendant Training Grapefest 2024

# Welcome to Gate Attendant Training

- Very important job
  - First and last face visitors to the festival see
- Wear your group swag
  - Visitors love to see which groups support Grapevine festivals
- Dress weather appropriate
  - Shorts & T-shirts are OK
  - Comfortable closed toe shoes recommended
- Prepare for sun and heat
- Water is provided, but feel free to bring snacks (Please stay hydrated!)
- Wear your provided safety vest
- Adult Be sure to wear the radio at each gate
- Never leave your gate unattended

#### **Gate Attendant Tasks**

- Host/hostess of the event and the first point of contact
- Be welcoming and thank guests for coming to the event
- Scan tickets with handheld scanners or confirm online purchases for admission and take tickets
- Distribute "Lost Child" stickers to small children. All will be reunited at Volunteer HQ
- Stamp hands for re-entry the same day
- Inform guests alcohol cannot enter or leave festival grounds
- Provide festival information and answer questions
- Contact Gate Managers with questions or concerns
- Enjoy the festival atmosphere!

#### What to Know about Gates

- Admission Gates #1, 6, 7, 15
- Service Gates #5, 8, 9, 10, & 12
- Admission/Service #2
- Service/Admission/ Volunteer #13
- There will be a contracted private security group checking bags.
- Police Officers will be at each Admissions Gate during festival hours
- Big Book page 30 lists items NOT permitted
  - No pets; Service animals only
  - No skateboards, rollerblades/skates, bicycles, or Segways
  - No soliciting people cannot pass out business cards, coupons, or anything to festival attendees
  - No weapons even with LTC

# **Opening Procedures**

- If you are working 1st shift, stop at Founder's Building (Volunteer HQ) to pick up gate tote, iPhone ticket scanner and radio as well as any additional information
- Allow extra time to get your tote so you can be at your gate on time
- Sign in and out on the clipboard to ensure your organization is paid correctly
  - Time In is the time you arrive at Volunteer HQ
- Ticket tub should be at the gate inside sales booth
- Opening shift Gate Attendants will need to check the bags of vendors.
   Do not stick your hand inside someone's bag
   Ask them to open and verbally confirm they have no alcohol or weapons
- People will want to have breakfast on Main Street before the festival opens
  - They are allowed in up until 20 minutes before festival opens
  - Ask them to stay on sidewalks for safety as we are still setting up for the day
- See Gate Attendant Manual for additional info

#### All other shifts

- Go directly to your gate
- Sign in and out for your shift to ensure your organization is paid correctly
- Give yourself time to park and walk to your gate
- Communicate with the shift before or after you
  - Any updates with what to expect
  - Remind them to sign in

# **Closing Procedures**

- Pack all supplies neatly into the tote
- Listen on radio for tote, radio, and ticket bags return procedure
- Do not leave until you've been told it is okay by the Gate Captain

# Parking (details found p. 4 Big Book)

Complimentary Parking and Shuttle Service

Volunteers and Gate Attendant Parking Lot 3	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3
Botanical Garden lot @ 411 Ball Street	3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway, southeast corner near Applebee's. See white tent and signage	Grapevine Public Library @ 1201 Municipal Way	121 Community Church @ 2701 Ira E Woods Ave.
Drops @ Gate 13	Drops @ Gate 1	Drops @ Hotel Vin	Drops @ Hotel Vin
Hours: Thurs: 8 a.m11:30 p.m. Fri. 8 a.m12:30 a.m. Sat: 8 a.m12:30 a.m. Sun: 8 a.m7:30 p.m	Hours: Thurs: 10 a.m11:00 p.m. Fri. 10 a.mmidnight. Sat: 10 a.mmidnight Sun: 10 a.m7:00 p.m	Hours: Thurs: 10 a.m11:00 p.m. Fri. 10 a.mmidnight. Sat: 10 a.mmidnight Sun: 10 a.m7:00 p.m	Hours: Thurs: 1 p.m11:00 p.m. Fri. 10 a.mmidnight. Sat: 10 a.mmidnight Sun: 1 p.m7:00 p.m

#### ADA Parking lots

- o Parking Garage at Hotel Vin 255 E. Dallas
- Kountry Donut Shop 102 S. Main (near Gate 1)

# **Alcohol Policy - Very Important!**

- NO Alcohol is allowed to enter or leave the festival
- "I am sorry, TABC (Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission) rules do not allow alcohol to enter or leave the festival grounds."
- Do Not suggest an alternative (drinking, dumping, etc.)
- IMPORTANT! Do Not get into a confrontation or put yourself at risk. If someone leaves the grounds with alcohol, notify the officer at your gate or use Channel 1 on the radio. Give information about what happened and as much info regarding the person (clothing, direction of travel, gate #)

## **Suspicious Behavior & Items**

- IF you notice suspicious behavior or items:
  - Tell an on duty officer or call 911
  - o Provide details of gate number, person's attire, direction of travel, and nature of behavior
  - Do not engage with suspicious individuals
- See Gate Attendant Manual (Big Book) for more details page 25

## **Festival Radio Operations**

- Different Channels for each area
  - o Gates Channel 5
  - o Trash Channel 8
  - Operations/911 Channel 1
    - For emergencies begin message with "Festival Command"
- Radios are to be used and managed by adult volunteers only
- When contacting someone please say: "(your name & gate #) for Gate Manager or (person's name you are trying to contact)"
- Everyone can hear your conversation
  - Keep it short and to the point
- In emergencies (weather, lost child, etc.): LISTEN. Do not start talking. You will be directed to Channel 1. Listen and follow directions
- Gate Attendant Manual (Big Book) pages 23-26 cover these details

# **Passes (Admission & Parking)**

- See Big Book for graphics and specifics for each pass
- Steering Committee Members will be wearing a special shirt, lanyard, or pin to identify them. They are okay to enter.
- Volunteers wearing the Grapefest T-shirt are allowed entry.
- Shift Pass If a worker doesn't have a shift pass, but can show you proof that they are working (email, uniform, etc.), let them in.
  - Employees at merchants along Main Street <u>should</u> have a shift pass. Use best judgement in letting them in. Not all merchants supply staff with passes.
- Vehicles will require pass to enter (Big Book will have images of those passes in color) As a rule vehicles don't enter at gates, if you are to allow them, you'll know.

# Other Tips

- Plan plenty of time for parking, entrance and walk time so you arrive at your gate on time
  - There will be traffic and crowds
  - If you bring a bag it will be subject to checking
  - o Don't bring valuables as there is no secure storage at gates
- Plan 15-30 minutes past your scheduled end time in case someone is stuck in traffic and is running late
- Working alone and need a break? contact Gate Captain
- Sunday Closers: Do not leave your gate unattended until released by a steering committee member
  - o If you need to leave before notified, please contact Gate Captain

# **Other Tips**

- Thursday entry is free all day
- Friday entry is free until 5pm
  - Anyone entering before 5 can get their hand stamped
- Questions or Problems?
  - Use Radio channel 5 or call/text Gate Manager's cell numbers:
    - Kristin Clark 214-207-5887
    - Kenisha Gee 901-283-5552
    - Julie Kleck 817-899-6626
    - Rebekah Klueber 419-508-8857
    - Joan Timmerman 214-669-7074

# Thank You!!

This all works and comes together because of you.

Your community spirit and involvement is appreciated.

We can't do it without you.