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Maize Days seeking volunteers to assist at fall festival *Tradition of volunteering among event's highlights*

MURPHY (August 17, 2021) The long-awaited return of Maize Days is just around the corner as preparations for the highly-popular City of Murphy fall festival are underway, part of which involve the traditional recruitment of volunteers.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25 starting at noon and ending at 9:45 p.m. on the grounds of Murphy Central Park, 550 North Murphy Road.

“Volunteering at Maize Days is among the more cherished traditions of the festival,” says Special Events Coordinator Kayla McFarland. “Some of our volunteers have been with the festival for two or more years. Volunteers make the event successful, and we certainly appreciate them.”

Notably, there are some changes to the volunteer registration process this year. As before, volunteer registration is accessible online, and the portal is now accepting applications. Volunteer roles include greeting attendees at the entrances, helping in the kid zone area, clean up, vendor set up, and other tasks.

Volunteers, either individuals, families, or organizations, should visit <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/murphy-tx/catalog> for volunteer information and registration. Alternately, volunteers can visit maizedays.com and accomplish the same thing. For those without an account with the Murphy Recreation Department, one must be created to continue. Account holders must be at least 18 years of age.

Once created, account holders should click on “Volunteer Opportunities” and select the shifts desired. Once all the shifts are selected, clicking on the cart and checking out is next. All of the questions on the checkout screen must be answered.

There is no charge for volunteering, of course. The checkout process is simply part of the registration in the Murphy Recreation system. As always, volunteers 18 years or older must undergo a through a background check before their application for volunteering is approved. Youth and children must have an adult create an account and the adult must sign a waiver.

“Anyone looking for or needing volunteer hours for school, non-profit groups, churches, or scout troops can fulfill their commitment and have fun doing so,” added McFarland. “As a bonus, our distinctive, collectable T-shirts are free for volunteering.”

Also this year, attending volunteer meetings is required, and spaces are limited. More information can be obtained by contacting the Murphy Recreation Department at (972) 468-4444 or via e-mail at recinfo@murphytx.org.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.