

Volunteers at the Vancouver Island Exhibition

Do you have an interest in your community? Do you have organizational skills, deal well with the public and like to meet new people? Are you artistic, or creative? Do you have an interest in animals? Then the Vancouver Island Exhibition needs you as a volunteer! Help out the VIEx and join a committee. We are always looking for people who like to be a part of the planning stage of the fair. It's not hard and we have lots of fun doing it. Check out the volunteer job descriptions, applications, waivers and fair committees online: www.viex.ca Please go to the tab: **How to Volunteer** on the left of the page for more details!

Set-up

- If you're good with a hammer and nails and would like to help us put up and take down our gates, and fences we could use those skills.
- At least 4-6 very strong people to help set-up the Entertainment Stage on Thursday afternoon and to take it down again on Sunday afternoon.
- We need at least 15 people a few days before the Fair to help set-up tables and booths in the Centennial Building - Home Arts Division and in the Commercial Expo.
- Grounds Decorators – help make the fair beautiful and set up décor!

During the Fair

If you are interested in helping us out during the fair here are some of the areas that we need volunteers for:

- Parking
- Security
- Home Arts
- Kids Zone
- Information Booth
- Grounds Cleaner
- Cashiers
- Entrance Gates (wristbands)
- Grounds Entertainment
- Runner
- Volunteer check-in
- People Mover (must have a valid drivers license)
- Commercial Expo
- Administration

Take Down

- Fencing & Gates
- Grounds Decorations
- Tables & Chairs
- Stage

It is because of our volunteers that the fair is made possible. With the continued support from our volunteers the VIEx is able to maintain a great reputation. Join us after the fair for a Big Volunteer Appreciation Party! There will be great music, great food and great fun!!!!

Contact Gwen Vonarx at gvonarx@viex.ca for more information or click on the link below to complete the application form and waiver then email back to the office or send via fax to 250-758-3277.

Due to the **New Security Act and Regulations in the Province of BC** the VIEx Director of Security, Mike Scott will be providing training to selected applicants. If you are selected as meeting the criteria to volunteer for security she will contact you and provide you with training dates. If you have provided security in the past to the VIEx, we thank you. We appreciate your volunteer time and if you are not selected through the new process to volunteer in security we encourage you to volunteer in one of the many other areas of the fair that could use your help. See you at the fair!

Vancouver Island Exhibition - VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (D) _____ (Evening) _____ (C) _____

Best time to call: _____

Age: If Under 19 years old - Complete a parent waiver and attach to this application

What size T-shirt do you wear? Adult S M L XL XXL other _____

Do you have previous volunteer experience with the VIEx? Yes or No

What area(s) did you volunteer in and when: _____

Please check the jobs you are interested in volunteering in:

Parking		Commercial Expo	
Kid Zone		Cashier	
Home Arts		General Help	
Information booth		Entrance Gates (wrist bands)	
Set up		Administration	
Cleaner		Floater-General, Relief	
Volunteer Check-In		Stage helper	
Runner		Call me as required for other events	

All volunteers MUST attend a pre-booked orientation session or they will not qualify to volunteer.

Volunteer Work: Please check availability:

Monday to Thursday <i>Set-up for the fair</i>		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday <i>takedown</i>
Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning		
Afternoon		Afternoon		Afternoon		Afternoon		
Evening		Evening		Evening		Evening		

Emergency Contacts:

Name:	Name:
Phone:	Phone:
Relationship:	Relationship:

Volunteer waiver must be completed. If under the age of 19 parental/guardian consent is required.

Signature _____ Dated _____

Waiver attached Yes No waivers on the website www.viex.ca at How To Volunteer

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The Vancouver Island Exhibition and Your Community

Did you know?

The VIEx ran a job creation program in 2009 and created lesson plans for schools based on “**Agriculture in the Classroom**”. These manuals are easy to use and follow lessons that meet the Ministry of Education criteria and curriculum for classes in Kindergarten to Grade 7. These manuals explain the concept of food to table and are available for purchase at the VIEx office. These manuals have been tried and tested at Brechin Elementary School – thank you to the teachers and principal for their support on this project! Manuals Primary \$15, Intermediate \$15 or both for \$25.

Did you know?

That in the spring of 2010/11 the VIEx produced and facilitated workshops on “**Raising Backyard Chickens**” in conjunction with the Nanaimo Poultry Collective. The workshops were positive, fun and educational. Did you miss out? Interested in purchasing a manual? Call us, manuals are now available for \$15 each. Backyard Chickens are now permitted in the City of Nanaimo speak with the city for more details.

Did you know?

That all of the directors at the VIEx are volunteers and spend hundreds of hours each year in preparation for the annual exhibition. The VIEx has members, directors and volunteers who help put on the largest and oldest event in the city. We welcome you to attend our general membership meetings on the third Tuesday in February, April, June, October and the December Annual General Meeting in the “Little Red Barn” or call our office to find out how to become a member or to volunteer.

Did you know?

That on October 16, 2011 the VIEx will host the **4th Annual Pumpkin Festival** on the fairgrounds? The giant pumpkins will be brought in to be weighed! Hay rides! Concessions! Open air market! Fun for the whole family! Contests and prizes! See you there! Volunteers ALWAYS welcome!

Did you know?

That the VIEx is run based on your attendance, support and our valuable local sponsors? Sponsorship can be supported in so many ways: donations, gifts in kind, cash, media, etc... Do you want to be a part of the fair awarded **EVALUATION FOR THE BEST FAIR IN BC** with attendance over 27,000+? The VIEx is proud to announce that they won this award in 2009 from the Minister of Agriculture and Lands and the BC Association of Annual Fairs and Exhibitions. Come be a part of the award winning fair! Go online to learn more or call our office for details!

Did you know?

The VIEx and the City of Nanaimo have partnered and opened the **Beban Urban Garden** on the VIEx grounds? You can now garden on one of our plots! Call us today at 250-758-3247 to find out how you can have your own garden plot for only \$30 per year! What a deal!

General Fair Admissions 2011

VIEx gate fees include the HST

GATE ADMISSIONS	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	All Day	All Day	All Day
Children 6 & under	Free	Free	Free
Ages 7-12	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Youth 13-18	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Adult 19-64	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Senior 65+ *	\$3.50	\$7.00	\$7.00
Three Day Passes **	\$20.00	N/A	N/A

* Friday, is **Seniors and Special Needs Day**
Seniors pay \$3.50 and Special Needs Persons pay \$3.50
and their caregivers get in free.

**** Three Day Exhibition Admission Passes
are offered only for Adult admissions. ****

Shooting Star Amusements ... RETURNS to the VIEx

In January 2010 the VIEx announced that Shooting Star Amusements would be at the fair. We are happy to welcome them back again in 2011! The fair is always looking at changing up entertainment and events. Check out their website for more details and wristband pricing! www.shootingstar.ca

Make sure you look for Shooting Star Amusements AND the Vancouver Island Exhibition groups on FaceBook to keep up to date AND enter the midway CONTESTS!

Have a look through our prize book (pages 13 and 14) and you will see that Shooting Star Amusements is sponsoring contests for kids - they can win free rides and wristbands at the fair!

Didn't win a ride wristband? Come see them anyway!



Welcome back to the Shooting Star Team!