

WATERFIRE KC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
BRUSH CREEK ON THE PLAZA



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OPERATIONS TEAM





- ▶ WaterFire is a world renowned, multi-sensory art event that has been experienced all around the world.
- ▶ WaterFire KC is a unique community experience that shows two opposing elements working in harmony.

ABOUT



- ▶ Created by Barnaby Evans in Providence, Rhode Island, 1994
- ▶ Annual lightings: Providence, Sharon, PA, and Kansas City.
- ▶ Single lightings in multiple international locations

WATERFIRE FACTS



- ▶ 2017 is the 11 annual
- ▶ 2015 it became a KC Creates produced event
- ▶ Attendance in 2015:10,000 & 2016:15,000
- ▶ 38 braziers between Broadway & Baltimore
- ▶ 300+ shifts totaling nearly 1000 volunteer hours (Oct 5th-8th)
- ▶ Long term plans will expand down to Troost

WATERFIRE KC FACTS



- ▶ Brazier Society Memberships
 - ▶ Paid memberships levels ranging from \$100-\$1,000
 - ▶ Tent access on street level
 - ▶ Boat ride
 - ▶ 2017 WaterFire KC shirt
- ▶ Family Pre-show kicks off earlier in the evening
- ▶ Logo! (see bottom right corner)
- ▶ This is the first event using Creates Cash

WHAT'S NEW IN 2017



EVENT MAP

Map details: The map shows a venue layout with a central 'PERFORMANCE AREA' highlighted in red. Other areas include 'STAGING AREA', 'SEAT BANK', and 'OPERATIONS / VOLUNTEERS'. A legend in the bottom right corner defines symbols: a circle for 'INFO POSTER X10', a square for 'INFO VOLUNTEER X10', a square with a circle for 'FOUNTAIN X2', a square with a circle for 'ROAD BLOCK X4', a red arrow for 'FIRE PATH', a square with a circle for 'MUSIC STAGE', a square with a circle for 'MERCHANDISE TENT', a square with a circle for 'VENDORS', a square with a circle for 'VOLUNTEER CHECK IN', a square with a circle for 'FIRST AID', a square with a circle for 'WATER AVAILABLE', a square with a circle for 'HANDICAP SOCIETY TENT', a square with a circle for 'HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE AREA', a square with a circle for 'INFO POINT', and a square with a circle for 'PHOTO OPPORTUNITY'. Street names like 'W 4TH ST' and 'W 5TH ST' are also visible.

- ▶ Pre-Show 5-6:30p
 - ▶ Broderick Jones
 - ▶ Stonelion Puppets
 - ▶ Jugglers
- ▶ Fire spinners
- ▶ Drum Tribe
- ▶ Trio Forte
- ▶ Justin McCoy
- ▶ StoneLion Puppets
- ▶ Quixotic

PERFORMERS

Two photographs of fire performances. The top photo shows jugglers with fire balls, and the bottom photo shows fire spinners with large fire wheels.



▶ The health and safety of our volunteers *and* our public audience is our **TOP PRIORITY**. While we want to make sure everyone is enjoying their time with us, we need to be mindful of our operations and keep an eye out for each other. If you see something that you feel could become a potential problem or hazard, please let your team lead know so we can handle the situation appropriately.

▶ **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

SAFETY



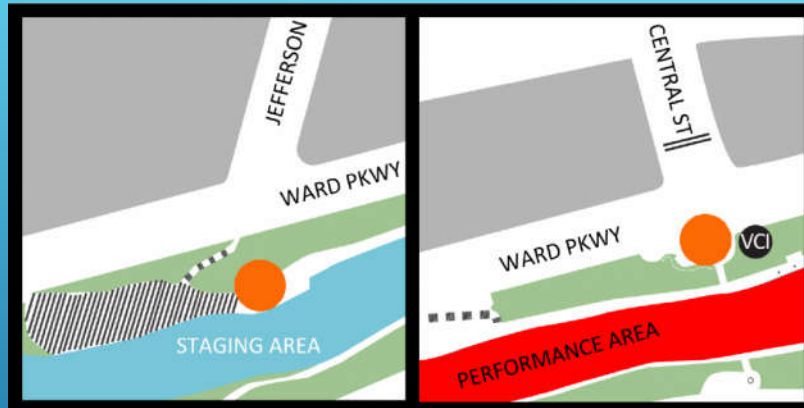
- ▶ All of our volunteers must follow the safety standards. This is to protect you and everyone you are working with.
- ▶ Failure to do so will result in removal from your current volunteer shift without Creates Cash pay, and depending on severity, could result in removal from future WaterFire KC shifts.

SAFETY



- ▶ THURSDAY: Load-In
 - ▶ Build braziers & anchor in Brush Creek
- ▶ FRIDAY: Woodpile Workout & Volunteer Party
- ▶ SATURDAY: Prep & Performance
 - ▶ Morning: prep braziers for lighting
 - ▶ Afternoon: Set up street level
 - ▶ Evening: Lighting
- ▶ SUNDAY: Strike
 - ▶ Pull braziers from creek & breakdown

SCHEDULE



Water Check-in

Land Check-in

CHECK-IN LOCATIONS



- ▶ Check in *and out* at designated location
 - ▶ Check in: Pick up any necessary equipment
 - ▶ Check out: Receive Creates Cash
 - ▶ This must be done with the volunteer coordinator (or other event staff if volunteer coordinator is not available)

CHECK-IN LOCATIONS



Info Team	[WaterFire KCI Land Check-In] Description	
	2:30 p to 5:30 p Open Would you like to serve on this date? Click the Schedule me button to schedule yourself here	Schedule me
	5:15 p to 8:15 p Open Would you like to serve on this date? Click the Schedule me button to schedule yourself here	Schedule me
	8:00 p to 11:00 p Open Would you like to serve on this date? Click the Schedule me button to schedule yourself here	Schedule me
Info Team	[WaterFire KCI Water Check-In] Description	
	8:30 a to 12:00 p Open Would you like to serve on this date? Click the Schedule me button to schedule yourself here	Schedule me
	11:45 a to 2:45 p Open Would you like to serve on this date? Click the Schedule me button to schedule yourself here	Schedule me

- ▶ Check in location will be in Volgistics Info Center (above) and in your shift reminder
- ▶ This does not determine the type of shift (water vs land)

CHECK-IN LOCATIONS



▶ LAND BASED ROLES

- ▶ **Brazier Team-** Thurs & Sun- Assembles our braziers on land. This is done in small teams, but you will be doing some heavy lifting.
 - ▶ Close toed shoes & pants required
 - ▶ Gloves recommended
- ▶ **Brazier Society & VIP Staff-** Sat- Hosts our Brazier Society patrons in the on-site tent, providing information, food, & drink, and assisting with their boat ride.
 - ▶ Black button up type shirt & pants required (polos are okay too!)
 - ▶ Comfortable shoes recommended
 - ▶ Leads: Ashley Patton & Josh Judy

VOLUNTEER ROLES



▶ LAND BASED ROLES

- ▶ **Clean Up Crew-** Sun- Helps to clean up the event area to restore it to it's pre-event glory.
 - ▶ Orange volunteer shirt required
 - ▶ Comfortable shoes recommended
- ▶ **Fuse Team-** Sat- Assembling fuses and fuel bags to serve as a base for the bonfires.
 - ▶ Close toed shoes, pants, & orange volunteer shirt required

VOLUNTEER ROLES



▶ LAND BASED ROLES

- ▶ **Information Team-** Sat- Serve as ambassadors to our public audience, greeting visitors and providing information to better their WaterFire KC experience, helps to keep the walkways moving, and temporarily close specific sections for performance purposes.
 - ▶ Close toed shoes & orange volunteer shirt required
 - ▶ Comfortable shoes recommended
 - ▶ Lead: Ann Brandt

VOLUNTEER ROLES



- ▶ Above is an example of what we are trying to avoid. The grassy areas are available for those who wish to sit, but the walkways should be kept clear for emergency purposes for those on land and water.
- ▶ We ask that if you need to ask someone to move, you remind them they will have a better experience if they move throughout the whole space as performers pop up in multiple locations & that because the paved areas are public walkways, we must keep the area clear for everyone's safety.

VOLUNTEER ROLES



▶ LAND BASED ROLES

- ▶ **Marking Team**- Thurs- Working in a pair alongside Brush Creek, you will assist the boat teams in accurately placing the braziers.
 - ▶ Comfortable shoes recommended
 - ▶ Lead: Pam Waters
- ▶ **Merchandise Team**- Sat- Sells WaterFire KC merchandise (t-shirts, buttons, glow necklaces, & Brazier Society memberships)to guests before and during the performance.
 - ▶ Orange volunteer shirt required
 - ▶ Leads: Coyote Schaaf, Shannon & Matt Fowler

VOLUNTEER ROLES



▶ LAND BASED ROLES

- ▶ **Volunteer Hospitality**- Thurs thru Sun- Helps pick up and deliver meals, snacks, and drinks to our volunteers on site.
 - ▶ Must have own transportation
 - ▶ Orange volunteer shirt required
 - ▶ Lead: Rose Abrams
- ▶ **Woodpile Workout**- Fri- Volunteers will help set up our woodpiles alongside Brush Creek in preparation for the lighting.
 - ▶ Close toed shoes & pants required
 - ▶ Gloves recommended

VOLUNTEER ROLES



▶ WATER BASED ROLES

- ▶ **Boat Captain** (18+)- Thurs thru Sun- Helping to move our boat teams move braziers along the creek during set up and strike, as well as running our boats during the lighting to help keep our fire stoked and cruise rides for our Brazier Society members. If you are interested in being a boat captain, we ask that you spend one event as a First Mate while learning about the WaterFire KC boating and safety operations. Please contact the volunteer coordinator to sign up for this role.
 - ▶ Training and rehearsals mandatory
 - ▶ Close toed shoes & pants required
 - ▶ Sat Evening Dress code: all black, natural fiber, non-reflective clothing, no logos or patterns, & hair must be tied back
 - ▶ Dress code all other shifts: Orange volunteer shirt
 - ▶ Lead: Mark Conarroe

VOLUNTEER ROLES



▶ WATER BASED ROLES

- ▶ **Boat Team** (16+)- Thurs, Sat, & Sun- Hauling braziers into place during set up and strike and help to set up the bonfire in preparation of the lighting.
 - ▶ Close toed shoes & pants required, hair must be tied back.
 - ▶ Lead: Mark Conarroe
- ▶ **First Mate** (18+)- Thurs-Sun- Oversees crew safety and communication to assist the boat captain.
 - ▶ Training and rehearsals mandatory
 - ▶ Close toed shoes & pants required
 - ▶ Black gloves and safety glasses recommended
 - ▶ Sat Evening Dress code: all black, natural fiber, non-reflective clothing, no logos or patterns, & hair must be tied back
 - ▶ Dress code all other shifts: Orange volunteer shirt
 - ▶ Lead: Mark Conarroe



VOLUNTEER ROLES



▶ WATER BASED ROLES

- ▶ **Fire Feeder (16+)**- Sat- Helps to keep the bonfires lit all night.
 - ▶ These positions are reserved for our dedicated volunteers who have signed up for 2+ other WaterFire KC shifts. Once you have done so, please send an email to megyoun@kccreates.org to get signed up.
 - ▶ Standby Fire Feeder shifts will be available, but positions cannot be guaranteed & will be offered on a first come, first server basis.
 - ▶ Close toed shoes & pants required
 - ▶ Long sleeves or jacket, black gloves & safety glasses recommended
 - ▶ Dress code: all black, natural fiber, non-reflective clothing, no logos or patterns, & hair must be tied back
 - ▶ Lead: Mark Conaroe

VOLUNTEER ROLES



▶ During the lighting...

- ▶ Remember you are part of the performance, but should not distract from the other performers
- ▶ Talking should be kept to a minimum
- ▶ No shouting to crowd
- ▶ If someone waves or calls out to you, acknowledge with a small wave and smile
- ▶ Phones or cameras must be kept out of sight
- ▶ Water will be available, but must be kept out of sight
- ▶ Logs should be placed onto the bonfire, never thrown
 - ▶ Throwing logs could result in immediate removal
 - ▶ You don't have to put a log on every brazier
- ▶ Failure to comply with the rules above will result in removal

DECORUM ON BOATS



- ▶ DAYTIME
 - ▶ Orange Volunteer shirt
 - ▶ Wear clothing you don't mind getting dirty
 - ▶ Long pants & close toed shoes required while on boats or with braziers
- ▶ NIGHTTIME: LAND ~ mandatory~
 - ▶ General: Orange volunteer shirt, comfortable shoes
 - ▶ Brazier Society Staff: black button up, comfortable shoes
- ▶ NIGHTTIME: WATER ~ mandatory~
 - ▶ Solid black, 100% natural fabrics (no logos, patterns, etc.)
 - ▶ Safety glasses & black work gloves recommended
 - ▶ Long hair must be tied back
 - ▶ Do not use any hair products that contain alcohol

DRESS CODE



- ▶ In the example above
 - ▶ Volunteers on right are dressed appropriately
 - ▶ Volunteer in center should not have the white strings showing

DRESS CODE



816-666-8214
volunteers@kccreates.org

- ▶ More than 24 hours before your shift: call or email
- ▶ The day of your shift: call and email

CAN'T MAKE YOUR SHIFT?



WATERFIRE KC

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Explore Volunteer Roles
Application
Volgistics Info Center

WaterFire KC - October 7th, 2017

- ▶ Volgistics Info Center can be accessed via:
 - ▶ WaterFireKC.org
 - ▶ KCCreates.org
- ▶ Live Performances 7pm - 10pm
- ▶ Bonfires 7pm - 11pm
- ▶ Shifts available October 5th - 8th, 11th, & 18th

VOLGISTICS INFO CENTER

Boat Team [WaterFire KC\Land Check-In] **Description** ←

9:00 a to 12:00 p Open

HELP WANTED Would you like to serve on this date? Click the **Schedule me** button to schedule yourself here **Schedule me**

- ▶ Click 'Description' while looking through the daily schedule for a quick breakdown of what you'll be doing, as well as any requirements for that specific type of shift

VOLGISTICS INFO CENTER



- ▶ If there is another shift after yours:
 - ▶ Please wait until the next volunteer has arrived before leaving. Shifts overlap slightly to account for this.
 - ▶ If another volunteer does not show up, please contact your team lead immediately.
- ▶ If you are the last shift:
 - ▶ Please make sure your area is cleaned up before leaving & you have notified your team lead

END OF SHIFT



- ▶ Near the end of the live performance, Metamora's *Little Potato* will be played. This will be your cue to start closing down your assigned area.
- ▶ Info Team: the crowds will begin to taper, please stay in your area until you've been released by your team lead or until the end of your scheduled shift
- ▶ Merchandise Team: one tent will close at the end of the live performance, the other will remain open until about 10:30p



END OF SHIFT



- ▶ A copy of the participant waiver *must* be signed before starting your first shift
 - ▶ If you are not able to attend a training meeting, a copy of the waiver is available at the bottom of the volunteer page to download and print. Please arrive 15-20 minutes prior to your shift's start to allow time to receive this form & get your volunteer shirt. A limited number of the waiver will be available on-site if you are unable to print it yourself.

WAIVER

