

Norge Lodge Viking Festival September 26 – 27, 2015

- Festival opens both days at 10:00
- Festival closes at 8:00 on Saturday and 6:00 on Sunday
- Adults \$8; kids 6-12 \$2; kids 5 and under free
- Parking is \$5
- If you volunteer to work, you get in free with free parking

The following appeal for volunteers was e-mailed on August 17:

Hello Norge Lodge Members and Friends

Our Viking Festival is just a month and a half away! I know you all enjoy the festival. I can hardly wait for it!

As you also know, Norge Lodge remains in existence today because of the Viking Festival. We only have three sources of income:

Profit from our dinners/meetings

A small kickback from Sons of Norway from your membership fees.

The Viking Festival

The Festival provides the overwhelming majority of operating funds.

The Viking Festival is an entirely volunteer run event. We have hundreds of volunteers helping with the festival. Many of whom are not affiliated at all with either the Fish Club or Norge Lodge. They do it because it is fun and they get free entrance to the festival.

We ALWAYS need more volunteers. **WE NEED YOU. We also need your friends and neighbors to volunteer!** We need you to help preserve our organization - yours and mine.

The benefits of volunteering are:

Free entrance into the festival

Meeting and interacting with like-minded festival guests

The food!

The music!

Free water

The great feeling you get when you do something that you know is good

The Scandinavian environment

The Vikings!

Special volunteer free parking locations

Am I volunteering? You bet! My wife, Lisa, and I will be there long before the festival opens and long after the festival closes each day with only one or two hours free. I am not bragging. MANY volunteers do the same and many of those put even more time in!

Any time you can help is very welcome .We have **MANY 2-hour slots** that need to be filled. Please volunteer for one or more of these openings:

1. **The Festival Hospitality Booth** located near the entrance gate. Answer guest questions. Start the kids of on their Rune Quest. Give the kids their award when their Rune Quest is complete. Brag about Norge Lodge and Sons of Norway, Hand out Sons of Norway and Norge Lodge information and giveaways, Sell Viking Festival t-shirts, sign guests up for competitions.
2. **Thicket Sales** at three locations about the festival. Your task is just that - sell tickets. One dollar, one ticket.
3. **Make Lefse** in the hall. The guests love to watch the lefse being made. OH, and they love to eat it too. It's easy and fun. Don't know how to make lefse? It doesn't matter. We will have at least one Lefse Workshop before the festival where you can learn how to make it.
4. **Genealogy** in the hall. Do you know anything about genealogy? Our guests want to know what you know. We specialize in Norwegian and now Swedish but ANY other origin, particularly Scandinavian, is helpful.

5. **Many other opportunities** all over the grounds. Bar, grounds, kids zone, and on and on.

BONUS for the serious volunteer. Anybody that volunteers 4 hours or more in one day will get tickets for food and drinks (other than water) for that day.

Volunteer time schedule for many positions (but not all) is like this:

Saturday:

10am - 12pm

12pm - 2pm

2pm - 4pm

4pm - 6pm

6pm - 8pm

Sunday:

10am - 12pm

12pm - 2pm

2pm - 4pm

4pm - 6pm

AGAIN! Please volunteer and ask your friends and neighbors to volunteer too!

For volunteering for Hospitality Booth or Lefse making, contact David Haavig, dhaavig@cox.net
President, Norge Lodge

For volunteering for food/drink ticket sales, contact James Jerpseth, karlajames@sbcglobal.net or Diana Hamilton-Long, blackswan1066@yahoo.com