



VOLY IN THE PARK

Frequently Asked Questions

What is VOLY.org?

- VOLY.org, powered by VolunteerNow, is the 24/7 connection between volunteers and local service opportunities.

Who can have a booth at Voly in the Park?

- Onsite participation at Voly in the Park is available to nonprofits that have a membership (free!) with VolunteerNow, and are actively using VOLY.org to recruit volunteers.
- All participating agencies must be approved by VolunteerNow.
- The registration fee for 2017 is \$125 per nonprofit.

How can I get a membership with VolunteerNow?

- Membership is available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, government entities and schools.
- You can apply online here: www.voly.org/nonprofits; or, contact us at membership@volnow.org.

What do you provide for participating agencies?

- We will provide one 8' by 30" table with a white table cloth and 2 chairs.
- All tables have a tented awning for sun and rain protection.
- Free Wi-Fi is available in the park

What should we bring?

- We recommend you bring a cooler with ice and water.
- You may bring extra chairs if you need them.
- Bring materials, supplies and equipment needed for your interactive activity
- Bring promotional material about your agency – We expect 5,000 visitors at this event, however not every visitor will visit every table

- You may bring stand-up banners, however the park does not permit us to use any type of stakes and we cannot anchor anything to the tents. It is often windy in the park so we use weighted sandbags to secure our banners.
- You may not sell anything or solicit financial donations in the park.

What do you mean by 'Interactive Activity'?

- Every agency is asked to provide an interactive activity or hands-on volunteer experience that will help park visitors gain a better understanding of the work you do and the clients you serve.
- Handing out flyers is NOT an interactive activity.
- There are a variety of park rules and restrictions, so all activities must be approved by VolunteerNow, in advance.
- Consider the following when planning an activity.
 - How will participants be engaged, informed and entertained when they visit your table?
 - Trivia or match game, prize wheel, bean toss, foosball
 - Match the letter with the sound it makes or the seed with the proper vegetable
 - Use a cling or felt board and have visitors assemble a nutritious meal
 - Is there an activity that volunteers can complete on-site in the event?
 - Assemble hygiene kits, color lunch bags, make holiday or get-well cards, sort materials or supplies, assemble packets?
 - What brief client experience might engage participants?
 - Vision or balance test
 - Yoga, read aloud, fitness workout, art creation, seed planting, ESL activity
 - With the right engagement activity, visitors will connect to your cause, remember your agency, want to get involved and share your message with others.

Why do you want me to post volunteer opportunities on VOLY.org?

- Voly in the Park is a celebration of volunteerism designed to get more community members connected to our member agencies using VOLY.org.
- As community members learn about Voly in the Park, they often look at the participating agencies and plan for those they want to meet. When you have opportunities posted on VOLY.org we will list your agency name on our website and provide a built-in link to your VOLY.org profile. The more types of opportunities you have available, the more volunteers will want to engage with you.
- Volunteers who cannot attend the event can still connect with you through your VOLY.org postings.

Where do I park?

- Parking is on your own. There are several nearby parking lots and garages with various fee structures.
- The park is convenient to public transportation. They also make the following suggestions on Where to Park
 - PLEASE NOTE: Always read the posted signs, which supersede any instruction from park staff. Dallas Police can and will issue tickets for illegal parking.
 - Streets on the park's perimeter and nearby streets offer metered parking. Some parking meter stations accept credit cards as well as cash.
 - Valet parking is located at Savor on the northbound Woodall Rodgers Freeway access road. Valet is \$15 for park patrons and complimentary for those dining at Savor. [2000 Woodall Rodgers Freeway](#)
 - Paid parking is available in the Dallas Museum of Art garage daily. [Click here](#) for more information.
 - Additionally paid parking is available at the Dallas Credit Union. [Click here](#) for more information.
 - For more details on parking, visit:
 - <http://www.thedallasartsdistrict.org/plan-your-visit/>
 - <http://www.downtowndallas.com/around/#/self/park>

What time can I set-up?

- The park is available to us at 8 a.m. Plan to be set-up and ready to go by 11:30 AM
- To prevent traffic congestions and delays with more than 100 trucks and cars dropping off tents, tables, supplies and entertainment, you will be assigned a scheduled drop off time beginning at 9:00 AM. You will be notified of your assigned drop off time the week prior to the event.
- Our staff and volunteers will be stationed at the registration table by the drop off zone to help get your supplies to and from your table.
- Please use your pre-assigned drop-off time to avoid congestion and traffic delays. Drop offs outside the designated area may be ticketed.
- Preference for drop-off times will be given to agencies that have on-site volunteer experiences and engaging interactive planned.

Can I pick the location of my table?

- The Agency Check-in table is by the drop off area – come there to check-in and get your table assignment.
- Table assignments are made based upon the nature of your interactive activity, your agency cause, and the number and quality of volunteer opportunities you have posted on VOLY.org.

- Agencies that are set-up on time and remain fully engaged until the event ends at 4 p.m. will be given preference in table assignments the following year.

Is food available?

- There are food trucks at the park or you can bring in a cooler with food and refreshments
- We will provide water for agencies; however park rules prohibit us from giving out food.

Are there bathrooms at the park?

- There are two sets of restrooms at the park – one by the restaurant and one in the kid's play area.

Is electrical available?

- We will not provide electrical outlets.

What if it rains?

- VOLY in the Park is ON – rain or shine. Agency tables are tented to provide protection.

Who can I contact with questions?

- Nonprofit Agencies: [Contact Judy Shannon](#), VolunteerNow Agency Relations Director
- For Event Sponsorship: [Contact Jennifer Thomas](#), Special Events Manager
- For Media Inquiries: [Contact Nadia Hill](#), Public Relations and Marketing Manager
- General information: www.volnow.org/volyinthepark

What are the social media links for this event:

- Invite colleagues, volunteers, friends and family to join the fun.
 - Website: <http://www.volnow.org/events/voly-in-the-park.html>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VolNow/>
 - Twitter: Vol_Now
 - Instagram: VolunteerNow