

Volunteer for Pathway to Water Quality Exhibit at the 2017 IN State Fair! August 4th – 20th

[Pathway to Water Quality](#) (PWQ) is a conservation exhibit sponsored by the [Indiana Conservation Partnership \(ICP\)](#). The exhibit is located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Every year, PWQ hosts approximately 60,000 visitors who visit our premiere conservation exhibit during the 17-day Indiana State Fair. Part of what makes the exhibit successful are all of the ICP staff who volunteer at Pathway.

This year, **volunteer sign-up** for staffing Pathway to Water Quality at the 2017 Indiana State Fair will open at **8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1st**. The state fair will run from August 4th to August 20th.

As you promote volunteer sign-up to your staff and volunteers, please let them know that we are offering an opportunity to volunteer for *“a day at Pathway.”* If a group from the same area, region, or multi-county area registers for a day at Pathway, they would be responsible for filling all of the volunteer positions for that day (9-11 positions in total). The advantage of group registration is that it holds the day your group prefers to work at the Indiana State Fair. We will offer this ahead of the official opening of registration to ensure that you can reserve the date that your group prefers. **To reserve your group day at pathway, simply email Sara Peel at pathwaytowaterquality@gmail.com by May 26th.** Once your day is reserved, one person from each team is responsible for gathering contact information (name, email and cell phone number) for all volunteer positions for your desired date and sending that to me no later than July 1st. Please visit <http://pathwaytowaterquality.org> for an overview of the positions in the training video and information about the pathway.

Last year the PWQ Steering Committee consolidated the volunteer positions into four positions: a greeter, education area volunteer and two PWQ Ambassadors. There will be 9 to 11 positions each day. There are three shifts each day of the Indiana State Fair as follows:

- 9 am to 12:30 pm: One greeter
- 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm: One greeter, one education area volunteer and two ambassador
- 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: One greeter, one education area volunteer and two ambassadors

On Saturday and Sundays, there are two education area volunteers during the two later shifts. There is always a day coordinator on staff as well.

Back by popular demand this year: We are offering a t-shirt to each volunteer. Each volunteer will receive their shirt when they arrive for their first shift. Volunteers will be asked for a size preference when they register - we will try to accommodate that request for shirt sizes provided in advance of the July 1 deadline.

Thank you for all you do to promote soil and water conservation and the Pathway to Water Quality exhibit. If you have any questions about the sign-up, do not hesitate to contact Sara Peel, PWQ Coordinator at pathwaytowaterquality@gmail.com.