

Cities 97 Basilica Block Party Volunteer Information

Thank you for volunteering for the 18th Annual Basilica Block Party!

On July 6th and July 7th, tens of thousands of attendees will enjoy a weekend of music featuring popular local and national artists. Revenue generated from this event helps the continued restoration and renovation of The Basilica of Saint Mary, a national historic landmark, as well as supports the community outreach programs and assistance for those in need. Without the help of our 1,600 volunteers, this event would never be possible! Please read this information carefully for need-to-know information regarding your volunteer shift(s).

What bands are playing?

Friday, July 6th

Sun Country Stage

Train
the Head and the Heart
Mat Kearney

Walser Stage

Cake
Imagine Dragons
Tyrone Wells

Vita.mn Stage

Phantom Tails
Prissy Clerks
A. Wolf & Her Claws

Saturday, July 7th

Sun Country Stage

The Avett Brothers
Fitz and the Tantrums
The Lumineers

Walser Stage

OAR
Graffiti6
Stuart D'Rozario

Vita.mn Stage

Lucy Michelle & the Velvet Lapelles
Farewell Milwaukee
The Boys N' The Barrels

Where should I park?

Parking in downtown Minneapolis will be very limited! Try to walk, bike, bus or carpool. If you plan to drive, arrive early to park in a downtown lot and walk to The Basilica. Parking will be available for a fee at the Dunwoody Institute lot west of the Basilica or the MCTC Ramp for \$5. Due to parking lot changes, parking is NOT included for volunteers this year. We encourage you to bike, walk, take the bus or carpool.

How do volunteers enter the event?

On the night you are volunteering, you do not need a ticket for admission to the Block Party. Volunteers working all night (4PM-event close) on one night are invited to attend The Basilica Block Party on the night they are not working. All volunteers must enter through the Volunteer Gate (see map) at 15th Street and Laurel Avenue. **PACK MINIMALLY** as your bags will be searched upon entering. We highly encourage you to utilize our bag check and leave your belongings at the Volunteer Center bag check. Your name will be on a volunteer list. Please bring your photo I.D. or driver's license, as you may need it for equipment checkout for your shift. You will also need a photo ID if you plan to purchase beer or wine after your volunteer shift.

What do I do once I'm at the Block Party?

Volunteers should report to the Volunteer Center located in the Great Hall on the 3rd floor of The Basilica School for check-in. Signs will indicate where you have to check in for your respective volunteer duties. Please stay with your group in your assigned area. T-shirts and equipment will also be handed out at check-in time. Please wear a light-weight t-shirt so that your volunteer shirt can be worn over it. After you have completed your shift, you will need to remove your volunteer t-shirt if you intend to stay on site. **THE SHIRT IS YOURS TO KEEP.** A team leader or escort will meet you in the Volunteer Center and show you to your volunteer post. *We have ordered plenty of shirts. Under no circumstance should you be asked to give up your shirt; and if you are please immediately alert security.

Additional Volunteer Information

- Alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed before or during your shift. If you choose not to follow this rule, you will be escorted off the grounds, will be unable to return, and will be unable to volunteer in future years.
- In the event of a crisis, do not speak to any media representatives. Instead, refer them directly to the media tent or to Meghan Gustafson or Tom Sullivan for an official statement or other needed information.
- Please do not bring recording equipment or cameras on site.
- There are 4 ATMs on site. Two are located at the front entrance of the Cowley Center, near the main entrance. The other two are near the Main stage.
- Once you come on site, there is no re-entry.
- Please recycle. The Basilica of Saint Mary recycles, and as a representative we ask that you do as well.
- Most shifts run from 4-8PM or 7:30PM-event close. Late shift volunteers are asked to assist with event clean-up from 10:30 until the event is closed.
- First Aid is located in the lower level of the Basilica School.
- In a weather emergency, wait for direction from your area team leader.
- In case of emergency, go directly to the MCTC parking ramp, or the lower level of the church or school.
- Please also review the Disability Awareness pamphlet before the Block Party in case you need to assist someone with a disability.
- If you can not make it to your shift, please call the Volunteer Hotline by Tuesday, July 3rd. You may reach Mollie at 612.317.3457 or mhelgeson@mary.org