

2019 Gasparilla Festival of the Arts Volunteer Information

Where is the Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts located?

The Festival is located in the Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park. The address is 600 N Ashley Drive in downtown Tampa. The park borders the Tampa Museum of Art, located at 120 West Gasparilla Plaza, and the Hillsborough River, and Ashley Drive.

What time should I plan on arriving?

Please plan to arrive at the [Volunteer Booth](#) 10 minutes prior to your scheduled shift. **Volunteer check-in is in a NEW location this year! The NEW location for volunteer check-in is under the eaves of the Tampa Museum of Art in the area between the Tampa Museum of Art and the Glazer Children's Museum.**

Where do I park?

Parking is available throughout the downtown area, though it can be challenging for later shifts on Saturday and Sunday. **Please give yourself ample time to check in. due to this we recommend giving yourself at least 1hr to find parking!**

Poe Parking Garage (#4 on map, see link below) - 800 N. Ashley Drive, north of the festival area near the corner of Ashley Drive and Cass Street.

Ft. Brooke Parking Garage (#1 on map, see link below) -107 N. Franklin St., near the corner of Florida Ave & Whiting St, south of Kennedy Blvd.

If parking on a street, you will need to pay at a pay station, even on Sunday. They do accept VISA and MasterCard. The links below have more information.

Map of Garages:

<https://www.tampagov.net/parking/programs/monthly-parking/parking-monthly-garages-and-lots-map>

Pay Stations:

<https://www.tampagov.net/parking/programs/parking-pay-stations>

Festival Website with more information on parking and other transportation options:

<http://gasparillaarts.com/transportation-parking/>

Will I be reimbursed for parking?

No, the Festival is not able to reimburse volunteers for parking. However, the expense is tax deductible so save your receipt as evidence of a charity donation. The typical charge for a few hours is \$5-\$10.

What should I do if my plans change and I cannot make it to the Festival?

Please cancel your shift via SignUp so that the spot is available for someone else to sign up for it. You can also contact Sarah Etzkorn at Sarah.Etzkorn@RaymondJames.com or 727-567-1361 until March 1st only. After that, please cancel your shift via SignUp.

How should I dress for the event?

You will wear the T-shirt provided by the Festival while working so that you are identified as a volunteer. You will receive the t-shirt when you check in at the Volunteer booth prior to your shift. Other than that, please dress comfortably and dress for the weather. In past years, we have seen all sorts of weather – very warm, very cold, sunny or rainy. Comfortable shoes are highly recommended since you will be on your feet the entire time. We also recommend that you do not bring a purse or bag as there will be no secure location for their storage. You are responsible for all of your own personal items. If the day is hot and sunny, you may want to wear a hat and bring water. Don't forget the sunscreen!

What if it rains?

The Festival will take place, rain or shine. ☺