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Volunteers needed for sixth annual Block Party

LANDING, N.J. (March 28, 2019) - Volunteers are needed to stage the sixth annual Lake Hopatcong Block Party, scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Hopatcong State Park, 260 Lakeside Blvd., Landing, N.J. The Lake Hopatcong Block Party is an annual event that brings visitors together with businesses, non-profit organizations, community groups, crafters, and food vendors for a day that kicks off the summer season and celebrates all facets of Lake Hopatcong life.

Organizers for the event, hosted by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF), are planning to accommodate 3,000 guests and 180 vendors for what has become one of the lake region's most ambitious community-building endeavors.

An estimated 200 volunteers will be assigned various tasks, including early-morning setup, late-afternoon cleanup and numerous other responsibilities to insure the day goes smoothly.

"It would be impossible to pull off an event of this scale without a well-coordinated volunteer effort," said Judy Caruso, volunteer coordinator for the Block Party. "There are so many things to do, up front and behind the scenes, that require the support of a lot of dedicated people."

Volunteers are typically slotted into two- to four-hour shifts, between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the day of the Block Party. Tasks include helping with parking, supporting vendors, welcoming guests, setting up tables and chairs, keeping areas clean, as well as numerous other important efforts.

"Over the years, our volunteers have gained a solid reputation for being pleasant and helpful," said Lee Moreau, co-planner of the Block Party. "We do our best, every year, to give them all the training and support they need to make positive contributions while still enjoying the energy of the event."

Volunteers are urged to attend an on-site training session and pick up a free volunteer T-shirt on a weekday evening prior to the Block Party.

“We’re so grateful for volunteers who contribute their time, skills and expertise to make the Block Party happen,” said LHF President Jess Murphy. “While it requires a lot of work, we also believe it gives volunteers a unique opportunity to boost their sense of involvement in the lake community.”

To sign up as a Block Party volunteer, visit lakehopatcongfoundation.org, or call 973-663-2500.

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the lake environment and enhancing the lake experience by bringing together public and private resources to encourage a culture of sustainability and stewardship on and around New Jersey’s largest lake, for this and future generations. To learn more, visit lakehopatcongfoundation.org.

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Photo 1: Jamie Windt, Volunteer Coordinator Judy Caruso and Denise Kays prepare for the day's festivities.

Photo 2: Leon Moreau checks demonstrators in during the Lake Hopatcong Block Party.

Photo 3: Mary Ruth Lareau and Linda Karpiak greet visitors at the gate at the Lake Hopatcong Block Party.