**Pre-Bacon Cooking**

**General Info:**

* Please arrive on site 20-30 minutes **before your shift start time** to get parked and checked in. Let the VFW know you are a volunteer and they will guide you where to park. There are golf carts running from parking to the gates to ride.
* Report to the Volunteer Check In located INSIDE the new HQ/Command Center, white 2-story house across from Manor House.
* Find your group’s clipboard and **SIGN IN**. Then cross the street & enter the **VOLUNTEER ENTRY GATE**, located to the left of the Manor House. This is also where **VOLUNTEER HOLDING** is located. Some of you will need to wait until your entire group arrives before reporting to your work-station. There will be volunteers to advise you if you need to wait, answer questions or help you find your location.
* This event is held outside, so dress for the weather. Dressing in layers, with comfortable footwear is suggested.
* Groups will receive a donation from this event, and therefore do not receive tickets or shirts. Shirts will be available for purchase on the volunteer tab on the website for $15 (deadline is Sept. 14). Individuals will receive volunteer shirts.
* Group volunteers **may not stay at the event after their shift.** If you would like to attend the event after your shift, you will need to purchase an event ticket. Contact Meredith if you are interested. Individuals that are volunteering for a ticket/gift card you may get these at the Volunteer Check In at the end of your shift. Both may not consume alcohol before/during your shift.
* At the end of your shift, please go **SIGN OUT** back at the Volunteer Check In. **You MUST SIGN OUT or your group will not get credit for your time.**
* We feed volunteers that work the day of the event at the Volunteer Food Tent, behind Command Center. There will be a variety of snacks, lunch meat, rolls, etc. For bacon fest, there is also bacon and the fixings to make a BLT wrap!
* Please review the website ([**www.smithfieldvabaconfest.com**](http://www.smithfieldvabaconfest.com)) **event details, site map and job descriptions** (on volunteer tab) prior to coming to work at the fest and have a general understanding of the rules & where everything is located.

**Assignment Info:**

* There are six propane convection ovens with 2-3 workers at each oven. Bacon is pre-loaded onto cooking sheets, it cooks for about 12 minutes (about 80%) and then it is placed into aluminum pans which need to be turned while cooling down before being placed on the refrigerated truck. Bacon temperature also needs to be checked from the time it is removed from the oven through being placed on the truck.
* Day of the event the bacon is warmed back up in the ovens to get it loose and then placed on a flat top grill and fried up to crisp it up. It is then served hot & sizzling to our fest attendees in paper boat trays.
* Water is always provided & lunch is provided if you work an all day shift. Folks working just a four-hour shift are not provided meals while volunteering.
* Wear shoes that cover your toes, no flip-flops or sandals. Long hair must be pulled back and you also must wear a hat, or hairnet. Beards & mustaches must wear a beard net and food-handling gloves must be worn at all time. A baseball cap or visor works well if you want to wear your own. We supply hairnets, food gloves and beard nets.