

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MANY GREAT REASONS TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST**

(TATAMAGOUCHE) – The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest is in search of volunteer support for this year's event in Tatamagouche, N.S. on September 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> at the North Shore Recreation Centre. Hosted by the North Shore Bavarian Society, the Oktoberfest is the largest in Atlantic Canada.

Each year, volunteers donate their time and efforts during the annual Oktoberfest event. This very popular community festival would not be possible, without the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers. The success of this annual community event depends on their generous support.

There are many benefits to donating time to help the North Shore Bavarian Society with this festival. A few of these benefits for example may include: free admission to the entire weekend of events for volunteering more than 5 ½ hrs, an invitation to special annual events such an after Oktoberfest Appreciation Party.

Other benefits to becoming a volunteer include: enhancing and developing new skills, gaining “hands-on” experience which looks great on a resume, and meeting new people. Volunteers are very important and can help bring forth positive changes, and stronger community involvement. Volunteers can often gain satisfaction and personal growth in knowing that they are helping to make a difference.

The North Shore Bavarian Society welcomes the help of volunteers during the Oktoberfest event for any amount of time that they are able to donate. In the past, volunteers have ranged from individuals helping with the event from start to finish, while others may only work for a couple of hours at one of the events.

The following items are for clarification and included in the North Shore Bavarian Society Individual Volunteer Management Policy:

- North Shore Bavarian Society is requesting volunteers complete a volunteer sign-up sheet.

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- Volunteers that assist for up to 5 ½ hours at one of the events will have free admission to that particular event.
- Volunteers that assist for over 5 ½ hours will have a free weekend pass to all of the events.
- All volunteers including volunteers that assist with set up and clean up after the events for over 5 ½ hrs will be included in the volunteer recognition special events.
- NSBS Members who do not volunteer will not receive an invitation to these special events; however, membership will continue and they will be able to attend meetings and have a vote at general meetings.
- Volunteers who are part of a non-profit organization which receives a monetary donation from the North Shore Bavarian Society are not included in the individual policy.

The North Shore Bavarian Society is a non-profit multi-cultural society founded on January 29th, 1983, and is made up of members from various communities.

For information,

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