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Arapahoe County Fair needs volunteers to boogie on down

From mascots to hosts, volunteers are needed to support and energize fairgoers

Aurora, Colo. – Are you looking for a fun-filled way to get involved in your community this summer? Then consider sharing your time and talents at the 2010 Arapahoe County Fair, July 21-25, where you'll enjoy a family-friendly volunteer experience, along with free time to enjoy the Fair.

Arapahoe County's Volunteer Connections is looking for volunteers to fill 600 positions, such as fair ambassadors and greeters, contest judges, stage assistants, exhibition hall hosts, children's game leaders and more. Many other positions are available to fit your unique talents and interests.

Volunteers are especially needed to don a costume and interact with fairgoers as one of three mascots—Connie Cow, Henry Horse and Parker Pig. Children adore these loveable characters, and the volunteers behind the mask get to enjoy giving away gifts and entertaining crowds.

"Arapahoe County Fair is truly unique in the amount of citizen support we get each year from hundreds of volunteers," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. "From helping children shuck corn at the mini-farm to running the backseat driver contest to supporting entertainers on the concert stage, our volunteers help keep the costs of the fair low, while keeping the entertainment value high."

Volunteers will each receive a T-shirt and free admission to the fair on the day(s) they work (ticket excludes carnival rides, which can be purchased for \$10-15). Shifts generally last four hours, with breaks provided, and start times vary.

Volunteer group orientation is 10 a.m., July 17 at the fairgrounds, located at 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, or may be completed by appointment July 12-16.

In advance of the Fair, volunteers also are needed to run a children's craft booth at the City of Aurora's KidSpree Outdoor Festival, July 17 and 18 at Bicentennial Park (13655 E. Alameda Ave., Aurora).

To sign up as a volunteer, or for a schedule of events and more information, please visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com and click the 'Volunteers' link. Download and complete a volunteer application form and return it to Arapahoe County Volunteer Connections, 1690 W. Littleton Blvd. Suite 300, Littleton, CO 80120. Applications are due July 9.

Volunteers will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Val Purser at 303-738-7938 or vpurser@co.arapahoe.co.us .

Arapahoe County Fair sponsors include the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, City of Littleton, E-470, Go Toyota Scion Arapahoe, Potestio Brothers, Royal Crest Dairy and Sinton Dairy.

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Mascot Trio_09- Volunteers are needed to energize fairgoers as the loveable barnyard mascots at the 2010 Arapahoe County Fair, July 21-25.