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NEW VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR LITTLE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE FEST

The Little Mountain Heritage Festival has been a part of Lake County summer's for nearly a quarter-century. The 24th annual event will be staged at the Lake County History Center's new location in Painesville Township on Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26th. The Center is located adjacent to Riverside High School at 415 Riverside Dr. The weekend long event is one of N.E. Ohio's most popular summer festivals, is family focused and celebrates the music, food and fine craftsmanship of Ohio's past.

With nearly 8,000 visitors, it takes over 200 volunteers festival weekend alone to make this a première Lake County event. This year, the Lake County Historical Society, which sponsors the event, has added "Festival After Dar," an extension of the Festival into the evening, but an extension with a focus on adults' attendance. The traditional areas of crafts, Family Frontier Village, Cultural Village, museum and more will close at 6pm; guests can remain for Festival After Dark until 10pm.

Due to the expected number of visitors, the increased activity and increased hours, the Society is asking the community or community groups to consider assisting as volunteers at the event. Known as "Blue Shirt" volunteers from the striking blue tee shirts they all wear, the Festival has gained a unique reputation for being particularly visitor friendly because of the actions of these volunteers.

Volunteers are needed Saturday and Sunday and work four hour shifts in a wide variety of areas from food services to gate attendance. Hours on Saturday begin at 9am and continue until 10:30pm. Sunday volunteers begin at 10:30am and are finished by 6:30pm. When their shifts are finished, volunteers are free to enjoy the festival. Interested volunteers must be fourteen years and older, can volunteer in groups, can earn community service hours for high school or college credit and will be given an orientation. Festival volunteer meetings will be held July 15 at 6pm and July 18 at 10am. Volunteers will be assigned their duties, given a short orientation and presented with their Festival tee shirt. Friends can be scheduled to work together if requested. Call 440-639-2945 or visit www.LakeHistory.org and click on the Festival sign to access a volunteer form. For registration or further information, contact Sue at 440-639-2945.