

Main Lobster Festival

Parent info sheet for King Neptune's Court

Who are we looking for? Well behaved children age 7-10 (age range is a little flexible depending on the child) who are punctual and committed to the schedule, able to walk the grounds or be onstage a for a 3 hour shift without meltdown or rebellion.

What are the time commitments? There are 6 shifts; a child can participate in any one to all six if they wish, but must stay for an entire shift. Each shift is about 3 hours long. Times vary each day. Parents are responsible for their children before and after each shift and are welcome to be a chaperone during the shift.

What are my responsibilities as a parent? Make sure that your child is at the volunteer office on time at the beginning of each shift, and that you are at the volunteer office at the end of each shift. We require permission for your child to be photographed as part of Neptune's court. We must have contact information for a responsible adult who is on call for emergencies or to pick your child up at any time during their shift should we need them.

Do I have to make a costume? We are in the process of refurbishing and recreating costumes, primarily mermaids and pirates. We will have simple versions of these for your child. If you would like to provide or make your own costumes, you are encouraged and welcome to do so as long as they have an ocean or piratical theme (e.g. a Shark, Octopus, Fish, Mermaid, Lobster, Clam, Starfish, etc.) and are family festival appropriate. Please consult with us before spending time and money. If you are willing to make a costume or costumes and donate them to us, we would be most appreciative!

What do the kids get out of this? They may get to ride on a Coast Guard ship, be on the Main Stage during the Coronation, and ride in the Lobster Festival Parade. They also receive a volunteer shirt and will have free access to the festival grounds for each day that they are on the crew. Drinks are provided during their shift and from time-to-time depending on the weather and other factors, we may provide snacks. Lunch will be provided on Saturday if they participate in the parade **and** stay for the shift. If parents are asked or volunteer to do something special, we may also provide a day pass for them.

Who do I contact to register or for further information? Contact Brian at 542-9585 or Tiare at 594-9584 or send an email to Gandalf@midcoast.com.