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Volunteers Needed for 2016 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival

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GONZALES – Volunteer Ascension and the Ascension Festivals and Cultural Council, Inc. announced this week volunteer positions are open for the 2016 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival at Lamar-Dixon Expo Center on Sept. 23 and 24.

More than 30 balloons will provide evening balloon glows, while live music, carnival rides, fireworks, a children's village, a car show, food vendors and much more are also scheduled, officials said. An estimated 54,000 people from the region attended last year's two-day event.

"We still have positions available," said Sherry Denig, executive director of Volunteer Ascension. "Our volunteer matrix system is available online and gives volunteers a chance to log on and see what events are coming up and how they can find the event position most suitable for them."

Denig said volunteers may log on to Volunteer Ascension's Volunteer Matrix at <http://volunteerascension.volunteermatrix.com/>.

Denig said after new volunteers register their basic information and email address on the matrix, they can go to the calendar and put their cursor over any of the volunteer opportunities and the matrix will show what the volunteer position would do and how many positions are available. Slots that are filled will appear in red, she said.

Denig said new volunteer opportunities for the balloon festival are currently being added to the matrix.

For more information, contact Volunteer Ascension at (225) 644-7655 or visit <http://www.volunteerascension.org/>.