Volunteers Needed for the Statistics Booth at the USA Science and Engineering Festival on April 24-26, 2020

(Note: This is a different event than the regional Science Fairs)

Volunteers are needed to assist with the staffing of the American Statistical Association (ASA) booth at the USA Science and Engineering Festival on Friday, April 24 (from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), Saturday, April 25 (from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) and Sunday, April 26 (from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Washington Convention Center. The basic duties are to help answer questions from people who visit the booth and to help with several hands-on activities that show interesting applications of statistics, including computer games and data collection. An ASA staff member will also be at the booth most of the time. However, having 3 to 4 additional volunteers there at all times will help immensely, since the Festival organizers estimate that around 10,000 people will visit each booth over the three days. Plus, it’s fun!!!!

If you can volunteer for one or more hours on any of these days, please contact Carol Joyce Blumberg by Wednesday, April 8 at cblumberg@gmail.com. Please specify which days and hours you can volunteer. Also please give us your affiliation and job classification (e.g., Student at xyz, Statistician at abc). We are required this year to provide a list ahead of time to the organizers of the Festival listing all of our volunteers. For those who have volunteered in the past, there is one major change this year. Adults who are not students are required to purchase a ticket for $15. HOWEVER, as a volunteer the $15 fee will be waived for the day that you serve as a volunteer.

If you cannot tell us by April 8 that you want to volunteer, we suspect we will still be able to use you. But some slots may already be filled by then. We have not been given a deadline for when no more non-student volunteers will have the $15 ticket fee waived.

The ASA Booth will be booth 738 in the “society” area near to the entrance to Hall A and very close to the food & beverage area. The festival itself will have more than 3,000 exhibits, many hands-on activities, stage shows, a career pavilion and much more. Friday is a sneak peek day (attendance restricted to K-12 school groups, home schoolers and military). Saturday and Sunday are open to the public. Even if you cannot volunteer, you might consider bringing your family and friends and give your future and current scientists the experience of a lifetime. For more information, the festival website is at http://www.usasciencefestival.org/.

Please feel free to forward this announcement to others you think might be interested.

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