



# The Smithsonian Associates

Dear Kite Volunteer,

**The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Smithsonian Kite Festival** will take place **Saturday, March 27, 2010**, on the **Washington Monument Grounds (rain date Sunday, March 28, 2010)** in Washington, DC. This year's theme is "CRAFTed for Flight" to celebrate the art and craft of kite-making. It will be an exciting day filled with kites and kite makers, in addition to our usual demonstrations and kite-making activity tents. As always, the Festival features our handmade kite competition. This year we continue some changes presented in the past, including Peer Choice Awards chosen by competitors themselves and a format using guest judges featuring museum staff and local personalities. For additional details please visit [www.kitefestival.org](http://www.kitefestival.org).

As you know, putting on a kite festival takes work. The Kite Festival Committee, which coordinates the Festival, **needs your help!** Volunteers are needed to: assist with set-up and break-down of the fields, help competitors get their kites in the air as "Kite Handlers," serve as "Kite Doctors," as well as fill in a few other key festival positions. All volunteers will be awarded a commemorative button and are invited to a post-festival reception to take place in the Ripley Center starting at 6 p.m.

If you're interested in any of these jobs, please return the attached "Volunteer Interest Form" to The Smithsonian Associates by **Wednesday, March 17, 2010**. The Smithsonian Associates will handle volunteer placements and you will receive notification indicating your assignment, where to report, and times of duty. On the day of the event all volunteers must sign in with the Volunteer Coordinator in order to receive the pin, prior to reporting to their assigned duties. Volunteer check-in will take place at the Information Tent.

Attached is a schedule of the day's events, information on parking and what you might need during the day.

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival and appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

The Smithsonian Kite Festival Committee

For more information, visit our website [www.kitefestival.org](http://www.kitefestival.org)

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## *CRAFTed For Flight*

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Washington Monument grounds  
(Rain Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010)

### Schedule for the Day

7:00 AM	Festival Set-Up	Noon	Children's Comp Begins
9:15 AM	MKM/KM Judges Report for duty ; Special Exhibit Help Reports for duty	1:00 PM	Children's Comp ends; Awards
10:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies Registration Opens	1:00 PM	MKM/KM Comp resumes
10:15 AM	MKM/KM Comp begins	2:00 PM	MKM/KM Comp ends Hot Tricks Showdown
Noon	Registration Closes MKM/KM Comp Breaks	3:00PM	Rokkaku Challenge Awards Ceremony Begins
		4:30PM	Festival Break Down

### Weather Updates

Weather related updates for the Festival can be obtained by calling 202-633-8100; updates will be posted from 5:00PM Friday through 5:00AM Saturday. You can also call The Smithsonian Associates at (202) 633-3030.

### Logistics

The best place to park is on and around the National Mall or Tidal Basin. In all cases, please observe posted parking regulations. Metro service begins at 7:00am; the closest stops are Federal Triangle or the Smithsonian. We strongly advise using Metro.

Some concessions are available in the nearby museums and from street vendors. It is advised that all-day attendees should bring their own provisions.

### Featured Kites

There will be various mass ascensions throughout the day on both the competition field and the demonstration field. Please plan to participate by bringing kites of the following types: Figure, Box or Cellular, Delta, Bowed or Arches, and any kite to accent the theme. Don't miss the Hot Tricks Showdown – those interested in participating, contact Mike VanMeers at [MVanMeers@aol.com](mailto:MVanMeers@aol.com)

### Competition

Competition rules can be found at [www.kitefestival.org](http://www.kitefestival.org).

# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Smithsonian Kite Festival Volunteer Interest Form

**Please mail, e-mail, or fax this form by Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to:**

The Smithsonian Associates  
Attn: Jamie Hollingsworth  
PO Box 23293  
Washington, D.C. 20026-3293

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Voice: (202) 633-8636  
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**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**I can volunteer for:** (You may sign up for more than one duty)

Set-up                       Break Down                       Kite Handler

Kite Doctor                       Youth Activity Tent Assistant

Other/Anything

Friday, March 26, truck loading 9 a.m. to about 2 p.m. Meet at Ripley Center

Monday, March 29, truck unloading 9 a.m. to about 2 p.m. Meet at Ripley Center

**Times that I am available to volunteer:**

**R.S.V.P. me for the evening reception at 6p.m in the Ripley Center.**

Yes                       Yes, with one guest                       No