

# The Peace Booth at the North Carolina State Fair

Bringing the message of Peace to North Carolina fairgoers for over fifty years

## Guidelines and Suggestions for Volunteers

Working in the Peace Booth (PB) is your opportunity to influence fairgoers about peacemaking and justice issues. The following are some guidelines and suggestions that we feel will make this opportunity even more fun, effective and beneficial.

- Have FUN! Enjoy yourself! In stressful situations, relax and listen!
- Stand so you can meet people! Eye level contact is best for all.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes early. Remember that The RED Book has the list of volunteers and a place for your suggestions and needs. On these pages you, or others, may sign your name, address and phone number in order to get our mailing next year before the State Fair begins.
- Don't hawk the Peace Booth to fairgoers. Loud talk often drives people away.
- Only two people should be at the PB each shift. This reduces overcrowding in our small space. Two people should be there at all times.
- Don't take breaks from the PB during your shift. Please don't eat in the PB during your shift.
- One teenager and an adult on a shift works very well. Teens help with attracting the children.
- Stay in the PB until your replacement arrives. Call your Coordinator if you have a problem.
- The PB committee pays for your ticket to the fair on the day you choose to work. Please return any unused tickets. Put them in a pocket in the back of the Red Book.
- Persons over 65 years of age do not need a ticket for the Fair, but a ticket may help you park in the concessionaire parking off of Hillsborough. It is better to take the bus though.
- And, ... at the State Fair staffers should find themselves very busy with the following:
  - ◆ inviting children in to work on the children's activity.
  - ◆ providing fairgoers with an opportunity to sign the three petitions.
  - ◆ pointing out the information contained in each petition's backup material.
  - ◆ using stickers to engage children and adults. Don't just hand them out.
  - ◆ giving people who ask for information about the PB a bookmark. Don't just give them to everyone.
  - ◆ asking people if they know what their faith teaches about "peace and justice" and giving them a statement written by their faith community, if they wish.
  - ◆ inviting fairgoers to review and take free copies of other materials in the PB.
  - ◆ creating an inviting booth by picking up, and doing general housekeeping.
  - ◆ listening to anyone who wants to talk about peace and justice, how we can make this a better world or many other subjects.
  - ◆ learning that listening is a key peacemaking skill. Practice.
  - ◆ meeting new volunteers from other organizations interested in a peaceful and just world and hearing new ideas on how to bring this about.
  - ◆ If anyone requests a peace statement from their church and we don't have it, give them a bookmark.
  - ◆ add their name, address and phone number to the suggestion list sheet, legibly.

Thanks so much for your continued help and support for peace and justice.

The Peace Booth Steering Committee

You may call Leo Klohr and Judy Occhetti-Klohr if you have any questions. 919/782-0667.