

2010 VAVS PATIENT COUNTRY FAIR

Newsletter

The annual VAVS Country Fair will be held WEDNESDAY, May 12 2010 rain date is THURSDAY, May 13 2010 We will be incorporating a PATRIOTIC RED WHITE & BLUE MOTIF. Each organization is requested to decorate their Fair Booth with this theme in mind. Hospital patients, Extended Care & Rehabilitation Center residents and Domiciliary residents will be attending the Fair from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. It is expected that approximately 700 hospital, EC&RC, Domiciliary patients escorts will attend the COUNTRY FAIR this year.

Concerns have been voiced in past years regarding VA employees attending the COUNTRY FAIR and receiving food. All authorize persons will be issued arm bands if you do not see an arm band ,than they are not authorize to participate.This issue has been discussed at previous VAVS Executive Committee meetings and it was recommended that organizations providing food for the Fair provide food for the patients and their escorts only. VA employees will be made aware that this is a patient activity Infection control has mandated that all food that is served cold must be 40 degrees below (0) and hot food be 140 degrees above. (0)

Other concerns have been voiced regarding patients going through lines more than once with their tickets and /or escorts having tickets to play games. Please check the tickets alone with the arm bands carefully so all patients get ONE chance at the games. Escorts should NOT have their own tickets, but may play for the patient using the patient ticket.

Booths will be located near the waterfront of Bldgs 114-115, Gazebo. They should be decorated and ready for business by 12:00 p.m. Each organization should bring decorating materials such as a hammer, step ladder, scissors, large stapler, staples, thump tacks, tape or any other items necessary for decorating the booth. If you have card tables or extra folding chairs, we would appreciate you bringing them for the day.

Keep in mind the food and drink booths are operated by sponsoring organizations for the benefits of patients. Volunteers working throughout the day should take advantage of the lunch periods, which will be from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Main Dining Hall, Building 116. A shuttle bus service between the Fair location and the Dining Hall will be provided for volunteers.(if needed) ~~Volunteers should keep in mind that this is the~~ veterans' meal period and there might be small delay in being served. NO MILK or special diets will be served during the lunch meal. However, coffee and tea will be available to drink. Due to restrictions and limitations beyond our control, we will not be able to provide an evening meal.