

**Buffalo Wing Fest 2010**  
volunteer information - [www.buffalowing.com](http://www.buffalowing.com)

Compeer of Greater Buffalo is coordinating the Kids Fun Zone this year for the National Buffalo Wing Fest. The theme for 2010 is "The Power of Friendship". The event is held at Coca-Cola Field (baseball park downtown Buffalo) and is, in part, a charitable event supporting many worthy causes in our community. Besides that, it's a LOT of fun, *and delicious!*

Volunteers assist with:

- Kids Fun Zone Area set-up and clean-up, volunteer check-in/assignment/break relief
- Sign-in/registration (for prize wheel ticket and book give-away),
- Distribution of community resource information (e.g., Compeer, the library, EPIC) and
- Children's book give-away
- Area foot traffic management

They also assist with children's activities like:

Spin the Wheel for a prize

Friendship Bingo

Simple crafts and coloring activities

Story times

## **VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT**

**Who can volunteer?**

- **Over 18 years old**
- **15-17 years old with parent permission;**
- **under 15 must be accompanied by a responsible adult**

**The festival is ON, rain or shine. Dress appropriately! Layers are good!**

**3-4 hours (optional more is fine, too!) of your time on:**

Saturday, 9/4 (between 9 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.) or

Sunday 9/5 (between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

Attend volunteer orientation when scheduled if able (TBD)

***Stay in touch with Compeer staff if you cannot make the shift you sign up for, or will be late.  
(Compeer office: 883-3331 prior to event. DAYS OF EVENT: Sherry Byrnes, 200-9300)***

**Assignments cannot be guaranteed – we have to see where folks are needed when the time arrives! We will try to honor requests. PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU HAVE PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS (e.g. can't lift, have to sit, etc.)**

Benefits:

Free admission to the park at volunteer check-in on the day of your service (though we are limited in the number of food tickets we can provide)

Compeer t-shirt to identify you as a Kids Fun Zone Volunteer

Invitation to the Wing Fest press conference on Tuesday, 8/24 (RSVP required)  
11:15 – 1:00 at Niagara Square in front of City Hall

Invitation to pre-festival kick-off party on Friday, 9/3

Invitation to volunteer appreciation after the Festival

Great opportunity to “give back” and share your experience of Compeer of Greater Buffalo—and help us raise awareness of and recruit new Compeer volunteers

Receive verification for community service credit/requirement

***THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP TO SHARE “THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP”***

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**DIRECTIONS to the park (see separate map also):**

### **Coming From the North**

Coming from North of the city take the I-190 South to Exit 6 (Elm St.). From there, you'll be able to see Coca-Cola Field on your left. The first traffic light after the exit is Swan St. A left onto Swan will take you right along the 3rd base side of the stadium.

### **Coming From the South**

Coming from South of the city take the I-190 North to Exit 6 (Elm St.). From there, you'll be able to see Coca-Cola Field on your left. The first traffic light after the exit is Swan St. A left onto Swan will take you right along the 3rd base side of the stadium. If you are traveling North on Route 5 (The Skyway), you can either merge onto the I-190 South and quickly get off at Exit 6 (Elm St.) or follow the Seneca St. Exit into Downtown Buffalo. Once off the ramp, you can drive straight on Seneca St. and it will take your right into Washington St., which runs along the 1st base side of the stadium.

### **Coming From the East**

There are plenty of options for fans coming from the East. Drivers using the Kensington Expressway (Rte. 33), should yield left as the expressway ends. That road turns into Oak St., and will continue on to Swan St. At the Swan St. traffic light, a right turn will take you along the 3rd base side of the stadium. Drivers taking either William St. or Broadway can take those roads straight to Washington Street in the heart of Buffalo, New York. A left onto Washington St. will take you right to Coca-Cola Field.

## Festival History

The idea for the festival came from a movie called Osmosis Jones. Bill Murray starred as a compulsive eater with a goal of attending the Super Bowl of junk food, The National Buffalo Wing Festival.

Ironically, there wasn't one.

That is when native Buffalonian Drew Cerza, now affectionately known as the Wing King decided to make it happen back in 2002. This is a case of Real Life knocking off Hollywood!

Thanks for the idea, Bill!

The festival has also drawn national media attention from CNN, The Today Show, the Travel Channel, The Food Network, Discover Channel, and newspapers and magazines throughout the world.

Founder Drew Cerza says the NATIONAL BUFFALO WING FESTIVAL paved the way for the CHICKEN WING HALL OF FAME, which will further solidify Buffalo as the birthplace of what has become America's most popular finger food.

The 2006 Festival saw the first inductions into the newly-announced CHICKEN WING HALL OF FAME. The Anchor Bar founders Frank and Teresa Bellissimo were the first to be inducted.

In addition, the 2006 festival also hosted its first wedding.

Drew Cerza says he is also very pleased that the festival has generated more than \$125,000 for Western New York charities.

The National Buffalo Wing Festival By the Numbers (since the start)

- \*  
407,000 people
- \*  
2.4 Million Wings Consumed
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137 Tons of Wings In Weight
- \*  
191 Restaurants Participated
- \*  
\$125,000 in Charitable Contributions
- \*  
1 Wedding

IN 2009:

Attendance: 91,000 people

Number of Wings served: 700,000

TONS of Wings served: 40

Raised for charity in WNY community: \$60,000

For each WING FEST 2010 volunteer, please get:

NAME (S): \_\_\_\_\_ OVER 18? Y / N Age \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PH 2: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE of call: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY(S) you wish to volunteer: SAT, 9/4 (9a-7p) SUN, 9/5 (10a – 7p)

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