



Event Staff

37th District Agricultural Association - Santa Maria Fairpark

Employment Type:	Part-Time / Seasonal / Temporary / Event-Based
Location:	937 S. Thornburg Street, Santa Maria, CA 93458
Pay Schedule:	Starting at the California minimum hourly wage (\$16.90 per hour effective January 1, 2026). Pay may scale depending on relevant experience, possession of a valid Guard Card, and previous event staff or security experience.
FLSA Status:	Non-Exempt
Reports To:	Event Manager, Operations Manager, or Assigned Supervisor

Position Summary

The 37th District Agricultural Association, Santa Maria Fairpark, is seeking dependable and customer-focused Event Staff to support fairs, festivals, concerts, livestock and agricultural events, community gatherings, private rentals, trade shows, and other Fairpark activities.

Event Staff serve as frontline representatives of the Santa Maria Fairpark. This position assists with guest services, admissions, crowd flow, basic facility support, vendor and exhibitor assistance, and general event support. The ideal candidate is friendly, flexible, professional, and comfortable working in a fast-paced public event environment.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

Responsibilities may vary by event assignment and operational need. Duties may include, but are not limited to:

Guest Services and Public Assistance

- Greet guests, vendors, exhibitors, performers, contractors, volunteers, and event partners in a professional and welcoming manner.
- Provide accurate event information, directions, schedules, restroom locations, parking guidance, seating/location assistance, and general Fairpark information.
- Assist guests with questions, concerns, lost items, accessibility needs, and other basic requests.
- Help maintain a positive, safe, and enjoyable experience for all guests.

Admissions, Ticketing, and Entry Support

- Assist with gate operations, ticket taking, ticket scanning, credential/pass checks, wristbanding, hand stamping, and re-entry procedures.
- Monitor entrances, exits, lines, and guest flow.
- Assist with the use of security screening devices and bag inspections in accordance with Fairpark policies, event requirements, and supervisor direction.
- Support cash-handling or point-of-sale duties when assigned and follow established procedures.
- Communicate entry policies and event rules clearly and respectfully.

SANTA MARIA FAIRPARK

Facility Cleanliness and Safety

- Help keep event areas, walkways, restrooms, seating areas, entry points, and public spaces clean, organized, and presentable.
- Pick up trash, report spills or hazards, and notify supervisors of maintenance or safety concerns.
- Follow Fairpark policies, safety procedures, emergency protocols, and supervisor instructions.
- Report incidents, suspicious activity, damaged property, guest conflicts, or unsafe conditions promptly.

Team Support

- Work cooperatively with Fairpark staff, supervisors, volunteers, security, maintenance, vendors, contractors, and event partners.
- Attend training, briefings, and meetings as required.
- Perform other event-related duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- Must be able to provide friendly, professional customer service.
- Must be dependable, punctual, and able to follow instructions.
- Must be able to communicate effectively with coworkers, supervisors, vendors, and the public.
- Must be able to work in a team environment and adapt to changing event needs.
- Must be able to remain calm and professional during busy, stressful, or high-volume situations.
- Must be willing to work evenings, weekends, holidays, extended shifts, split shifts, and rotating schedules based on event needs.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States.
- Must be able to pass a background check.
- Applicants under 18 may be subject to additional work permit or parent/guardian requirements, as applicable.

Preferred Qualifications

- Previous experience in events, fairs, festivals, concerts, hospitality, customer service, retail, parking, admissions, security, maintenance, or venue support.
- Experience using ticket scanners, POS systems, radios, or basic event equipment.
- Bilingual English/Spanish ability is helpful, but not required.
- Familiarity with Santa Maria Fairpark, the Santa Barbara County Fair, agricultural events, livestock shows, or community events is a plus.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Successful Event Staff should be able to:

- Provide excellent customer service to a diverse public audience.
- Follow verbal and written instructions.

SANTA MARIA FAIRPARK

- Communicate clearly, respectfully, and professionally.
- Work outdoors and indoors in changing weather and event conditions.
- Stand and walk for extended periods.
- Lift, carry, push, or pull event-related materials and equipment as assigned.
- Handle multiple tasks in a busy environment.
- Use good judgment and ask for supervisor support when needed.
- Maintain confidentiality and professionalism when handling incidents or guest concerns.
- Represent the 37th DAA and Santa Maria Fairpark in a positive manner.

Physical and Working Conditions

This position requires work in an active fairgrounds and event environment. Conditions may include:

- Indoor and outdoor work.
- Exposure to sun, heat, cold, wind, dust, rain, noise, crowds, livestock areas, food/vendor areas, and vehicle/equipment movement.
- Standing, walking, bending, reaching, lifting, carrying, and moving equipment or supplies.
- Working around large crowds, children, animals, vendors, performers, contractors, and the general public.
- Long hours during fairs, festivals, concerts, and major events.
- Evening, weekend, holiday, rotating, and event-based schedules.

Employment Terms

This is a part-time, seasonal, temporary, or event-based position. Hours are not guaranteed and may vary depending on the Fairpark's event schedule, business needs, and employee availability. Employment is subject to applicable 37th DAA policies, State requirements, and completion of required hiring documents.

Equal Opportunity Statement

The 37th District Agricultural Association is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Employment decisions are made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, medical condition, marital status, veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable law.