



VOLUNTEER PACKET



honoring our past, celebrating our future

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL

Events Schedule

Retablos32 Exhibition Opening & Blessing of the Altars
Friday, October 25, 2019

Festival Days
Saturday, November 2, 2019 | 11am-7pm
Sunday, November 3, 2019 | 11am-7pm

Retablos32 Silent Auction
Friday, November 8, 2019



art by Tim Spencer

What is Dia de los Muertos?

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a uniquely Mexican festivity and Latin American tradition observed annually on November 1st and 2nd. Día de los Muertos is a culmination of pre-Colombian heritage and Catholic influence honoring the souls of the dead in a lively, cheerful celebration. Our ancestors and dearly departed are beckoned to return in a spirited show of music, dance, theater, visual art and most essentially through a display of altars, or ofrendas. Vibrant marigolds, papel picado, food, water, Christian Saints and symbols adorn heartfelt altars in hope that these honored souls might accept our invitation.

Now in its nineteenth anniversary, MECA's event has flourished into a month long event of festivities. It features altar and retablo exhibitions, community workshops, and a two day festival boasting a variety of traditional foods from the Americas, authentic Latin American arts and crafts, and three performance stages. MECA's Día de los Muertos: Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Future, is held at MECA's colorful, art-filled campus located at the nationally recognized historic Dow School in the heart of Houston's Old Sixth Ward. We hope you will join us for this vital community-wide cultural celebration.



About MECA

MECA is a community-based, non-profit organization committed to the healthy development of underserved youth and adults through arts and cultural programming, academic excellence, support services, and community building.





RESPONSIBILITIES



Volunteer Mission

Provide festival guests with the ultimate experience by performing efficiently with a great attitude.

Age Requirement

16 years and older.

What to Wear

Comfortable clothing with no logos and closed toed shoes. Sunscreen recommended.

Service Standards

Treat guests, sponsors, artists, and vendors as special guests. Work quickly and efficiently to accomplish all tasks. Every volunteer is a festival representative and their every action makes a lasting impression.

Volunteer Areas

Set Up – Thursday/Friday 6 PM – 8 PM, Friday 3 PM - 6 PM, Saturday/Sunday 8 AM – 11 AM

Tear Down – Saturday/Sunday 7 PM – 9 PM

Food/Drink Booths – Saturday/Sunday 10 AM – 1 PM, 12 PM – 3 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM, 4 PM – 7 PM

Interactive Children’s Activity Art Booths – Saturday/Sunday 10 AM – 1 PM, 12 PM – 3 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM, 4 PM – 7 PM

Load Out - Sunday 7 PM – 10 PM

Benefits

Light refreshments before or after your shift in the volunteer headquarters.

Free commemorative festival wristband.

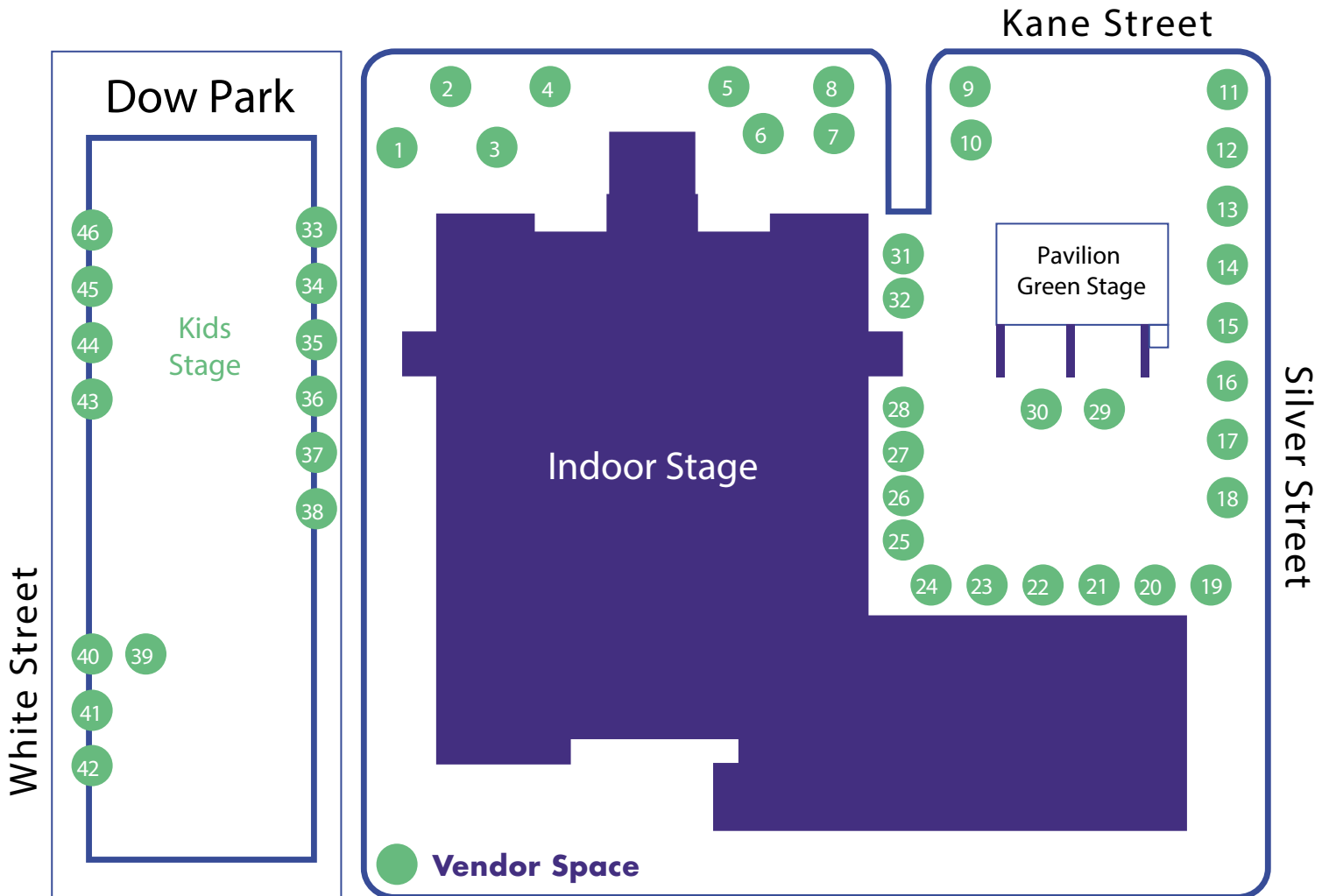
10% off festival merchandise

Eligibility for raffles and giveaways.





CAMPUS MAP





VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Employer, Organization, School _____

