

# Festival of Oaks lacks volunteers due to date conflict with Fall Break

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"Why did the town schedule the Festival of the Oaks during fall break?"

This question has been resonating among students ever since the Festival of the Oaks banner appeared at the entrance to Elon College. The answer is simple: There was no other option.

The town works with the college to make sure their events schedules do not coincide. Parents Weekend, a home football game and a function at the Elon College Community Church were

part of the reason the festival this year will be occurring October 21, during fall break.

Festival of the Oaks usually draws a large number of volunteers from Elon College through the Elon Volunteers! program.

When asked why EV! was not going to directly provide volunteers for the festival, Kate Kristian, co-director of service events, said, "We knew we wouldn't be able to provide enough volunteers due to fall break being the same weekend."

Michelle Tyndall, one of the festival's organizers

found out about Elon's fall break schedule two weeks ago and has sent out distress calls around the community.

She is trying to gather volunteers from different organizations and businesses like Friend's of Youth, Volunteer Center of Alamance County, church youth groups, and LabCorp.

Tyndall said that in order for the festival to run smoothly and effectively around 75-90 volunteers are needed. Tyndall had about 40 volunteers registered earlier this week.

The Festival this year

includes two performance stages, drawing musical acts such as Dakkota, Charisma, and Western Middle School Chorus.

There will be various dance teams, a mime, a beer garden and a moonwalk as well.

There will be children's activities set up in the parking lot of the Elon College Community Church, about 60 crafts vendors, and a variety of food vendors.

For those students who are staying at Elon for fall break, volunteering at the festival gives an opportunity for credited service hours and

the chance to interact with various members of the community.

Volunteers are still needed for the festival on Saturday. Shifts are being run in two-hour increments, but if a volunteer works for four or more hours they will receive a free Festival of the Oaks t-shirt.

For more information or to sign up to be a volunteer, call Michelle Tyndall at 584-2859 or 584-4828.

Students can also talk to Tyndall about volunteering to help plan next year's festival.

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Area Directors sponsor and organize various alumni events throughout the nation. "Networking Nights" for young alums are one example of area events that alumni and the Office of Alumni Relations coordinate.



Lee Clark '98

As a student at Elon, Lee was involved in the following organizations: Alpha Omicron Pi, College Ambassadors and the Womens Cross Country Team.

As a College Ambassador while a student at Elon, Lee learned the importance of alumni on Elon's campus. Currently, Lee is active in alumni area event planning in the D.C. and Northern Virginia areas.

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