

Dear Valley Deaf Festival Exhibitor:

There will be some changes this year, but we are excited that the theme of our 33<sup>rd</sup> Valley Deaf Festival (VDF) is "Center of Deaf Wizardry: Chambers of QuadWizards"! We are looking forward to the Harry Potter theme, and we encourage you to join us while dressing up for this fun event.

We anticipate many adults and children from all over California to come to our event. This is our special invitation to you to introduce available goods and services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in the Central Valley. Please join us in this celebration by setting up a table or booth to inform the public about your business or services and/or to sell technology, assistive devices, jewelry, videos, books, or other items you have for display and/or for sale.

2024 VDF will be on the **3rd** Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the **Junior** Exhibits Building on the Fresno Fairgrounds (1121 South Chance Ave, Fresno, CA 93702). Booth set-up can be done on Friday, November 15th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., or Saturday, November 16th, at 8 a.m. Space is limited, and we are accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Please carefully review the enclosed forms for important event and booth details. We are asking each booth participant to donate an item to be used for the raffle baskets. A limited number of sign language interpreters will be available. Please note your need for an interpreter on the application form. Parking for VDF is FREE! There will be food for sale on site. Please see the enclosed map for information on local hotels.

We encourage you to offer a special discount on this day to entice people to buy your products. If you cannot join us at VDF, please consider donating an item for our raffle baskets. Any donation you make is tax deductible, and your company's name will be added to the list of Exhibitors and Donors. Please use the enclosed forms to register, and send the completed Reservation Form with your check made payable to DHHSC at the address below. If you are planning to sell items, we will require a copy of your business license or seller's permit along with your application. If you will not be attending, please take a moment to fill out the donation part of the form and send it in before November 1, 2024.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Shelley Stout at Shelleys@DHHSC.org or (559) 408-5245. We can also be reached at (559) 225-3323, (559) 578-4117 (VP), or 559-578-4117 (Fax). We will reply as soon as possible.

Thank you, and we hope you will join us for our 33rd VDF on November 16, 2024! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

**Shelley Stout Valley Deaf Festival Committee** 

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