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CALLAWAY GARDENS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

PINE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (08/20/2019) — Volunteers are needed for an exciting opportunity to get involved as a balloon crew member at the 21st Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival at Callaway Resort and Gardens. The festival begins on Friday, August 30 and runs until Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019.

Hand-so experience with professional balloon pilots, exclusive perks, and a thrilling weekend are some of the benefits volunteers will gain at the 21st Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival.

Volunteers must be 18 or older, able to work outside without shade and able perform some physically demanding tasks. As balloon crew members, volunteers will help the pilots and crew chiefs with various duties including inflating and tethering balloons, landing assistance and
escorting guests. No previous experience is required. All that is needed is a pair of gloves and positive attitude from each volunteer.

Perks include free admission to the festival, 2 extra tickets per day of work, a ticket to the Catered Pilot’s Dinner on Friday and Pancake Breakfast each day of work and a t-shirt.

Volunteers must be available to work one full shift on at least one day of the festival. Full days are preferred but not required. Below is the shift schedule.

Friday: 6:00 pm (attend Pilot’s Dinner) – 10:00 pm
Saturday morning: 6:30 am – 11:00 am (weather/wind dependent)
Saturday evening: 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm (weather/wind dependent)
Sunday morning: 6:30 am – 11:00 am (weather/wind dependent)
Sunday evening: 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm (weather/wind dependent)

Every year, Callaway Resort and Gardens’ Hot Air Balloon Festival lights up the sky as visitors enjoy tethered rides and beach activities all day Saturday and Sunday and watch the Balloon Glows on Friday and Sunday nights. Volunteers are very important to ensure both pilots and guests have a great time.

To learn how to become a volunteer, please contact Becky Thomas by phone at (706) 663-5043, or by email at bthomas@callawaygardens.com or info@callawaygardens.com.

To learn more about the Hot Air Balloon Festival or other signature events, visit www.callawaygardens.com.

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**About Callaway Gardens**

For more than 65 years, Callaway Resort & Gardens has provided “a place of relaxation, inspiration and a better understanding of the living world” for millions of visitors. Owned and operated by the non-profit Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, the destination includes a gardens and resort on 2,500 acres in Pine...
Mountain, Georgia. Highlights include a tropical butterfly conservatory, discovery center, chapel, inland white sand beach, nature trails, a zip line/obstacle course and special events throughout the year.

In addition, Callaway Resort & Gardens offers meeting space, wedding and event venues, 674 guest rooms, a world-class spa, a variety of restaurants, shops, 36 holes of golf, tennis, fishing and more.