COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Tabling Events

Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater New Orleans (LMNGNO) is committed to providing a safe and engaging outdoor experience for all participants. To that end, we are closely following the recommendations of the CDC, local, and state officials regarding outdoor gatherings at this time.

Prior to Event (for Volunteers)

* If you have been exposed to someone who tested positive, remain at home for the duration of the quarantine period recommended by your doctor.
* Although we typically encourage carpooling for several reasons, at this time, plan independent transportation or ride with someone in your social bubble.

At the Event

* Only volunteers may handle the artifacts (like pelts and skulls).
* All volunteers are required to wear masks at all times.
* Social distancing will be provided between the volunteer table and the public by cones and ropes.
* Visitors to the table will be engaged with the artifacts through show and tell on the part of the LMNGNO volunteer instead of hands-on activities.
* Instead of hand outs, visitors will be offered literature about the organization via QR codes on the LMNGNO flag.
* Hand sanitizer and sanitizing spray are provided for the table.
* Capacity limits and mask requirement for visitors (determined by the venue) will be announced to the volunteers.

After the event

* Notify LMNGNO leaders if you develop COVID-19 symptoms within a few days of the event.
* Other volunteers will be notified without revealing details of individual initiating the notice.

If you are interested in learning more about outdoor safety during a pandemic, here is a great video produced by University of New Hampshire for training outdoor education staff. All LMNGNO leaders have participated in this training and have agreed to follow the guidelines.

Resources

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/park-administrators.html