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1. Devin Hansen has volunteered for the Wichita River Festival for more than 20 years, beginning as a volunteer of the Chamber Ambassadors, a group of community volunteers organized through the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber Ambassadors staffed all festival merchandise locations during the 10 day event. Through volunteering in this capacity, Devin became a member of the River Festival merchandise committee, which selected, ordered and distributed the merchandise, rising to the position of committee chair. After serving on the merchandise committee for several years, Devin joined the festival Operations Committee, which is responsible for all operational components of the festival, in 1999. He became the General Chair, or the head volunteer of the entire Wichita River Festival, in 2004. In 2010, Devin was selected to the coveted role of Admiral Windwagon Smith XXXVII, who is the figurehead of the event and serves a festival ambassador for the next 12 months. Devin also served for two terms on the Wichita Festivals, Inc. Board of Directors and served as the Board Chair in 2002.

Devin is also very involved in the Wichita community, serving on the Board of Directors for many organizations, including GoWichita (the local convention and visitors bureau), the Wichita Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas Humane Society, where he served as the Board President. He is active in travel industry organizations, such as the American Society of Travel Agents and serves on the President's Council of MLT Tours. Devin is an Eagle Scout and has served as the District Chair of the Quivira Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member of the Wichita Wagonmasters, a nonprofit men's group that supports other area nonprofits both financially and by providing volunteers. He served as the Captain, or president, of this group in 2008.

2. Devin has willingly taken on all duties requested of him during the Wichita River Festival. He has served in various capacities, including chair of the Tables, Tents and Chairs function area. This group is responsible for putting up and taking down equipment on a daily basis, delivering it to whatever location is in need. He has been the Lead Operations member for many events, including the Dodgeball tournament, Plunge event (an obstacle course on the river) and softball tournament.

For the last two years, Devin has served as the Lead Operations member for the Kansas Health Foundation River Run, which consists of several races including 10K and 2 mile runs, a 2 mile walk and a children's race called the Tot Trot. Over 5,000 runners participate in the event and Devin supervises hundreds of volunteers. He is responsible for all aspects of the race, including working with the Wichita Police Department to make sure the roads are closed and supervising route marshals who make sure all intersections are manned with volunteers.

3. Devin is a cheerful, energetic and enthusiastic volunteer. He willingly puts in as many hours as needed before, during and after the event each year. He promotes the Wichita River Festival in the Wichita community throughout year.

During the festival itself, he is often at the Command Center, the hub of festival operations, at the end of the day. He greets everyone with a smile and is friendly and helpful to all festival volunteers, including those on other committees. He is always willing to lend a hand as needed. He has set up fencing and driving t-posts on a moment's notice, always willing to go the extra mile.

4. Devin has frequently served in a leadership role for Wichita Festivals, Inc., including his six years on the Board of Directors. While serving in this role, the Board switched to a system of Policy Governance and Devin was one of the first Board Chairs to implement the new governing policies and procedures. Devin has also served as a mentor to new Operations Committee members. He was selected for this role in part for his positive attitude and his dependability. Devin takes his commitment to the festival very seriously and if he says he will do something, you may consider it done.

As a result of his roles in both organizations, Devin introduced the Pinebox Derby event to Riverfest to celebrate the Boy Scouts of America's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. He worked with the local council to organize and execute event finals. Over one hundred local Scouts participated.

5. Devin is dedicated and dependable. He has often volunteered for unpopular tasks no one else wanted to do, simply because someone was needed in the role. Kansas has extreme springtime weather and Devin has worked during thunderstorms, heat waves and cold weather.
6. Devin's positive attitude is apparent to everyone he meets. He truly loves the Wichita River Festival and it shows. He is frequently involved in devising skits to rally volunteers' enthusiasm each night after events are over for the day and has created awards and recognition for other volunteers.

Even though his year as Admiral Windwagon Smith is past, he continues to serve as an ambassador. He even met his wife Lisa while volunteering for the festival, making the event a family affair.

7. Devin has been a positive force each year during the Wichita River Festival. He has provided continuity in several key roles and has brought an atmosphere of fun to other volunteers who are in the midst of late nights and long hours. He is a jack of all trades, a Renaissance man who can make a speech in the community promoting the Wichita River Festival, assemble a tent or flip hamburgers for other volunteers. His attitude and commitment is what sets him apart from other volunteers. He is not focused on one specific role but is willing to jump in wherever needed.