



# Northwest Tea Festival

## *Tea Tasting at the Northwest Tea Festival*

We are looking for tea enthusiasts who are interested in leading focused tea tastings and having fun sharing their love of tea with others at this year's Northwest Tea Festival. Last year's Tea Tasting Leaders all enjoyed their experiences. It was a highlight of the festival for all who participated.

- Tasting sessions are held at the festival location in a screened area with the Tasting Leader(s) and 8 to 12 participants seated around a table.
- Sessions usually last 20 minutes (longer sessions can be scheduled). Sessions can be scheduled either day (or both) and can be repeated.

Tea Tasting Leaders are invited to select the specific content of their tasting sessions drawing on their experience and knowledge. These may include (but are not limited to):

- Tea Safaris to a county or region - Korea, China, Taiwan, India, Africa, Etc.
- Introduction to basic types of tea – Black, White, Oolong, Green, Pu'erh
- Tea brewing techniques

Teas and Tea-ware -

- Many Tasting Leaders prefer to brew teas using their own tea-ware but can also use tea-ware (tea pots, strainers, etc.) available at the tasting booth area provided by the festival. All attendees will have their own ceramic tasting cups that they will use to sample the teas being tasted so no need for additional tasting cups.
- The teas used for the tasting sessions are usually selected and provided by the Tasting Leaders. The cost of the teas consumed can be reimbursed by the festival.
- Most Leader(s) prefer to brew their own tea but there will also be staffing available to assist with tea preparation as well as setup and cleanup of the area.

Water - Filtered water at two temperatures (180°F and 210° F) will be provided.

The most successful sessions last year were those that limited the scope of the subjects covered to that which could be covered in 20 minutes. Always include some time for questions and answers. Please let us know if you have any special needs for your tasting.

Note: Tasting sessions are intended to be educational in nature and no actual sales of products are allowed. Leaders can certainly reference sources (websites, exhibiting vendors, community resources, etc) for quality teas and other tea related products.

If you are interested in participating as a Tea Tasting Leader, please contact:

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