

Volunteer Spotlight: Addie Maas

How long have you been a volunteer with MBOTMA?

Three years

What current volunteer role(s) do you have with MBOTMA?

I do a little bit of everything. I help out on most of the committees as well as make sure the festivals themselves run smoothly.

What MBOTMA volunteer role(s) have you held in the past?

I have pretty much done everything! I have helped stage manage, ticket table, merch table, you name it, I've tried it!

How long have you been part of MBOTMA and what brought you into the organization?

I have been a part of the organization since I was born! My mom played in a bluegrass band (The Christensen Sisters) so I grew up going to the festivals! She also was the showcase coordinator for a few years, so I would follow her around doing that, so that is what kind of got me interested in the festivals.



Why are you a MBOTMA volunteer?

I am a MBOTMA volunteer because I am so passionate about this organization and the music it promotes.

Do you have a favorite festival or activity at a festival?

My favorite festival is the August Fest! It is my favorite week of the summer, and its a blast getting to camp, being with friends and listening to some great music.

How has being a volunteer impacted you?

I have learned so much being a volunteer. I have met so many friends along the way. This organization showed me what my purpose in life is, and that is to promote bluegrass music.

What are some of your hobbies and interests?

I love traveling down south to different bluegrass festivals. I enjoy playing and singing with my family too! I also love playing volleyball with friends.

Do you have a fun story about being a volunteer or about MBOTMA that you'd like to share?

I went down to Raleigh, NC to the IBMA conference in the fall of 2019 as a representative of MBOTMA, and it was truly a life changing experience. I met so many great people while I was there, and it opened so many doors of opportunity. I will forever be grateful to MBOTMA for that experience.

What's a fun fact about you?

I am moving to Tennessee in January!

What would you tell a new MBOTMA member/volunteer?

You will meet some of the most caring and compassionate people in this organization. We are like a big family! It's a blast.