



REGION 17 SHOW VOLUNTEER GUIDE



LEND A HAND!

Email winterrose99@hotmail.com (c/o Laurie Mostowich) with questions or to sign up!

Whether you have horse experience or not, if you have a hankering to help, we would love to welcome you to our volunteer team!



Our show cannot run without the help of dozens of volunteers. There's no better way to get closer to the action, and learn more about our sport.

As a **volunteer**, you will

- get lots of **fresh air and exercise! learn something new!** whether overseeing ring projects, or watching horses and riders, you'll learn *a lot* about horse shows
- **connect with community!** it's a great way to meet new people or stay connected to the horse community if you're not competing **recognition!** receive a volunteer thank you gift, the gratitude of show organizers, and the satisfaction of knowing you helped the show succeed



Visit www.region17.com/volunteer for more information and to sign up



VOLUNTEER FAQs

Do I need to be a horse person or know about horse shows?

No! Although some knowledge of horses and shows is a plus, many volunteer roles don't require it.

How do I know which job is right for me?

A list of job descriptions follows, and is also available on our website.

What if my plans change and I have to cancel?

Life happens, and the sooner we know you have to cancel, the better. In the midst of the show, organizers are unlikely to be checking email. You'll be provided a number to call or text.

Can I bring a child or a friend with me to volunteer?

We love kids, and introducing them to Arabian horses. BUT not all jobs are suitable for all kids. Check with the volunteer office at volunteer@region17show.com FIRST, and we'll do our best to assign you to a kid-friendly job. Friends are welcome to pitch in..

Who do I contact to volunteer, or to see what positions are needed?

You can sign up to volunteer **here**, and check the Region17.com website for up-to-date show information

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Volunteer descriptions

Sport Horse In Hand Triangle set up / take down

Help set up and take down the in-hand show triangles. Involves carrying equipment and proper measurement of internal and external triangles.

Sport Horse In Hand Scribe

Stand with the In-Hand Judge and verify the competitor number. Write down the score and comments from the judge. Need to be able to write using a clipboard while standing.

Sport Horse In Hand Whipper In

Check the warm up area and be sure handlers are prepared and enter in proper order of go. An important role to keep the show running smoothly.

Sport Horse Gate Attendant

Under the guidance of the paddock master/hitching ring lead, ensure that horses and handlers and horses and riders enter and exit the arena safely

Jumping arena set up / take down / crew

Under the direction of the course designer, ensure course is set to specifications. Help change jump heights between divisions and reset jumps if they are knocked down.



Volunteer descriptions

Dressage arena set up / take down

Help set up the dressage ring to precise specifications. Involves carrying rails and standards. Take down after dressage classes are completed.

Dressage Whipper In

Check the warm up area and be sure riders are there, aware of the schedule, and prepared to enter in order of go. Ensure riders enter and exit ring safely. An important role to keep the show running smoothly.

Dressage Test Runner

Bring dressage tests from judge's box to scoring office. Need to make the trip every two to three rides. Don't really need to run, but is an active role.

Dressage Scorer

Secondary scorer to check scores. Use adding machine to check dressage scores. Attention to detail is important. This job involves sitting indoors.

Main Ring set up / take down

Assist in setting up main ring judges booth, including placement of furniture. Assist in hanging sponsor and patron banners.



Volunteer descriptions

Trail course set up / take down

Help set up the trail ring to the specifications of the course designer. Involves carrying rails and obstacles. Take down after trail classes are complete.

Working Western Hitching ring

Check the warm up area and be sure trail, reining and/or ranch riders are present, aware of the schedule, and prepared to enter in order of go. Ensure riders enter and exit ring safely. An important role to keep the show running smoothly.

Working Western Scribe

Stand with the judge and verify the competitor number. Write down the score and comments from the judge. Need to be able to write using a clipboard while standing.

Ribbon presenter

Assist the Ringmaster in preparing and presenting ribbons and prizes to riders. Horse awareness is important, and professional dress.

Warm up announcer

Working closely with the show steward and hitching ring master, ensure riders in the warm up arenas are aware of progress of main ring classes.



Volunteer descriptions

Main ring gate attendant

Under the guidance of the paddock master and steward, ensure that horses and riders enter and exit the arena safely. Requires diplomacy, some horse awareness, and the ability to stand for longer periods.

Hospitality

Variety of roles. Help prepare prize room and exhibitor hospitality events. Set-up for social functions; collecting Picnic in The Park tickets; delivering beverages and snacks; supporting other volunteers

Judges Escort

Pick-up and return judges as needed from airports and hotels. Best performed by someone who is not showing or otherwise in conflict.

Pre-Show Helpers

Can involve putting together exhibitor prize room welcome packets; setting up welcome refreshments, and other general help.

Ribbon delivery

Assist the Award Room leader in ensuring that ribbons and awards are available for presentation at the completion of working sessions and main ring classes