

BikeMS Citrus Tour Unit Descriptions

COMMAND POST

This is a fixed assignment located at Fantasy of Flight. Volunteers would support our primary net control operator as needed. We maintain a secondary operating position for backup communications. We need a minimum of three volunteers, preferably with strong net control skills in a fast paced environment to provide support for our NCS and monitor our secondary net.

SHADOW UNIT

A Shadow unit is a volunteer paired up with an MS Society staff member or a bicycle mechanic to provide a communications link to that member during the event. This is a very important position.

RIDE MARSHALL

If you're also a cyclist, this position is for you. Ride Marshall's bike the course along with the other participants. Marshall's provide fill-in coverage to net control and can also provide a unique perspective on the course, identifying hazards that may not be visible and accessible to volunteers in vehicles. Unlike other positions, this position requires registration as a rider and has fund raising requirements. It's ideal for cyclist who are already planning to ride or would like to combine riding and volunteering into one. Because our event repeater is centrally located, a basic UHF or dual band HT is all you need. We have a need for 10-15 Ride Marshall's.

SAG

Support and Gear (SAG) volunteers drive their personal vehicles along the course, assisting riders along the way. They are prepared to transport riders and their bicycle to the nearest rest stop, if they encounter mechanical problems or are unable to continue under their own power.

GREENWAY

Greenway's are Support and Gear vehicles that are loaned to the MS Society by Greenway Ford in Orlando for the event. These units are typically the first units on the course and the last units off. They're capable of assisting riders along the way. They are also prepared to transport riders to the next rest stop if they encounter mechanical problems or are unable to continue under their own power. Greenway's are subject to availability and returning Greenway drivers will have priority on assignments.

ROVER

Rover unit volunteers drive their personal vehicles on the course. They are capable of assisting riders along the way however they are unable to transport bicycles. Rovers help keep an eye on the course and can respond to the areas as needed.

LOGISTICS

We have one supply truck for each rest stop that will be stationed at their assigned rest stop. They will assist in unloading upon arrival and loading before departure each day. There is also a roaming supply truck, a roaming ice truck and the logistics coordinator.

REST STOP

There are as many as seven rest stops each day. Our radio equipped rest stop volunteers communicate the needs of each stop and keep net control updated on the status of each stop. Communicators also relay information to the volunteer staff as needed.

START/FINISH LINE COMMUNICATOR

A radio operator position at the start or finish line each day. They will report when the waves of bicycles are leaving the start line or cross the finish line and communicate any other needs of their respective position.

PASSENGER

A volunteer that does not wish to drive and is paired up with another volunteer. Routinely this will be an amateur radio operator to operate the radio so the driver can concentrate on the road.

NON-HAM

A volunteer that is not a licensed amateur radio operator.

COMMITTEE ONLY

A volunteer that does not work the event but is a member of the planning committee.