

Volunteer Requirement for Area VI Young Riders

Each member of the Area VI Young Rider Program must volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per membership year to the benefit of the Sport of Eventing, and the Area VI YR Program. The membership year is December 1st through November 30th. However, to be eligible for the camp discount and/or NAJYRC you must meet the volunteer requirement by June 1st.

Events are heavily dependent upon volunteers and there are many ways for each of us to participate. If you contact an organizer ahead of time they will be more than happy to find a job for you, per your schedule.

Additionally, there are many opportunities to volunteer directly toward the YR Program. Those jobs vary at each event or activity. At some events we have the YR Tent and need help setting up and manning that. Sometimes we have specific projects such as a Pancake Breakfast. At many events we offer the Rent-A-YR Program and those jobs are assigned as requests for services come in. For some projects we will circulate sign-up sheets with specific timeslots, but many times it's up to you to say "I have a little spare time, what can I do to help." Call or e-mail the Volunteer Coordinator to find out what is planned and what volunteer jobs are available. Contact info is at the bottom of this page.

Contact ahead of time is always nice, but if you find yourself at an event with time to spare, don't hesitate to volunteer. It is frequently needed and appreciated. At an event the contacts would be:

1. Show Secretary – in show office
2. YR Volunteer Coordinator – (see below)
OR.....YR Coordinator – (see below)

Volunteer Hours Report Form <http://www.areavi.org/Forms/VOLUNTEER%20HOURS%20REPORT%20FORM.pdf>. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE print out and take copies with you to events.** Keep some in your trunks. When you complete a volunteer job, just fill it out and get a signature. Do not ask Show Secretaries to stop and write a note. Please use this form, and please remember to send it to the Volunteer Coordinator. You are responsible to notify of your hours earned. The one exception on this is Rent-A-YR jobs. We have printed receipts for each "Rental" job, and the YR doing the work is named, so you are automatically credited for those jobs. For all other volunteer credit - fax or mail those forms.

Earn CREDIT with Rent-A-YR Program... Once you meet your 8 hour volunteer requirement for the year, then 50% of everything you earn in the Rent-A-Young Rider Program is yours to use as a credit toward a clinic, camp or NAYRC. Your "credit" starts to accrue as soon as you meet the 8 hour volunteer requirement for the year. You could significantly reduce the cost of YR activities this way.

So, volunteer your 8 hours (be sure to report those hours) and then start "earning credit" with rental jobs. If you wish to verify your current "credit balance", please e-mail the Volunteer Coordinator.

There are many ways to benefit and promote the Young Rider Program. If you have a suggestion, speak up!

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