



## TREK FOR HERO CAUSES, INC.

- Have you been looking for just the right volunteer opportunity?
- Do you care about our Military, Veterans, Police, Fire and EMS Workers?
- Volunteering sounds great but your time is not always available?
- Want to use your skills and talents and be recognized for your abilities?
- Looking to top off that resume?
- Are you seeking to learn new skills?

Check out the many rewarding Volunteer Opportunities available through Trek for Hero Causes, Inc.

**Logistics** – Because our work involves many different people, routes, stops, Media Pushes, and much more we need people to coordinate those activities within a small specific area on the map. They must work with other logistics volunteers to ensure that the project meshes together without missing a beat. Works under the direction of Logistics Manager/Ride Boss.

**Safety Manager** – Oversees a group of people called the “Ride Ready” team. These volunteers are responsible for seeing that all potentially unsafe areas of the ride route are properly mitigated to help reduce or eliminate hazards. Ride ready teams check all horses, all riders tack to ensure that they are ready to safety ride in a Trek for Hero Causes, Inc. activity. Safety Manager and his team are responsible for verifying the health of a horse prior to tacking up which includes obtaining health certificates and coggins. Safety Manager also obtains waivers from all riders and volunteers.

**Schedulers**– Working under the Executive Director and the Director of Logistics; schedulers make calls to Equine Assisted Therapy organizations along the way to schedule visits within a desired ride area. They also contact veterans organizations and look for local police and fire departments to stop at. They build relationships with the contacts that they make and become the go to person for that area teaming with the areas assigned Logistics Volunteers and areas Media Liaisons.

**Media Liaisons (State and City Specific)** – Do you know your local press and televised news media outlets in your area? Do you have experience writing press releases. We need skilled individuals in these jobs. We will provide training.

**Fund Raising Manager** – This individual is responsible for planning fund raising events and working with the rest of the team to execute. Fund Raising Manger speaks to potential sponsors; individual donors and follows up on grant applications. The Fund Raising Manager communicates with Qualified Stables to Assess individual needs.

**Rally Team** – This is probably one of the best volunteer positions we have. The Lead Team heads out before the rider (s) and “announces” the pending arrival of Trek. They present as general public or as a member of Trek for Hero Causes, Inc., and work to build interest, curiosity and excitement as if everyone should have known that the Trek was in their town. It is a “stealth position” but can work wonders to get the “chatter” started.

**Ground Crew** – Ground Crew members work under the Safety Manager and Logistics Manager. Ground Crews specific function is to fill in in all areas of route safety, holding or placing signs, manning tables, handing out information, setting up camp sites or horse corals. They are people who will do whatever is needed but is not required to handle horses unless they want to and have received training. Being a member of the Ground Crew is a good place to start if your not sure what you want to do.



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**Ride Ready** – Ride Ready team is made up of experienced equestrians. These people have an eye for what would potentially be hazardous for a rider and horse. They are experienced in the proper tacking of a horse for safety and horse comfort. They can recognize potential problems that a horse is having and work with the rider to clear the horse for continuation in the ride or to take the horse out of the ride. Ride Ready Team members make recommendations to the Safety Manager for removal of individuals who are acting in a unsafe manner when necessary.

**Fund Raising Team Member** – These individuals work closely with the Fund Raising Manager to assist in all fund raising activities.

**Logistics Manager**– Oversees the Logistics Team working closely with the Director of Logistics. This person has strong organizational skills. Can anticipate problems and works with other Managers to set up backup plans if necessary. They are the “conductors” of every Trek for Hero Causes project. The Logistics Manager is the Ride Boss on all local rides.

**Guardian (s)**– The Guardian works as part of the Logistics Team. This individual is teamed with the Messenger and is required to drive Truck and Trailer the entire length of the Trek or part of the Trek. They sleep in the living quarters of the trailer; check the routes that have been planned by our teams; work with our location logistics, ground crews and ride ready volunteers etc. to ensure the safety of rider and horse. They act as the Ride Boss on all out of state Rides. They are also subject to being photographed and video taped. A Trek could last 3 days or 5 months. Longer Treks can be covered by 2 or 3 Guardians. The Guardian reports directly to the Logistics Manager and Director of Logistic.

**TREK for Hero Causes, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of the public and our Heroes about the benefits of equine assisted therapies/psychotherapy as it relates to PTSD, TBI and Physical Disabilities. We support qualified stables in their efforts to provide these services; help to fund the services so that our Heroes don't have to pay. We also support other non-profit organizations working with our heroes in areas such as homelessness, unemployment, substance abuse & suicide prevention, which we believe PTSD and TBI to be the cause in most cases.**

**We bring awareness by the “Trek” which is the extreme horseback ride covering a large number of miles in a concentrated area or a wide area where we stop at the Stables providing the service, meet our heroes and fund raise along the way by educating the public.**

**All volunteers will be required to learn what we do; how we do it and our standard “pitch” before representing the organization in any capacity.**

**We need volunteers in the following States/Cities areas:**

**Alabama - Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile  
Florida – Crestview, Cantonment, Panama City  
Mississippi - Petal, Gulf Port, Biloxi  
Louisiana – Folsom, Walker, Jennings, Frierson  
Arkansas – Ward, Sherwood, Palmer,  
Rayettesville, Hackett**

**Texas – Conroe, Jacksonville, Texarkana  
Tennessee – Morristown, Collierville, Kingsport  
Thompsons Station, Murfreesboro, Cross Plains  
South Carolina - Landrum, Laurens, Aiken, Leesville  
Georgia – Dallas, Atlanta, Hampton, Savannah,  
Columbus, Hinesville, Augusta**