

## **Hello Potential Volunteers,**

We are still in need of volunteers for the Desert Storm rally which is March 13/14, 2010. It is headquartered in Blythe, Ca. We use Riverside County roads and Arizona -La Paz County roads. It is a 2 day event and we are still in need of volunteers in some areas in order to make the event successful. We have over 25 entrees for the event. We do make it fun for the volunteers.

We always have a event shirt, some Subaru swag, a drawing for some gift certificates, free volunteer lunch on Saturday and you are welcome to a Mexican food buffet at the awards ceremony on Sunday after the final stage is done, which is at approximately 2:00 pm.

### **How do I volunteer:**

Sign up via the event website under the worker tab at <http://www.desertstormrally.com/>

The direct link is: <http://www.desertstormrally.com/workers.html>

### **What do I have to do:**

We need people to help out at a start or finish time control stage. This is a really fun area due to you get to watch the vehicles come in or start, as well as meeting the competitors up close.

Also we need people to work sweep, which you get to go onto a hot stage in the back of the competitors to sweep the course. You would need a truck or a 4wd SUV. Be a part of the fun and run the stages with the competitors. We will instruct you on Friday evening on what to do.

Also, we still need some people to help out as a sand wash hooker, which means if you have a 4WD truck or SUV, helping to get rally cars through a sand wash with a tow strap and you WILL be a hero to them. Just put under the comments I would like to be a sand wash hooker for Saturday and/or Sunday, but we really need a couple of people for Saturday at this one area, less of a 1/4th of a mile, to make sure the rally cars get through this one transit road that is not ours and gets graded, but is a little bit sandy.

Any licensed ham operators out there we still need about 6 more to help out. We need you for a blockage or if you like we can use non-ham people to block a road on the course and use a FRS radio. You can watch the guys. This would be a good Saturday only task, if you can not do it for Sunday.

### **What do I get? Food? Lodging? Transportation?**

You get a event shirt, SUBARU swag, a chance for 2 \$50.00 drawings for non-ham personnel and 2 \$50.00 drawing for ham licensed personnel. This is done at the awards ceremony on Sunday.

We will have a free lunch personalized for you by our Volunteer Registrar with a sandwich, drink and you can get in for free at the I-10 Speedway to spectate at the race in Blythe later that evening to watch the rally cars run the track for their super-special and low cost eating of a hot dog or a hamburger and a drink of your choice. Watch bondeleros, Legends and Midgets and then rally cars from the Desert Storm Rally.

You are also welcome to a Mexican food buffet at the awards ceremony on Sunday after the final stage is done, which is at approximately 2:00 pm.

**Some lodging information is available at:**

<http://www.desertstormrally.com/lodging.html>

There are other hotels/motels in the areas, as well as RVs parks and campgrounds.

**What volunteering involves:**

**How many days?**

We have different varied tasks that starts from Thursday to Sunday. You can sign up through those days or sign up for Saturday or Saturday/Sunday..we really do need people for Saturday but love to have you for both days as well.

We have volunteers registration on Friday starting at 2:00 pm. to 4:30 pm and then from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Capital Suites in Blythe, Ca (check the event website of where to go) AND you can go to watch the rally cars be shown off at the City of Blythe Fire Dept and eat a really nice Spaghetti Dinner, that the fire fighters cooked up for a good cause, and the cost is about \$5.00 for a full course meal made low cost for the volunteers, etc. Check the General event Schedule for times and we will have the directions placed on the website to how to get the the fire department from Capital Suites. If you come in early to register at Capital Suites WE will PAY FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER DINNER that evening at the fire department! sign up and more info on that.

**What hours are involved?**

Thursday and Friday varies throughout the day and we might help you with some of the lodging for those days.

Saturday it is all day but your teams will vary as to when they go out to the stages. Since the California roads are about 40 miles out from Blythe, your stage captain will be talking to you about when you will be going out. We have a volunteer meeting on Friday evening to go over the information and you will meet your team and be informed on how you are going out for Saturday and for Sunday, if you can help both days.

**Am I going to be stuck at the same place all day?**

You will be put into position to make sure all controls, blockages and spectator areas are set-up and ready. Once the green light sweep has gone through and you are told the coast is clear for you to shut down your area, either you will move to another area or that is it for you that day, so you will be able to come on in and relax on Saturday, go and watch the competitors run at the track later on Saturday night or go to do whatever you like.

**What specific jobs are available?**

- Start/Finish timing controls**
- Road Blockage:** This involves ensuring that access to the race route is closed by blocking each road or intersection on the race route.
  - **FRS:** You can bring your own FRS radio or we will provide one.
  - **Licensed Ham operators:** You communicate to net control or your communication captain. You need to provide your own ham radio equipment.

- **Spectator Team marshals:** You are helping to make sure public are parking their cars correctly and staying within the barrier tape to stay safe to watch the cars go by.
- **Sand Wash Hookers:** Need a tow strap and a 4WD truck or SUV to help out if any competitor get stuck in this one sand wash that could be a little bit sandy, and you get to be the HERO.

### **Can I request a specific job?**

Yes, you can request what you like to do and when/what days you can do. We would prefer both days, but Saturday is critical since a large portion of stages are done on Saturday on the California side and there are shorter stages on Sunday. On Sunday, people can come in and enjoy the buffet or go home from their assignments.

### **What are the physical requirements? Is there a lot of walking? driving? waiting, sitting? standing?**

Not a lot of physical requirements or walking. Depending on which stages you are assigned, the driving can be around 10-40 miles from Blythe. It is around the same on both Saturday (CA side) and Sunday (AZ side). Waiting could be about 1-2 hours before the first car gets to a control or come through the stage BUT you will be doing cross checks to make sure everything is up and running and the time flies fast, this is guaranteed.

For the blockages, either the license hams or the FRS radio, you will be with your car or truck blocking a road or intersection.

Standing will be only for start and finish controls, but you will be having so much fun with the competitors coming through, you will not notice it, but when waiting for them to get there, you have time to sit down and enjoy the desert, and during this time of the year, it is really nice.

### **What is the weather going to be like?**

You can find the weather information on various weather sites, such as <http://www.wunderground.com> or <http://www.weather.com>. The current forecast seems to be highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and the lows to be in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

So if you are interested just go onto <http://www.desertstormrally.com>, look it over and then sign up by selecting the workers tab and we will get you assigned to a fun task you will be able to watch the rally cars.

This year we have several Subaru's competing and Lauchlin O'Sullivan (4th place X Games Rallyist in 2006) in a prepared Vermont Sports Car and with a highly modified Camaro by Jim Morris and a USRC Champion Keith Jackson. and so many more powerful competitors.

Any questions? Do not hesitate to ask by sending email to [marymountdenise@aol.com](mailto:marymountdenise@aol.com). We have loads of fun, so come out and enjoy a weekend of motorsports. Once you sign up, we will be giving you more information.

Thank you.

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