

Gear Grinders Volunteer Opportunities

The following list has the primary volunteer opportunities for Gear Grinder parents and volunteers. All families need to make significant contributions for the team to be successful.

Also, team riders need to volunteer at least 8 hours every season. This can include helping on some of the activities listed below but usually riders will meet their 8 hours by volunteering on trail work parties on the Island and at Port Gamble Trails.

We also need many parents to ride on training rides. That need is addressed pre-season by the head coaches.

Overall Volunteer Coordinator coordinates the various activities on this list.

Head coach, assistant coach: These positions are filled for the 2019 season, but folks should be considering stepping up into these roles next season. These require league training MTB 100, 101, basic first aid and time on the trail. Individuals in these roles take a leadership role in organizing the team, identifying needed ride support and ensuring team compliance with league rules.

Team Jersey and Sweatshirt Coordinator (in January and early February determine number needed and sizes, place order, distribute jerseys before first race)

Website, Social Media, Press releases. Work with local newspapers to get media coverage of races and other important Gear Grinder events.

Bike shop liaisons.(2) Work with bike shops on bike classes, discounts and support for fund raisers.

Chilly Hilly Marshalls. (4-6) volunteer to help Squeaky Wheels by marshaling at key spots on event route. Squeaky Wheels is a strong supporter of the Gear Grinders.

Coordinate Food on April 22, 2019, Race Day. (2) Coordinators will need to post on Signup Genius to get volunteers lined up for the food at the race.

Coordinate Food on May 6, 2019, Race Day. (2) Coordinators will need to post on Signup Genius to get volunteers lined up for the food at the race.

Coordinate Food on May 20, 2019, Race Day. (2) Coordinators will need to post on Signup Genius to get volunteers lined up for the food at the race.

Coordinate Food on June 3, 2019, Race Day. (2) Coordinators will need to post on Signup Genius to get volunteers lined up for the food at the race.

Coordinate End of the Year Party Early June. (2) Coordinators will need to line up venue and post on Signup Genius to get volunteers for the food and awards at the party.

One Call for All. One Call registration is late March. Very important fund raiser. Need individual to attend periodic One Call meetings and oversee the promotion of the Gear Grinders.

Kitsap Great Give Coordinator. A one day on-line event that is an important fund raiser. Registration closes February 28, 2019.

Rotary Auction Treasure Check Coordinator. Very important fund raiser on June 29. Coordinator works with Rotary in February and then recruits student and parent volunteers in two shifts (10 volunteers per shift) to cover the Treasure Check at the Auction.

Rotary Auction Set-up Team Coordinators (2). Registration in Spring. Each coordinator needs to recruit four student riders to help set up auction.

Farm Fresh Race Coordinator (event is in October). This is our primary community outreach event and also raises funds for the team. Coordinator begins in April and recruits team to carry out various roles including city permit, insurance, permission from venue, media, prizes, obtaining sponsors, set up, food tent.

Rotary Annual Community Grant Coordinator. Date for submission is usually mid-November. We got our bike trailer through this process. Need to begin identifying needs in September so there is time to draft a proposal.