

ADVENTURE AWAITS



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2024 Volunteer EVENT GUIDE

We Need YOU at

Hello there!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the 24th Annual Neches River Rendezvous (NRR)! This will be ANRA's first year to host the event and we are honored, excited, and maybe a little nervous, if I'm honest! We have some big shoes to fill because the Chamber always did such a fantastic job of hosting the event, but with your help, I know that we can do a fantastic job as well. If you're reading this, then you likely share the same spirit of volunteerism that I have and I'm so glad because this event will not be possible without you.

I have participated in the NRR multiple times over the years, including 2018 – that last year it was held. The NRR has always been special to me and I always hoped I'd have an opportunity to be involved again and now, I've gotten that chance, but in a bigger and better way than I ever imagined. There will be several familiar, traditional elements of the event that we will continue, such as serving lunch on the grounds of Boggy Slough and providing event t-shirts, however, we'll also introduce some new, fun ideas in 2024, such as contests and games, including a group theme contest and a race during the first flight time, allowing vendors and food trucks to set up at Boggy Slough for a festival-like atmosphere, and tons of conservation-based educational opportunities throughout the year. And if you have any great ideas, I'd love to hear them!

It's going to be a lot of work, but with your help, it's going to be worth it and a lot of fun too. So, what do you say? Are you ready to help me Rendezvous? If so, read on! The following pages contain information, such as volunteer FAQs and position descriptions, as well as a registration form, and a liability waiver.

For questions or more information, call me at ANRA's Central Office at (936) 632-7795, email recreation@anra.org, check out our website at www.anra.org, or find both ANRA's and the Rendezvous' event pages on Facebook. Thank you for joining me on this adventure. You won't regret it.

See ya out on the river!

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Angelina & Neches River Authority



the Rendezvous!

Volunteer FAQs

Why should I volunteer?

The Neches River Rendezvous (NRR) has always been a community effort and this year is no different! In fact, the event would not be possible without a team of fantastic volunteers. The NRR has been an important part of our community for more than two decades and we want to be able to continue that tradition. In addition, volunteering can also help you meet new people, learn new skills, help our environment, and most of all, it's fun!

Am I qualified to volunteer?

If you have a heart for helping others, then you probably qualify! You must also be at least 14 years old to volunteer for most positions. If you are under 18, a parent or guardian must sign the registration form and liability waiver. Please read more about volunteer positions on the following pages. Some positions require volunteers to be at least 18 years old. If you are under the age of 14 and would like to volunteer, give us a call and we can discuss some potential ideas and options.

What will I be expected to do as a volunteer?

There's a huge variety of volunteer positions available! Take a look at the position descriptions on the following pages and make sure and select what fits you best. Some positions require more time commitment than others and some are very specialized. If you want more information about a particular position, contact us and we'll discuss whether or not it's the right position for you! We welcome volunteers with all experience levels. Please do not sign up for a position unless you are truly committed to it and understand what is expected of you.

Will there be a volunteer training or meetings?

Yes! We want all of our volunteers to feel comfortable in their volunteer position. We will provide detailed, written instructions as well as in-person trainings for anyone who needs it. In addition, we will host several volunteer meetings and video conference calls in the months leading up to the event. Some of these meetings for certain positions will be mandatory. ANRA staff is also available to answer questions at any time! We will host a come-and-go volunteer interest meeting in November 2023.

How much time am I expected to commit?

You can volunteer as much or as little time as you are able to. We're just excited that you want to be a part of the NRR! However, some volunteer positions require more time commitment than others, so read more about that in the following pages. Please do not register to volunteer for a position if you don't think you will be able to commit to it. In order to earn an event shirt, you must volunteer for at least eight hours. (This includes trainings and meetings).

Can I get a certificate for my volunteer time?

Absolutely! We understand that keeping track of volunteer hours is important for a lot of different reasons and we are happy to provide you with a certificate, verifying your hours earned. We will try to keep track of all volunteer hours whether a certificate is needed or not, but make sure that you check the option that you need a certificate at the bottom of the Volunteer Registration Form.

Can I volunteer at other times aside from the event day?

Sure! If you want to participate in the event as a paddler, but still want to earn some volunteer hours, there will be a few volunteer opportunities before and after the event. Make sure you check that option on the Volunteer Registration Form.



Registration & Hospitality

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Registration Coordinator & Assistants

Greet, verify registration, assign vessel tags, & direct participants to shuttle pickup location



Sponsor Area Coordinator

Greet sponsors & direct to designated sponsor area



Goody Bag Coordinator & Assistants

Greet participants & distribute goody bags



Volunteer Area Coordinator

Greet volunteers & direct to designated volunteer areas



Lost & Found Coordinator

Collect/secure lost items turned in & distribute/verify owner of found items



Go Getters

Serve as a general "runner" to accomplish miscellaneous tasks



*Must be 18+ to be a Volunteer Coordinator

OPPORT

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Launch/Takeout Coordinators & Assistants

Greet & assist participants & verify participant/vessel tags



Signage/Tent Coordinator & Assistants

Set up signage & tents at Boggy Slough, launch/takeout areas, & river checkpoints



Van Coordinator & Drivers

Greet, assist, & check participants into vans & shuttle to/from launch/takeout locations



Traffic/Parking Coordinator & Assistants

Cone/rope off parking area & drive-thru areas & direct traffic at Boggy Slough grounds



Vessel Coordinator & Transporters

Tag & verify vessels, load on/off trailers, & transport to launch/takeout areas



Recycle/Waste Coordinator & Assistants

Educate & direct participants to recycle/waste bins & coordinate recycle/waste disposal

UNITIES

Logistics & Transportation

VOLUNTEER

Health & Safety

Checkpoint Coordinator & Assistants

Verify participant/vessel tags at checkpoints along route



Safety Patrol

Patrol route before, during, & after event to verify all participants have safely vacated the river



Radio Coordinator & Assistants

Assist all other coordinators with communication



First Aid Coordinator & Assistants

Greet & assist participants & coordinate with on-site medics



*Must be 18+ to be a Volunteer Coordinator

OPPORTUNITY

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Race Coordinator & Assistants

Verify entries, organize participants, announce start time, verify race results, & announce/award winners



Contest Coordinator & Assistants

Verify entries, organize judges, verify judge results, & announce/award winners for contests/games



Contest Judges

Verify entries, utilize judging guidelines, & complete ranking sheets for contests/games



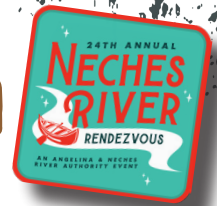
Vendor Coordinator & Assistants

Greet, verify, & direct vendors to designated area

Fun & Games

UNITIES

Volunteer Interest Form



Email this form to recreation@anra.org
or mail/bring to 2901 N John Redditt Drive, Lufkin, Texas, 75904

GENERAL VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer Name

Business/Organization Name (if applicable)

Email

Phone (Cell Preferred)

CHECK ALL AREAS OF INTEREST

Admin & Hospitality

- Registration
- Sponsor Area
- Goody Bags
- Volunteer Area
- Lost & Found
- Go Getter

Logistics & Transportation

- Launch/Takeout
- Signage & Tents
- Van/Transportation
- Traffic & Parking
- Vessel Transportation
- Recycling/Cleanup

Health & Safety

- Checkpoints
- Safety Patrol
- Radios
- First Aid

Fun & Games

- Race
- Contests & Games
- Contest Judge
- Vendors
- No preference

Please note: Each volunteer area will be headed by a Coordinator. All Coordinators must be 18+. However, additional volunteers under Coordinators can be under the age of 18.

VOLUNTEER INTEREST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about the NRR?

Check here if you have volunteered at the NRR event before. What was your volunteer position?

Check here if you will need a certificate of volunteer hours completed after the NRR event.

Check here if you would like to volunteer on the day of the NRR event.

Check here if you would like to volunteer on additional days before or after the day of the NRR event.

Check here to receive NRR text messages.

Check here to receive NRR emails.

Check here if you are under the age of 18. Please write your age here _____ if under 18. (Volunteers under 18 must have guardian approval).

Check here if you agree to and understand the following statement: Completion of this form is not a commitment to volunteer. To secure a guaranteed volunteer position, volunteers must complete a liability waiver, attend at least two volunteer meetings, and attend a short volunteer training (to be held in early spring 2024). Volunteers should also understand that information on this form is subject to Public Information Act requests.

Questions/Comments?

Thank you for your interest in volunteering! You'll be contacted soon!

START

9 MILES

8 MILES

7 MILES

6 MILES

5 MILES

4 MILES

3 MILES

2 MILES

1 MILE

END



DAVY CROCKETT
NATIONAL FOREST

NORTH BOGGY SLOUGH

HOUSTON
TRAIL

START

9 MILES

8 MILES
FOREST
BOUNDARY

7 MILES

6 MILES

5 MILES
CHEROKEE CO
HOUSTON CO
ANGELINA CO

4 MILES

3 MILES
ANGELINA CO
HOUSTON CO
FOREST
BOUNDARY

2 MILES

1 MILE
NECHES

END

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