



UNDER THE ARCH :)

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THIS MONTH'S NOTABLE ITEMS:

Upcoming Calendar
Success this month
Winter Projects
Feedback Wanted

VOLUNTEERS - MAKE OR BREAK AN EVENT!

Food for thought...

Volunteers are the heartbeat of every event, from the ones that you see when they direct you down the street to those behind the scene filling goodie bags before an event. Either way - they are a necessity. The 'BEST' volunteers are those who want to be there. Be it a friend, family member or other. Those who have been a participant or know the event are some of the best volunteers. These are the folks who "Give Back" to the sport and are a tremendous help to the event director.

Perhaps it's an injury or schedule conflict that might side line you from participating - physically - but your help directing traffic, handing out water, or stuffing event bags can always be helpful. You can still cheer on your friends while volunteering.

High School kids that need to earn volunteer hours are another group to help. They are motivated with getting hours for graduation and sometimes they can be paired with a buddy, so it's a win win.

Can volunteers get 'fired'?? Well there have been a few in my time that have. One such individual sent a race in the wrong direction arguing with the lead vehicle they were going the correct way. UGH!! Other times it can be the negative attitude or someone questioning everything you might request of them, this would require removal or perhaps moved to a non-critical location.

However you might see a volunteer - make sure you "THANK" them for being there. They can make your race a whole lot better (or sometimes more challenging)!



Notable Volunteers from the Crystal Lake Half Marathon. Karin P, Prairie Ridge Swim Team, Michelle M. and Evie the dog