

Amateur Radio Operators

You will play a vital role in the safety and control of the event by providing communication between points along the rally route. This is very important to insure the public safety and that of the rally competitors.

Vision:

What you deliver: Insure a safe event by your presence by providing excellent communication between points along the rally route.

How you deliver: Follow the Instructions of the Director of Communications and your Stage Captains. Give fellow workers and competitors a successful experience. Create a professional but friendly atmosphere for workers and competitors.

Responsibilities:

Stage Communication Operations:

Review the event communication plan and your control locations with the Director of Communications prior to the event.

Arrive on time at all meeting places and your assigned control locations.

Review the event stage communications plan with the Stage Captain when you arrive at the stage.

Assure that your vehicle is in position and that you are ready to communicate well in advance of the stage becoming active.

Assure the safety of every one at or around your control including spectators, fellow workers, and competitors.

Follow the directions of your Director of Communications and Stage Captains.

Time Requirements

Radio crews are located at the start and finish of each stage and at some midway points on most stages.

Radio crews are needed all day on Saturday. Control crews and EMT's typically head out to their control locations very early in the morning by 8 AM, and will be there until all the competitors have finished their stages at about 7 PM.

If you can not work all the days of the event, please indicate this on your worker registration form and let the Director of Communications know this before the event. If anything comes up that keeps you from attending the event be sure to notify the Director of Communications right away. For the safety of the event it is important that we fill your position!

Environment and Necessary Equipment

Of course you should bring your own radio equipment. Our Director of Communications takes care of special equipment like repeaters. If you have some special equipment that would be of use, you should contact her directly.

The areas where the stages are run is high desert, so it can start out cold in the morning, but get very hot in the afternoon. Layered clothing is important. Other items you will want to be sure to have are food and drinks. Remember you will be out in the woods (wilderness) all day! Other useful items include: folding chairs, blankets, wet weather gear, clip board, flashlight, and entertainment like cards or books while you wait for the rally to reach your control.

Vehicle Requirements

In most cases the stage roads at High Desert Trails are easy to drive to but will require driving short distances (up to 5 miles) down smooth dirt roads. A normal vehicle is fine as long as you are willing to drive it on dirt.