

Invitation to Rally Colorado, July 22-23

Hello from Rally Colorado!

We would like to invite you to volunteer for this year's Rally Colorado, based in Rangely, Colorado on July 22-23 (Saturday and Sunday).

If you're not familiar with rally racing, it's a series of time-trial "stages" on sections of road closed to the public. Each rally car has a driver and navigator ("co-driver") and cars race the stages at one-minute intervals. Most rally stages are 4 to 12 miles long, usually gravel or dirt country roads. Rally cars are equipped with full safety equipment since they're going at high speed and sometimes crash. Radio operators (usually hams) along each stage track the cars and respond if they are informed of an injury accident (fortunately these are rare).

Besides radio operators, the rally relies on volunteers who man the timing controls at the start and finish of each stage. These volunteers get to meet the teams up close. Those who have handie talkies such as GMRS units can work the Flying Finish controls, timing the cars as they cross the end of the stage at speed. These workers then report the time they clocked to the volunteers at the finish control, where the teams stop to get their time recorded.

All volunteers get an event T-shirt and goodie bag, plus a sack lunch is provided each day. In addition, there is a free BBQ dinner in Elks Park on Saturday evening to show appreciation for the workers that are essential to the rally!

There are three RV parks in Rangely for those who like to camp. Important! The rally is once again offering free lodging to volunteers at the community college dorms.

If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information, please contact me and let's talk! You can reach me by emailing me at <mpgibeault@gmail.com>, or calling me at 760-382-0821.

If you're ready to sign up, great! Volunteer registration can be found at

www.rallydata2.com

(check "Rally Colorado"). Please check the jobs you are interested in. Any other things you want to pass on can be placed in the "Comments" section. For general information:

www.americanrallyassociation.org/rally-colorado

We hope you can join us. Rallies are fun and exciting - and you will have a wonderful time!

Regards,
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