

Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for offering to help! Please share these instructions with all others on your team.

VOLUNTEER LOCATIONS:

We need volunteers at six locations:

1. Friday, October 11 -- Georgetown Running Company, [3401 M Street NW, Washington DC](#) -- Our tasks here:
 - 2:45 PM to 6:00 PM -- Set up and staff pre-race packet pick-up to distribute bib numbers affixed to timing chips, t-shirts, and goodie bags; also accept late registrations
2. Saturday, October 12 -- Fletcher's Cove, [4940 Canal Road NW, Washington DC](#) -- Our tasks here:
 - 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM -- Set up and staff race-day packet pick-up to distribute bib numbers affixed to timing chips, t-shirts, and goodie bags
 - 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM -- Set up and serve pre-race storage of personal belongings
 - 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM -- Set up and serve pre-race refreshments -- Water & Gatorade
 - 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM -- Set up start line
 - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM -- Set up and staff finish line to record order and time of finish, collect timing chips, distribute medals, and provide aid as needed
 - 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM -- Set up and serve post-race refreshments
 - 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM -- Serve retrieval of personal belongings
 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon -- Present live music by Bach to Rock Bethesda
 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM -- Clean up to leave the campground cleaner than we found it
3. Saturday, October 12 -- [Lock 5](#)
 - 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM -- Deliver provisions -- 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 tent, 1 filled five-gallon cooler, 1 filled eight-gallon cooler, 5 five-gallon filled water jugs, 1 gallon of Gatorade concentrate (makes five gallons of Gatorade) -- or powdered mix, 1 one-gallon jug for mixing and serving Gatorade, 500 paper cups, 5 13-gallon trash bags, 2 trash boxes, 1 first-aid kit, 2 space blankets, and food handling gloves -- all assembled into a bin
 - 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM -- Set up and serve on-course refreshments -- Water & Gatorade
 - 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM -- Clean up to leave the campground cleaner than we found it
4. Saturday, October 12 -- [Lock 7](#)
 - 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM -- Deliver provisions -- 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 tent, 1 filled five-gallon cooler, 1 filled eight-gallon cooler, 5 five-gallon filled water jugs, 1 gallon of Gatorade concentrate (makes five gallons of Gatorade) -- or powdered mix, 1 one-gallon jug for mixing and serving Gatorade, 500 paper cups, 5 13-gallon trash bags, 2 trash boxes, 1 first-aid kit, 2 space blankets, and food handling gloves -- all assembled into a bin
 - 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon -- Set up and serve on-course refreshments -- Water & Gatorade
 - 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM -- Clean up to leave the campground cleaner than we found it
5. Saturday, October 12 -- [Lock 10](#)
 - 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM -- Deliver provisions -- 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 tent, 1 filled five-gallon cooler, 1 filled eight-gallon cooler, 5 five-gallon filled water jugs, 1 gallon of Gatorade concentrate (makes five gallons of Gatorade) -- or powdered mix, 1 one-gallon jug for mixing and serving Gatorade, 500 paper cups, 5 13-gallon trash bags, 2 trash boxes, 1 first-aid kit, 2 space blankets, and food handling gloves -- all assembled into a bin
 - 8:30 AM to 11:45 AM -- Set up and serve on-course refreshments -- Water & Gatorade
 - 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM -- Clean up to leave the campground cleaner than we found it
6. Saturday, October 12 -- Turnaround Point
 - 9:00 AM -- Find the turnaround cones -- the west-end point on [this map](#) -- see description of WEST TURNAROUND on [the USATF-certified course map](#)
 - 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM -- Staff turnaround point until last walker makes the turnaround
 - Then please return the cones to Jay at Fletcher's Cove

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

- Fletcher's Cove is accessible from Clara Barton Parkway both WESTBOUND (away from DC) and EASTBOUND (towards DC).
- If WESTBOUND, e.g., from Georgetown, go west on M Street NW
- At Foxhall Road, bear left onto Canal Road NW
- Continue west for about 2 miles
- Stop at the stoplight at Reservoir Road
- CAREFULLY turn left across the eastbound lane and go down the driveway in front of the white brick Abner Cloud House, one of the oldest buildings in Washington DC
- The upper parking lot has 85 spaces
- When those spaces are filled, stay right and go through the tunnel under C&O Canal and Towpath to the lower parking lot
- The lower parking lot has about 200 spaces
- If EASTBOUND, e.g., from Chain Bridge, turn right to go east on Canal Road
- Continue east for about 1 mile
- Stop at the stoplight at Reservoir Road
- Turn left and go uphill on Reservoir Road
- Make a u-turn on Reservoir Road when safe
- Return down Reservoir Road to Canal Road
- Wait for the green light, then cross Canal Road and turn right down the driveway to Fletcher's Cove, then see above
- Aid stations are at Lock 5, Lock 7, and Lock 10
- Spectators can watch from Chain Bridge, Lock 5, Lock 6, Lock 7, Lock 8, and Lock 10
- The C&O Canal Towpath locks are accessible only from Clara Barton Parkway EASTBOUND
- To get to the locks, from Fletcher's Cove, go west
- At Chain Bridge, Canal Road NW becomes Clara Barton Parkway NW
- Go west on Clara Barton Parkway past Glen Echo to a crossover point on the median strip about 100 meters past Lock 10
- From that point, you can go to Locks 10, 8, 7, 6, and 5
- Signs mark Locks 10, 8, 7, and 6, but no sign marks Lock 5 -- about one mile east of Little Falls Pumping Station, look for the spiral ramp pedestrian overpass above Clara Barton Parkway, and turn right onto the gravel parking area with the portable toilet -- that's Lock 5

SET-UP:

- Early morning on race day, the aid station director pre-positions the provisions at each of the three aid stations
- Thus the provisions you need are on-site on race day -- except please bring a bag of ice from your freezer in a plastic bag or an ice chest -- please bring as much bagged ice as you can carry
- Optimally, each aid station has four volunteers
- Carry your provisions across the small wooden footbridge over the C&O Canal and set up on the margin of the Towpath, near the footbridge, but not obstructing the Towpath or the footbridge
- Unfold the table and chairs, open the tent, and place trash boxes with plastic trash bags 20 meters east and 20 meters west of your aid station
- Please wear food-handling gloves at all times
- Please pour 100 cups of water
- Then mix a 1-gallon jug of Gatorade (1 part Gatorade + 4 parts water), and please pour 16 paper cups of Gatorade

HERE COME THE RUNNERS!

- Your first runner passes your aid station around 9:15 AM (Lock 5), 9:30 AM (Lock 7), 9:45 AM (Lock 10)
- Your last walker passes your aid station around 11:00 AM (Lock 10), 11:30 AM (Lock 7), 12:00 noon (Lock 5).

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS:

- In case of ANY runner who stops, call the race director at 703-927-4833
- **In all cases, render aid immediately -- prompt first aid / CPR can save a life**
- If a runner cannot continue but is uninjured, conscious, and lucid:
- Ask, "are you OK?" and additional questions to establish lucidity
- Ask permission to assist. If the runner grants permission, then ...
- In cases of severe injury or illness -- hypothermia (too cold), hyperthermia / heat exhaustion (just tired) / heat prostration (can't talk, can't move) / heat stroke (unconscious), a deep laceration, a puncture wound, an insect sting if the runner is allergic, a broken bone or a compound fracture, food poisoning or related illnesses (diarrhea, vomiting), shortness of breath, profuse sweating, pale skin, or highly flushed skin, call 911 immediately, assure the runner that help is on the way
- Do not stop rendering aid until either you are relieved by another trained person or 911 help arrives
- Get the runner off the Towpath and into a position where 911 emergency responders can wheel a stretcher to the person
- On a cold day, provide fluids and warmth, and allow the runner to recover in the warmth of one of your cars
- On a hot day, provide fluids and shade, allow the runner to recover in the shade inside one of your cars. Do not place ice on the person, but give the person a plastic bag full of ice, to be applied at will
- If the runner does not grant permission, call 911 and report your emergency
- In either case, do NOT allow the runner to continue
- If the stopped runner simply cannot continue but is lucid, transport the stopped runner back to Fletcher's Cove to be reunited with family or friends
- If a runner cannot continue but is injured, please wear gloves before handling
- Ask permission before touching the runner in any way. If the runner grants permission, then perform necessary first aid. Wash any wounds, cover any wounds with bandages or gauze wrap from your first-aid kit, and use adhesive tape to secure the wrap.
- In the case of a muscle strain, wrap the affected area to prevent further strain
- Apply ice for a few minutes, then let up for a minute before re-applying, so you don't freeze the skin
- If the runner does not grant permission, offer water and bandages so the runner can self-wrap and ice so the runner can self-treat
- In some cases, after medical treatment, a runner may be able to get up and continue on
- I have been felled by foot blisters twice at marathons, then got up after treatment and finished -- it wasn't fun
- In case of serious illness or loss of consciousness, consent to treatment is implied. Call 911 immediately.
- Then provide first aid as above if you are certified or if you feel protected by DC's and Maryland's Good Samaritan Laws

Thank you for serving!

- Please call with any questions
- Jay Jacob Wind, director
- Safety And Health Foundation
- 703-927-4833
- Adrienne Doherty, race director
- 703-309-6657