

## **HORSE TRIALS VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Cross Country Jump Judge**

**When:** Friday afternoon, all day Saturday

**What it is:** volunteer sits near a jump and records horses as they clear it (or don't). Some will have radios to report to cross country controller.

**Who can do it:** anyone who can write, and pay attention for ten seconds out of every two minutes. Older kids ok.

**Why it's fun:** you get to be very close to the action, and once in awhile a score runner comes by to bring you candy.

### **Dressage Scribe**

**When:** all day Friday

**What it is:** scribe sits next to judge and records judge's scores and comments.

**Who can do it:** someone who has legible handwriting (on second thought, nevermind that, we're not the ones reading it), who likes dressage at least a little bit.

**Why it's fun:** you'll actually learn stuff.

### **Warm-up Steward**

**When:** all three days

**What it is:** Simple- stand with a clipboard in the middle of horses whizzing past you and try to get the attention of the next rider to go in. Also answer "how many before me?" about a million times. Fend off pushy trainers. Try not to get run over.

**Who can do it:** Assertive people with voices that project. Teachers and actors are good.

**Why it's fun:** You're in the middle (yes the actual middle) of the action. If you always wanted to direct, this is your chance.

### Timer

**When:** all three days

**What it is:** a stopwatch and a lot of power. This is good and bad.

**Who can do it:** Meticulous types who will record to the 10th of a second. Must be able to multitask (watch horse and push button at the same time). Kids with adult OK.

**Why it's fun:** champions are made and lost by tenths of seconds. What's not fun about that?  
Close to the action. Unstrenuous and ok for kids with adult.

### Roads & Tracks Judge

**When:** Saturday morning only

**What it is:** recording horses as they go through compulsory markers.

**Who can do it:** everybody.

**Why it's fun:** it's pretty boring, actually. But you get to see the steeplechase from there.  
Nice, low-pressure job. Good for kids.

### Steeplechase timer/judge

**When:** Saturday morning only

**What it is:** recording time and jumps as horses complete their steeplechase round.

**Who can do it:** Adults who can multitask a little.

**Why it's fun:** because Steeplechase is really, really cool. You don't get to see this very often.  
Riders are having a great time and love you for being there.

### Vet box timer

**When:** Saturday morning only

**What it is:** as horses come in to the vet box you start your timer and follow them around till it's time for him to go out to cross country.

**Who can do it:** Adults who don't mind being on their feet and in a busy place.

**Why it's fun: because the 10-minute box is an exciting atmosphere, and you will learn stuff just by watching.**

### **Secretary's tent**

**When: All three days, all the time, you might as well bring a sleeping bag**

**What it is: Answering zillions of questions from competitors and everyone else, and finding the right person for those answers you don't know (but don't worry, a lot of them are the same question over and over- you'll know them all by Sunday night.)**

**Who can do it: Adults who can be friendly even in the face of tired, dirty, cranky riders.**

**Why it's fun: We're not really sure. But you are really close to the food concessions.**

### **Dressage Bit Check**

**When: Friday all day**

**What it is: You will stick a finger in each horse's mouth to make sure his bit is legal. (We'll give you gloves- nobody loves horses that much.)**

**Who can do it: Adults who are comfortable with their fingers in between horses' teeth.**

**Why it's fun: It's up close and personal.**

### **Dressage score-runner**

**When: Friday all day**

**What it is: You will pick up finished tests from each dressage arena and deliver them to the scorer. You will not pass Go or collect two hundred dollars. You will walk a straight and narrow path in a direct line with the tightest grip you can imagine on these tests.**

**Who can do it: great kid job. Two kids are better than one.**

**Why it's fun: you feel really important. Almost like you're carrying highly sensitive, top secret documents. Like the fate of the world might rest with your ability to deliver these documents. Ok, maybe that's getting a little carried away...**

### **Stadium Jump Crew**

**When: Sunday all day**

**What it is: You will sit ringside and wait for poles to get knocked down. Then (looking both ways before you enter the arena) you will sprint to the pole and replace it. No one will cheer for you, but they are quietly appreciative.**

**Who can do it: Anyone with legs and eyes. Kids are the best, really- no offense to all you grownups.**

**Why it's fun: if you care who wins, it's fun to watch. If you don't care who wins, it's still fun to watch. And there is a lot of junk food provided to keep you going.**

### **Pizza Runner**

**When: Friday lunch time and Sunday lunch time**

**What it is: Call in pizza order, drive to get it, bring it back for volunteers**

**Who can do it: someone with a car.**

**Why it's fun: people love you when you bring them pizza.**