

2026 Paul Giblin Memorial Climb to the Clouds Volunteer Descriptions

Racing anywhere in the world wouldn't exist today without the help and dedication of volunteers who help make events run smoothly and safely. Closing roads, providing accurate communications, registering race teams & media reps, inspecting race cars, overseeing spectator areas and orchestrating a competition is no easy task. However, being a volunteer at a world-class motorsports event like the 2026 Paul Giblin Memorial Climb to the Clouds could be the ultimate experience for any race fan. At Mount Washington, you'll be an integral part of the event and have a chance to meet many of the drivers and crew members. Best of all, as a volunteer you're likely to be almost as close to the racing action as the drivers are!

One thing that's significantly different with the Climb to the Clouds that differs from many other motorsports events is that many of our volunteer positions are located above tree line (from 4,000 to 6,000 feet above sea level) on New Hampshire's Mount Washington. This means that if you end up working above tree line, there's a good chance you'll be exposed to a variety of changing weather conditions throughout your shift. That said, you'll need to prepare accordingly by packing cold & wet weather gear in order to stay warm and dry should the weather change as it often does.

The following descriptions outline the various volunteer positions needed to support this hillclimb which is scheduled for August 7 - 9. Please know that everyone who volunteers at this historic event is greatly appreciated by the organizers, the drivers and the crews who make up this event! Please note that ALL volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and must be able to verify their age at the time of registration.

COMMUNICATIONS VOLUNTEERS (FCC LICENSE REQUIRED)

The primary job of communications volunteers at this event will be to provide a "Safety Net" for Officials during the hillclimb. There are many people involved in providing Communications and it takes precise teamwork. The primary task of the volunteers supporting the "Safety Net" includes providing clear, concise and consistent communications between the various check points along the 7.4 mile hillclimb course and "Control Officials" located at the Start area. Communications volunteers are positioned along the 7.4 mile course below tree line and above tree line which means there's a good chance that you'll be exposed to a variety of changing weather conditions throughout your volunteer shift.

CORNER WORKERS

These Volunteers staff approximately 32 corner locations along the 7.4 mile hillclimb course from the start to the finish and use flags to communicate safety conditions to drivers. Corner worker locations are located both below and above tree line which means there's a good chance that you'll be exposed to a variety of changing weather conditions throughout your shift – so you'll need to be prepared for changing weather. Corner Workers serve as a vital link between the Chief of Corner Workers, the Chief Safety Steward, the Chief Steward and the drivers at all times and their efforts keep the hillclimb moving forward in a safe and controlled manner.

SPECTATOR MARSHALS

Because of its size and the amount of acreage it covers, the hillclimb requires a large number of volunteers to cover the various trail crossings and spectator areas along the 7.4 mile hillclimb course. Crew sizes will vary from two to eight or ten volunteers. They will be responsible for setting up and ensuring the safety of a particular section of the course during the hillclimb. In order for the event to be safe, as well as successful, a number of Spectator Marshall crews will be required to oversee the numerous trail crossings and spectator areas this particular event has. Those interested in volunteering as a Spectator Marshall should have an understanding of “guest service” skills as well as a demeanor that allows for successful interaction with race fans, officials and hikers as well as representatives from the media and very likely, local and state government officials – often in challenging weather environments.

Paddock Volunteers

We will be welcoming 80 of the top race, rally and hillclimb drivers & teams in the world. As such, we will be providing each team/competitor with space in our “Paddock” and “Service Park”. As a Volunteer in this area, you'll be helping to set-up, maintain and break down the Paddock & Service Park locations which are located at the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road. Paddock Volunteers should have a solid understanding of “guest service” skills as well as a demeanor that allows for successful interaction with race teams, fans & officials as well as representatives from the media – often in challenging weather environments.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

In addition to the volunteer positions described above, there is also a need for volunteers to assist with event set-up & take down; driver, media & volunteer registration; distributing volunteer lunches; opening & closing ceremonies and awards; maintenance; security and parking & traffic control. Volunteers for these positions will primarily be working at the base area of the Mount Washington Auto Road – often in challenging weather environments.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have interest in joining us as a Volunteer, we'd very much enjoy hearing from you! Please send an E-mail with any questions you may have directly to the Chief of the specialty you'd like to volunteer for - please be sure to include: your name, age, telephone number, E mail address and when you'll be available for this person to contact you.

Chief of Volunteers & Corner Workers: Kathy Moody rallykat158@yahoo.com

Chief of Operations: David Swenson dj.swenson@outlook.com

Chief of Communications: Ed Rhodes warapres@gmail.com

Chief of Spectator Marshalls: Alex Korovkine wildpilot75@yahoo.com

Chief of the Paddock: JB Swan raceman77@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION DATES & TIMES (all positions):

Volunteer Registration will take place at either the "The Lodge" or the "Media/Registration Tent" at the Mount Washington Auto Road (depending on what day you sign in) – both are located on Rt. 16 in Pinkham Notch, Gorham, NH. Dates and times are listed below:

Thursday August 6, 2026 10:00am-8:00pm The Lodge (upstairs)

Friday August 7, 2026 2:00pm-6:00pm Media/Registration Tent

Saturday August 8, 2026 2:00pm-6:00pm Media/Registration Tent

Sunday August 9, 2026 TBD

BASIC TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR HAM RADIO OPERATORS, CORNER WORKERS, SPECTATOR MARSHALLS AND PADDOCK VOLUNTEERS:

(Please note: the times listed below are approximate)

Thursday August 6, 2026 6:30pm to 8:30pm Volunteer Meeting in large tent Orientation and assignments from your specialty chief

Friday August 7, 2026 6:30am to 1:00pm Half-Course Practice

Saturday August 8, 2026 6:30am to 1:00pm Half-Course Practice

Sunday August 9, 2026 7:00am to 5:00pm Climb to the Clouds

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS (available to ALL 2026 volunteers):

Complimentary access to on-site Volunteer campground Thursday through Sunday Camp

sites are available to Volunteers only. Available on a first come-first served basis

(the number of camp sites are limited!)

Limited edition Volunteer 2026 Climb to the Clouds Event T-shirts

Freshly-prepared lunch with bottled water provided each day you volunteer Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Invitation to “Climb to the Clouds BBQ & Party” - Saturday, August 8, 2026 (6:00pm-9:00pm) One

“Climb to the Clouds BBQ & Party” ticket per Volunteer (guests not allowed)

