



2026 DGPA Volunteer Assignment Area Descriptions



Area Assignment Physical Demand Key Rating Scale: 1 (low) – 3 (high)

- ALL EVENT WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS WILL HAVE TO USE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES, AND BE ABLE TO WALK LONGER DISTANCES.
- ADDITIONAL WALKING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH EACH DAY.
- FINAL ASSIGNMENT LETTERS AND SHIFT TIMES WILL BE SENT OUT APPROX. 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

EVENT WEEKEND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Circuit Marshals

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 19.5 hours of volunteering over 3 days, either the AM, PM, or All-Day shift, with shift times approximately 5-6 hours each event day Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

Circuit Marshals check for proper credentials to control access to restricted areas such as pit lane, the paddock, pedestrian Bridges, street level crossings, etc. They have varying specific responsibilities depending on the team/area in which they work. Depending on the assignment location, Circuit Marshals will work to direct public vehicle traffic inside the circuit, screen for parking passes, enforce credentials, and control pedestrian flow around roadways and parking lots.

The physical demands of the essential functions for a Circuit Marshal include standing and walking, sometimes for long hours. Working outdoors requires physical strength and stamina to endure the potential weather elements, including extreme heat, cold, rain or other conditions. There may also be frequent interruptions and loud noise levels, consistent with those of a professional motorsport event.

Circuit Marshals enjoy helping others, are not afraid of hard work, long hours and standing on their feet most of the day. They remain calm and levelheaded in stressful situations, differing weather conditions, provide security with a smile, are quick learners, and able to follow rules and guidance. Great communication skills, the willingness to get involved and the ability to thrive under pressure are essential to this assignment. Circuit Marshals work with a diverse group of volunteers and event staff, all to provide excellent guest experience.

Assignments are made by shift, approximately 6-1/2 to 7 hours each, with an all-day option that is approximately 12 hours. Volunteers are required to work on all three days of the event. Specific shift times are determined by the event schedule for May 29 – 31, 2026

Please note activity requirements: You will have a long walk, or need to climb stairs over the track, to reach your assignment from the parking structure. This is a standing assignment.



DGP Display Services

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 15 hours of volunteering over 3 days, either the AM, PM, or All-Day shift, with shift times approximately 5-6 hours each event day Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

The DGP Display Services volunteers will be stationed at race-related displays inside of the event venue in multiple fan activation areas. The main role of volunteers within this department is to enhance the event experience by facilitating the operations of branded displays throughout the venue (i.e. mock podiums, Detroit GP Indy car, etc.). Volunteers will interact with guests, providing the opportunity to take photos, maintain lines, and assist with any interactive elements. Walking is required both to get to your location and to move around the display. Each display requires standing for long periods. All displays require knowledge of the Detroit race venue and our race weekend schedule, which will be provided prior to the event. You may be required to work a different Display each day. Friendly, helpful and outgoing volunteers are needed in this area to enhance the event experience for our patrons.

NOTE: This DGPA race weekend area is separate from signing up to work on the Promotions Committee or Show Car Team. You will also need to sign up again for these committees as well. The time commitment is separate.

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Event Ceremonies

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 27 hours of volunteering over 3 days, Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st. Due to the unique responsibilities of this department, one shift is available for approximately 9 hours each day.

The Event Ceremonies team assists with producing Opening Ceremonies, Winner's Circle Ceremonies, Autograph Sessions and other fan activities. Typical duties include setting up and taking down signage, decorations, and fencing, escorting VIPs to and from the stages, managing the lines at autograph sessions and other duties as they arise. Members must be able to walk distances and climb the stairs over the track bridges without effort and lift and carry 25 lbs. Team members should have good communication skills and be able to interact professionally with VIPs and guests. Familiarity with moving around the event venue is a plus.

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Food Services

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 21 hours of volunteering over 3 days, either the AM, PM, or All-Day shift, with shift times approximately 7 hours each event day Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

This area is unique in that we serve our fellow volunteers. Food Service Volunteers help prepare, serve food, beverages, and moral support to our volunteers during race weekend. Duties include setting up and maintaining the DGPA food distribution area(s), signing in volunteers for lunch, serving coffee donuts and bagels, preparing, cooking and serving lunches and distributing beverages. You may be asked to carry boxes to and from the food storage truck, ice bags, or beverage cases. If you choose to serve food, you will be standing for long periods of time on concrete. Helpful, friendly volunteers are required. We will have 3 shifts: a set-up shift (6AM to 1PM, setting up each morning and assist with serving bagels, donuts & coffee as well as lunches); a clean-up shift (12 PM – 7PM, assisting with serving lunches, daily clean up and tear down), and an all-day shift (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM assisting with setting up for lunch and serving, some clean up).

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Guest Navigators

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 18 hours of volunteering over 3 days, either the AM, PM, or All-Day shift, with shift times approximately 7 hours each event day Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

The Guest Navigation team greets guests, race fans and visitors around the circuit & hotels. Providing them with directions, venue and race information as needed. We're stationed at the Ren-Cen, Millender Center, Hart Plaza & Paddock, providing the most feasible way, for guest to reach their destination. We're the mobile "Information Crew" and it's imperative that we know all facets of the venue. Members of our team will have a friendly smile, pleasant demeanor and great attitude. Shifts times are scheduled around gate opening and closing to the public. This area requires a volunteer commitment of (minimum of 18 hours over race weekend) at least one shift per day, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. May 29th – May 31st, 2026.

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Hospitality Services

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 17 hours of volunteering over 3 days, either the AM, PM, or All-Day shift, with shift times approximately 6 hours each event day Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

Volunteers assigned to this area should expect to stand for the majority of their shift, climb multiple flights of steps, work outdoors, and may be fully exposed to prevailing weather conditions.

Volunteers will control access to the suites and hospitality areas at various locations around the venue to ensure only properly credentialed individuals are permitted to enter. Team members may also be expected to assist Partners to transfer materials in and out of secured storage, provide information and/or directions to anyone seeking assistance, inspect suite facilities throughout the day for concerns, and/or serve in a concierge role. Volunteers have an opportunity to assist at various pre-race events held with our Partners and/or Media and assist during “Load-in” prior to event weekend, when Partners bring event materials to the suite area. Team members should have a positive attitude, excellent communication skills, friendly demeanor, and be adept at providing directions to locations around the venue to ensure Partners and their guests have an enjoyable experience. Volunteers are required to work a minimum of one 6-hour shift all 3 days of the event: May 29 – May 31, 2026.

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Information

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 17 hours of volunteering over 3 days, either the AM, PM, or All-Day shift, with shift times approximately 5-6 hours each event day Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

Information volunteers assist spectators and participants by providing event information including the event schedule, ticket and hospitality access details, directions to desired locations throughout the event venue, and managing the Lost & Found services. Volunteers will be assigned to booths in high-traffic locations around the race circuit and will use written materials provided in the booths to direct patrons. This busy area needs active, friendly volunteers with enthusiasm for the event and the city, people skills, and a welcoming smile and attitude. Information volunteers must work all 3 days (3 shifts) of the event weekend, May 29-31, 2025. The AM and PM shift commitment each day includes one break. Lunch will be taken after the morning shifts and before the start of the afternoon shifts. You will receive confirmation of your assigned booth location and hours prior to the weekend event. You will need to check email for all notifications.

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Media Center

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 18 hours of volunteering over 4 days, either the AM or PM, with shift times approximately 6 hours each event day Thursday, May 29th – Sunday, June 1st.

Media Center volunteers provide a pleasant, secure and organized work environment for print, broadcast, social media and photojournalists along with league/team/manufacturer/event PR staff assigned to cover the event. Typical volunteer duties include checking credentials to ensure Media Center access is authorized, assisting media and PR representatives to locate their assigned seats, use of common office equipment and communication radios, preparing designated areas for press conferences, and providing wayfinding assistance within the Renaissance Center which may include greeting and providing directions upon arrival in select parking garages. The nature of the work is primarily media guest service within the Media Center and assisting media with navigating the race venue. Volunteers will be asked to rotate through tasks during each shift.

All functions are service oriented and require situational awareness, attention to detail and knowing when an issue or request should be referred to a manager. We aspire to have a positive team environment and strive to provide superior customer service while having an enjoyable weekend experience ourselves.

Volunteers will be scheduled to work based on the operating hours of the Media Center. We ask for a minimum commitment of 3 days during the four days we cover. [Thursday through Sunday of race weekend.]



Shuttle Services

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 17 hours of volunteering over 3 days, either AM, PM, or All-Day with shift times approximately 7 hours each event day Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

Shuttle Services volunteers will staff shuttle stops around the venue including along Jefferson, the Riverwalk, and Hunting Place. They will be assisting or transporting eventgoers via golf carts, with special attention to those with disabilities. Team members will alternate golf cart driving duties with performing other tasks assigned by their team captain (i.e., volunteers do not have a dedicated golf cart for their full shift). In addition to transporting, volunteers will also stand, greet guests, and potentially walk to assigned areas and between shuttle stops throughout the weekend. Strong communication skills, attention to detail, and being observant are all required to succeed in this area. **Golf cart training and a valid driver's license are required.**

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Ticket Services (Ticket Scanners and Ushers)

Hours Commitment: Requires a commitment of 16.5 hours of volunteering **over 3 days**, either AM, PM, or All-Day with shift times approximately 6 hours each event day Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

Ticket Services volunteers are stationed at the admission gates of grandstands and rooftops to ensure that only guests with proper tickets are allowed entry by scanning and verifying tickets. They play a vital role in enhancing the guest experience, guiding guests to their seats, managing entrance and exit traffic, and offering directions to nearby concessions, displays, or the Paddock. Within the grandstands, volunteers assist with seating issues and respond to questions or concerns with professionalism and care.

This role is best suited for individuals who are friendly, enthusiastic, and possess a positive attitude, excellent communication skills, and a knack for troubleshooting.

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Volunteer Resource Pool

(FIRST YEAR MEMBERS ONLY - 1-, 2-, OR 3-DAY COMMITMENT, TOTAL OF 2 SHIFTS REQUIRED)

Individuals seeking a variety of experiences during the event weekend should be drawn to this assignment area. Members assigned this area provide support during the event weekend, serving as supplement staff for other volunteer areas on an as-needed basis. Assistance may be required in a wide range of areas such as Circuit Marshals, Food Services, Guest Navigators, Hospitality Services, Ticket Services, or others. Volunteer Resource members must commit to working a **minimum of (1) full day (equivalent to two shifts), or (1) shift on each of two days during the event.**

PRE-EVENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Credentials

Hours Commitment: Required minimum commitment of 25 hours pre-event work and 1 event weekend shift required Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

Volunteers will prepare, organize, process and issue credentials to all Media personnel, volunteers, staff, service, and support workers. This area also does some off-site credentialing on Race Weekend, along with the preparation, assembly, and distribution of packets for DGPA members. Volunteers assigned to this area require developed clerical and face-to-face customer service skills. Work is scheduled on weekdays and some evenings beginning May 6th during the weeks leading up to the race. We will also be working on two Saturdays, May 9th and 16th. The two weeks leading up to Race Weekend are the busiest workdays, and volunteers assigned to this area will be required to work some of their hours during these weekday sessions. All volunteers assigned to this area will be asked to provide a schedule outlining their hours of “availability” to work weekdays, Saturdays and Race Weekend. Shifts are flexible, so volunteers can work long, all-day schedules or split their required work commitment (25 hours) into shorter shifts over multiple days. Until Friday of race weekend almost all our work is done in the off-site credential office. Beginning Friday of race weekend and continuing through Sunday, we will need volunteers to staff multiple pit redemption booths.



On-Track Services

Hours Commitment: Pre-event work is encouraged and 13-hour event weekend shifts (all 3 days, 6:00AM-7:00PM) are required Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

On Track Services volunteers work closely with the event’s Operations staff to assist with operational support and facilities preparation prior to, during, and after event weekend. Pre-event tasks include tire barrier assembly, traffic control, and other general problem-solving. Volunteer activities start a few weeks before the event with work sessions some weekday evenings and Saturdays. Final preparation work sessions will take place during the day and evenings the week prior to the event. Event weekend responsibilities are varied and include Car Corral operations, facility support, track maintenance/repair, call center, meal preparation, and more. Volunteers are encouraged to assist in multiple areas. Volunteers normally work beyond the standard three-day commitment, attendance at pre-event work sessions is strongly recommended. More information can be found at www.trackservicesdgp.com.

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Transportation and Delivery Services

Hours Commitment: Pre-event work is encouraged and 12-hour event weekend shifts (all 3 days, 6:00AM-6:00PM) are required Friday, May 29th – Sunday, May 31st.

Volunteers handle requests from the Grand Prix Staff and the DGPA involving a wide variety of tasks that interface with almost every facet of the race. People and items are constantly being transported, starting two to three weeks before the race. Various vehicles are provided, but work in this area also requires strength, dexterity, able-bodied arms and legs. Volunteers should be ready and willing to lift heavy objects and carry them for some distance and carry them up and down stairs. A lot of walking may also be required. If you wish to work in this area, you must be able to lift and carry heavy boxes and objects of various sizes, you must have a valid driver's license: please indicate your license number on your application.

Advance Pre-Race work 4-5 weeks before the race is handled from the CDGP office and during race week the Transportation Office location in the Old Grand Prix offices. People with daytime availability are particularly needed.

Post-Race (Monday through Thursday) availability is also needed. All volunteers assigned to this area will be asked to provide a schedule outlining their availability to work 4-5 weeks before the race and 2-4 days after the race.

Assignment to this area requires commitment to work at least one full day before the race, at least one shift each day of race weekends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and/or a day or two after race, completing a minimum of 25 hours.

"We are a fast pace sometimes high stress area to work in but with teamwork we get the job done. All we ask is think long and hard is this the right area for you if so we can't wait to work with you." – Tim Allen, Department Manager

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