

Volunteerism

A volunteer is “a person who offers himself or herself for a service without obligation to do so.” Without such persons, we could not have a horse show, let alone a Regional Championship Show! Volunteering is as beneficial and rewarding to the volunteer as it is helpful and necessary for our Arabian Horse Shows.

During our Region 10 Championship Show we need approximately 20 volunteers each day. We run three sessions each day and ask volunteers to help for one session per day; of course, we would not refuse extra help. Working at a horse show is a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new Arabian Horse enthusiasts. You need not be a “card holding” enthusiast. We welcome everyone: friends, relatives and acquaintances. It is also a chance to be a part of the behind the scenes action at our show. You will see what it takes to keep those wheels turning.

Duties may include working at the barn office to assist people in finding stalls and ordering bedding and hay. There are duties at the gate and paddock, doing announcing, manning the gate and passing out awards. Center ring responsibilities include assisting with pictures and coordinating awards.

This year we wanted to reward and provide an additional incentive for our helpers. We held a daily drawing for \$100. It was great fun for me to have the privilege of presenting a deserving person with a crisp \$100 bill each day. Our lucky winners in 2008 were Christi Cardenas, Anita Grant, Nancy Seward, Amanda Solie and Chuck Biersborn. A huge thanks to these deserving winners and to all our 2008 volunteers.

Our 2009 Championship Show is June 10-14 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. We will once again be calling on all Region 10 Members to step up and do their share through volunteering. Please consider giving a hand to help make our Region 10 Show the best in the country.

Sincerely, Ann Benson
Region 10 Volunteer Coordinator