

# JOIN THE VP CREW!

Velo Promo is looking for a few good folks to join our staff team, and make our races possible in 2023. We've proposed an ambitious schedule for next year, and both operational cash and volunteers have been coming in to make it happen. However, the third leg of our operation, the regular Velo Promo staff, is looking thin number-wise indeed, what with retirements, marriages and staff moving out of state. You've seen these people at each race, a core of registrars, support vehicle drivers, set-up and take-down personnel, volunteer coordinators, and key and replacement course marshals. (And of course, the local program needs a lot more USAC officials or races cannot happen at all).

These are all regular hourly paid part-time positions, involving 8-12 hours in a weekend, and sometimes weekday work, spread out over the season. No one works all the races, and some only work a few each year, but all are essential to the operations of these races. Staff personnel work at the races they want to, but we need to get advance commitments to cover the events. Prior experience is not required, and all positions are trainable. However, prior training in first aid, traffic control, data entry and/or other skills are useful. Necessary lodging and meals are provided, as well as gas reimbursements. Starting base hourly pay is \$15. (not much, but a lot more interesting than McDonalds). Of course, the many more volunteers who work with staff are essential as well. The positions are as listed below.

**Registrars:** We need two at each race, with laptops and printers, to check in pre registered riders and sign up race day entries, and to enter results and distribute prizes. They need to become familiar with Ontheday.net, our results publishers, and the BikeReg site as well. (We hope to be providing the laptops and printers, subject to some pending sponsorships).

**Support Vehicle drivers:** at the road races, we need more follow and sweep vehicles, which can be volunteers, but need a coordinator who is also a driver. Vehicles need bike racks or interior storage, and both drivers and vehicles must be registered with the USAC so that we can provide insurance; we provide signage, radios and gas.

**Set-Up and Take-Down:** several hours prior to the first event of the day, and usually two hours after the last event, Staff personnel work with volunteers to erect signage (often far from the course itself), barricades, fencing, course tape, cones, tables, canopies, safety pads, the official's stage and much more. These people are often also key and replacement course marshals as well and/or drivers.

**Volunteer Coordinators:** One person at each race to coordinate, inform, equip and place the volunteer course marshals (whether individuals or as part of volunteering clubs and other organizations), to be sure that all positions are covered for adequate safety.

**Key and Replacement course marshals:** in addition to the volunteers, staff personnel often fill in as course marshals either mobbing around as replacements, or staying in key positions to assure continuity.

**USAC Officials:** the NCNCA is looking for more riders, ex riders, friends and family to become licensed race officials, the folks running the cameras, scoring the races, judging the finishes, riding the motorcycles, and/or enforcing the rules. These are paid by Velo Promo, but assigned by the NCNCA official's committee and the Chief Refs. Contact Ryan Fu at [officials@ncnca.org](mailto:officials@ncnca.org)

If you have an interest in keeping these races going, and would like to get more involved than a once-a-year situation, please consider joining the staff of Velo Promo for the 2023 season. Contact Robert Leibold at [velopro1@gmail.com](mailto:velopro1@gmail.com) or 209 604-1354.