



Summer Splash
General Volunteer Needs

The following is a description of each volunteer position at Summer Splash. There may be times when more or fewer people are needed at a station, and you may be asked to switch stations from time to time to provide breaks for others.

Each position is available until an individual commits to volunteer for that station for one or both days. Positions are filled on a first-sign up, first-reserve basis. If you are interested in one of the following positions, contact us to reserve your spot ASAP.

Prior to participating, all volunteers must complete a volunteer application and sign the DS/USA Liability Waiver and Photo Release.

For questions or to sign up please contact Jeff Dick at (907) 344-7270 or by email at jeff@challengealaska.org

The following positions are available (including number of volunteers needed per position/station):

- Canoe/Kayak/Paddle Board Station: 3
- Tubing Station: 3
- Pontoon Boat / Jet Boat Station: 2
- Personal Watercraft Station: 2
- Water Ski Manager: 1
- Water Ski Fitters/Starters: 4
- Registration: 2
- Food: 2
- PFD/Wet Suit Station: 2
- Jumpers: 4
- Photographers: 3
- Spotters: 4

Canoe/Kayak/Paddle Board Station: two people, at least one will get wet to calf/knee. Primary responsibilities include;

- Maintain a list of participants wishing to paddle
- Manage list to ensure that participants have opportunity to paddle in order they signed up, to greatest extent possible
- Ensure that all participants are wearing a wrist band, indicating that they are a participant and have signed the liability waiver prior to participating
- Ensure all participants are wearing a properly sized personal flotation device
- Orient participants to safe paddling, inform them of no-paddle zones and restrictions on usage
- Teach basic paddling strokes to participants from dry land and in water
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Tubing Station: three people, at least two will get wet to waist. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ongoing communication with boat driver/spotter/jumpers
- Maintain a list of participants wishing to ride
- Manage ride list to ensure that participants have opportunity to ride in order they signed up, to greatest extent possible
- Ensure that all participants are wearing a wrist band, indicating that they are a participant and have signed the liability waiver prior to participating
- Ensure all participants are wearing a properly sized personal flotation device
- Orient participants to getting into/out of tube safely
- Assist participants into/out of tube
- Assist with launching tube/receiving tube at end of each ride
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Pontoon / Jet Boat Station: two people, neither of which should get wet. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ongoing communication with boat drivers
- Maintain separate lists of participants wishing to ride both the pontoon boat and jet boat
- Manage ride lists to ensure that participants have opportunity to ride in order they signed up, to greatest extent possible
- Ensure that all participants are wearing a wrist band, indicating that they are a participant and have signed the liability waiver prior to participating
- Ensure all participants are wearing a properly sized personal flotation device
- Orient participants to getting into/out of boat safely
- Assist participants into/out of tube
- Assist with launching tube/receiving tube at end of each ride
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Personal Watercraft Station: 2 people who will get wet to their waist. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ongoing communication with drivers
- Maintain a list of participants wishing to ride
- Manage ride list to ensure that participants have opportunity to ride in order they signed up, to greatest extent possible
- Ensure that all participants are wearing a wrist band, indicating that they are a participant and have signed the liability waiver prior to participating
- Ensure all participants are wearing a properly sized personal flotation device
- Assist drivers as needed with helping participants onto/off of personal watercraft
- Assist with launching /receiving personal watercraft as requested by drivers
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Water Ski Station Management Station: one person who will not get wet. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ongoing communication with boat drivers and fitters/starters
- Maintain a list of participants wishing to ride
- Manage ride list to ensure that participants have opportunity to ride in order they signed up, to greatest extent possible
- Ensure that all participants are wearing a wrist band, indicating that they are a participant and have signed the liability waiver prior to participating
- Ensure all participants are wearing a properly sized personal flotation device
- Introduce skiers to fitters/starters as appropriate to keep the flow of skiers progressing
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Water Ski Fitters/Starters: four people who will be fully submerged. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ongoing communication with station manager, boat driver/spotter and jumpers
- Ensure that all participants are wearing a wrist band, indicating that they are a participant and have signed the liability waiver prior to participating
- Ensure all participants are wearing a properly sized personal flotation device
- Assist participants with finding correct size skis for body frame and experience level
- Work with sit skiers to fit cages to best positions on Freedom Ski or Kan Ski
- Explain basics of water skiing to participants to improve likelihood of success
- Bodily assist participants with getting out of water and stable as needed when starting
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Registration Station: two people who will not get wet. Primary responsibilities include;

- Greet participants as they arrive
- Ensure that each participant has completed all necessary paperwork including registration form and DS/USA waiver prior to participation
- Collect program fees as necessary
- Provide participants with wrist band to facilitate access to venues
- Provide general orientation to participants regarding location of event and stations
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Food Station: two people who will not get wet. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ensure that all participants are wearing a wrist band, indicating that they are a participant and have signed the liability waiver prior to participating
- Assist the cook with any necessary tasks as needed
- Assist with transporting food to dining area as needed
- Engage in conversation with participants
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

PFD/Wet Suit Station: two people who may get wet from wet articles. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ensure that all participants are wearing a wrist band, indicating that they are a participant and have signed the liability waiver prior to participating
- Assist all participants with finding and securing a properly sized personal flotation device
- Assist water skiers with finding and securing a properly sized wet suit
- Remind participants not actively engaged in a venue/waiting on a venue to return PFD's and wet suits to station to allow others to use
- Make best effort to keep track of PFD's & wet suits
- Hang PFD's / wet suits at end of day to protect gear from damage
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Jumpers: four people who will be fully submerged. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ongoing communication with station manager, boat driver/spotter and skiers
- Assist fallen skiers back into a starting position
- Remind skiers about the basics of water skiing to improve likelihood of success
- Bodily assist participants with getting out of water and stable as needed when re-starting skiers
- Assist participants into boat when unable/willing to re-start on skis
- Oversee and enforce all safety and general operations of the station

Photographers: three people who may get misted. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ongoing communication with venue operators on land and in water
- Photo document event from variety of locations including in boat and on land
- Protect cameras from damage

Spotters: four people who will ride in various boats and may get misted. Primary responsibilities include;

- Ongoing communication with boat driver, station managers on land and participants
- Keeping eyes on participants at all times while boat is in motions
- Communicate to driver immediately if an unsafe situation arises or if a person falls into water
- Communicate between boat driver and participants without taking eyes off participants
- Communicate any concerns to boat driver immediately