

Choosing Your Committees

Field Committee . . . The field committee is one of the largest committees. Aeronauts work under the direction of the Field Committee Chair. The committee is responsible for the set-up/tear-down of the tents, site preparation prior to the event, field maintenance during the event, and the tear down/clean up at the end of the event. Field set-up is the Tuesday and Wednesday before the event and field tear-down begins on Sunday as soon as the balloons have left the field and continues on Monday with a final walk through. The more Aeronauts who sign up for set-up and tear-down the quicker and easier the field committee duties will be completed.

Parking . . . The parking committee assists with traffic and parking in the park during the event. This year the Aeronauts will not be directing traffic outside the park . . . they will check parking passes, direct cars to the proper parking area based on their pass, and show the cars where to park. Aeronauts helping with parking need to report to the park at approximately 3-3:30am each morning. Those who also want to crew will be able to crew can sign up for the Mass Ascension the same days they are signed up for parking. If you plan help with parking please do not sign up to crew for the Glow Shows or Dawn Patrol on the days you are signed up for parking.

Crewing . . . The crewing committee is responsible for working with the pilots to help with the layout, inflation, launch, chase, take down, and pack up of the balloon and equipment. There is a huge need for Aeronauts for crewing as each pilot needs at least 4 crew people. If you sign up to crew you **MUST** attend a crew training session prior to the event. Insurance liability requires that even returning Aeronauts must attend a training session each year. If you sign up for crewing you can also sign up to help with parking as long as you plan on crewing only for Mass Ascension and not the Glow Shows or Dawn Patrol.

Merchandise . . . The merchandise committee is responsible for working in the official GRBR merchandise tent and assisting in the set-up/tear-down of the merchandise displays. The merchandise committee oversees the selling of GRBR merchandise. If you sign up for merchandise please do not sign up for any other committees on the same days you sign up for merchandise.

Hospitality . . . The hospitality committee is involved in the planning, set-up, and management of several social gatherings and tailgates parties. The committee will staff and manage the Cloud 9 VIP Club and assist in setting up the Pilots' Welcome Party. Please do not sign up for any other committees on the same days you sign up for hospitality.

Membership . . . The membership committee is probably the smallest committee, but it is the committee that works almost all year. The committee oversees the recruitment of new members and the care and maintenance of current members. The committee distributes the shirts, ID badges and parking passes to the members at the "Walk Thru". The committee establishes the reward system and appreciation gift. Most of the recruitment and other duties take place in the months leading up to the event and the months after, during the event the committee helps man the information booth and the Aeronauts tent. During the event it is possible to help with the Aeronaut tent or information booth and crew on the same days . . . you can crew for the Glow Show and Dawn Patrol and then help with the later membership shift . . . or work the early membership shift and then crew for Mass Ascension.

Please remember that if you sign up for shifts on any of the committees it is important that you report for those shift assignments . . . and that you let your committee chair know if something comes up that will prevent you from working your shift. With crewing . . . if someone does not show up for their shift it could mean that the pilot that they are assigned to may be able to fly that morning.