

UA Crew Volunteer Descriptions

Each family is required to select a **minimum of 3 regatta-specific volunteer positions or 1 season long position**. You will receive an email that contains a link to *SignUpGenius*, and a description of each position. Regardless of your shift, *you will always be able to watch your child race* (exception: some Haxton operations shifts); simply excuse yourself for the race and return to your post after the race.

SEASON LONG POSITIONS

Choose 1 of these slots:

Chuckwagon Hauler: This job requires the "hauler" to provide a pickup truck (or equivalent vehicle with a "tow package") capable of pulling the small, covered trailer that transports tents, tarps, food supplies, a propane grill and cookware. The UA Crew budget compensates for gasoline to and from the regatta sites. If you are experienced in trailer driving, but don't currently have a vehicle up to the task, let us know in case there is a need for a substitute driver. This position requires regatta attendance and a truck with towing capacity.

Tarp Cleaner: When bad weather strikes, our tarps can get rather muddy. Cleaning works well with a broad driveway and a hose (or even better...a power washer), a fence on which to hang the wet tarps and a few parents to clean, dry, fold and return the tarps to the chuck wagon before it departs for the next regatta. Does not require regatta attendance.

Water Filler: Clean, fill, and deliver the 5-gallon water jugs to the High School when buses depart for each regatta. Meet buses when the team returns to pick up empty jugs. Local regattas water require transportation directly to the regatta site, not UAHS. Requires regatta attendance for home regattas only.

Propane Filler: Coordinate with the chuckwagon driver and food co-chairs to ensure all propane tanks are filled prior to the departure of the chuckwagon for each regatta. Does NOT require regatta attendance.

Chaperones: All chaperones ride the bus to and from regattas and are provided with a complimentary hotel room for overnights. The chaperones help the coaches keep everything running smoothly. They have the first aid kit; oversee roadside stops and food breaks; solve problems; make sure no one is left behind; accompany the team when restaurant stops are scheduled; sleep with one eye open in hotels and remind athletes to pick up their stuff. If you are a parent of a novice athlete or varsity parent who has never chaperoned a regatta, and are interested in volunteering, below are the steps you take to consider being added to the approved chaperone list. Many parents believe the best volunteer position. This DOES require regatta attendance (often several per season to maintain continuity for our student athletes & it helps to learn the ropes the more you attend).

Contact the chaperone chairs at chaperonechair@uacrew.org to understand requirements about the position.

1. Complete USRowing SafeSport training
2. Have a UA Schools clearance for volunteering with students.
3. Apprentice at two regattas

Banana Bread Baker: Bake 4 loaves each of banana bread (or other quick breads) prior to each regatta. Anything prepared must be NUT FREE. Can be baked ahead and frozen. Must coordinate with the food chair to ensure the bread is on the chuck wagon prior to regatta departure. Bread should be pre-sliced and wrapped. Does NOT require regatta attendance.

Bacon Prep: Each cook /bake/grill 7-ish pounds of bacon (team-provided) per regatta day prior to each regatta. Must be fully cooked, covered and ready by date coordinated with food chairs (normally Thursday evening of each regatta week) prior to the departure of the chuck wagon. Does NOT require regatta attendance. Fun fact – bacon is the single highest expense in the food tent.

Shopping assistant: Buy groceries, paper products, and non-perishables needed for the food tent at the regattas. (Team pays.) Ensure there are enough plates, napkins, cups, utensils, sternos, etc. for multiple meals for 100+ people. All items need to be on the chuck wagon prior to its departure for the weekend. Does NOT require regatta attendance.

Lanyards: Design and produce lanyards for parents/guardians to wear at regattas. Using the photos taken during Meet the Team and information from the team rosters, make lanyards that function as nametags and help families to match kids with parents.

OR

REGATTA VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Choose 3 of these slots:

Food Tent (Breakfast Set-up, Early Morning Breakfast, Breakfast and Lunch, Lunch and Clean-up, Teardown): Working in the food tent is a great way to meet other UA Crew parents! This spans multiple shifts throughout the day. Working as a team to open the food tent, prepare breakfast for the group, do any chopping required for lunch, prepare lunch, replenish food, do dishes, do any snack preparations, and pack snack bags for the buses for the trip home (all depending on what time of day the shift is). As items are no longer needed for the day, begin to pack items up and transport back to the chuckwagon. During the last hour or so of the ending shift of the regatta, tear down tents and put everything back into the chuckwagon. Athletes will also be assisting with teardown and loading the chuckwagon.

AND

HAXTON OPERATIONS VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Choose 2 slots: (This is not a full list of Haxton positions. Each job has a description on the SignUp Genius.)

Registration:

- Ensure all waivers and payments are complete.

- Distribute bow marker packets to coaches.
- Verify receipt of bow markers.

Tent City Setup:

- Mark and label team tent sites.
- Ensure proper spacing and boundaries.

Unloading/Loading Chuckwagons:

- Drive Gater to assist teams with transporting heavy items from parking area to tents.
- Only transport, not responsible for other teams' tent setup.

Chuckwagon Coordinator:

- Assist with chuckwagon parking.
- Ensure proper spacing and emergency access.

Medals:

- Organize and distribute medals to teams after races.
- Ensure proper medal counts and coach pick-up.

Shell Trailer Setup:

- Assist with efficient trailer parking.
- Maintain space for loading/unloading shells.

Site Setup:

- Set up cones, signage, and equipment.
- Prepare finish/start lines and clean-up.

Lunch Runner:

- Pick up and deliver lunches to specific locations.

Hospitality Suite Setup/Host:

- Set up and operate the hospitality suite for spectators.

Hospitality Suite Food Runner:

- Deliver food for the suite's breakfast and lunch.

UA Boosters Food Tent Cooks and Servers:

- Prepare and serve food to spectators.

Launch Boat Driver (Referee):

- Drive a boat for a USRowing referee (requires pre-regatta training).

Launch Boat Driver (Safety Patrol):

- Drive a safety boat, assist in case of emergency (requires pre-regatta training).

Launch Boat Assistant:

- Assist the driver and help rowers during in case of emergency.

Launch Dock Hands:

- Direct the launching of shells under supervision.

Trash:

- Use a Gator to collect and dispose of trash and maintain cleanliness.
- Resupply port-a-johns with toilet paper, disinfect handles.

Tear Down:

- Coordinate with the director to clean and pack up after the event.

Timers

- Work as a member of the timing team to measure and report all race times. (Requires pre-regatta training.)
- Timers must be able to devote 100% attention to the job for the duration of the shift.