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# SERVICE 2020

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**Trail Clearing / Convention Planning / Volunteers / Thank You!**



The Equine Distance Riding Association has made it a habit to express gratitude towards those who volunteer their time and labor to help this organization succeed. Erin Putnam has headed up EDRAs service program for the last several years.

Erin says: “In the spirit of allowing everyone to experience the joy of giving, all members are encouraged to volunteer within the organization in some way throughout the year. Volunteering is also an excellent way to gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to put on an event, meet other riders, and collect nuggets that could come your way from

**Photo includes several of the volunteers, their horses, and dogs who came to Renegade ride camp in June and July to clear trail for the 2020 ride.**

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ride managers, vets, and veteran distance riders.

Some of the ways in which you could volunteer at a ride are clearing/repairing/marking trail, mapping loops, making flyers, filling lime jugs, tying ribbons on clothespins, pulsing horses, putting numbers on horses, scribing for a vet, registration table, timing riders as they come into/out of vet holds and the finish, crewing for riders, making/delivering food to vets/other volunteers, driving water truck/filling tanks, unmarking trail by taking down ribbons/scratching out lime, and any other task that might be needed by the ride manager or other leaders at the ride/event. No experience necessary — all you need is a willing attitude and someone will show you how to do any of the required tasks.”

I would personally like to thank Erin for tracking volunteer hours, all who helped organize the 2020 Convention that was cancelled due to COVID at the last moment, our committee and board members, past presidents, vice presidents, and past board members.

Last but not least; all who helped at Renegade Ride camp in 2020. Jenny and Ben Westling, Julie Barnfather, Rick Harne, Cortney and David Honan, Trudy (Cortneys Mom, Dad, and Brother), Sandy and Guy Cheek, Chad and Robin Cozby, Jessica Veal, Craig and Barb Upchurch, Bobbie, Joeseoph, and Ava, Gail and Mike Williams, Tim Pillo, and Nicole Mayfield. Also, our great “motorcycle gang” who comes with chainsaws and axes to clear our fifty mile loop.

*“It is time for us all to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever — the one who recognizes the challenges and does something about it.”*

*-Vince Lombardi*



**Volunteers checking in riders at a rides registration in 2019. Pictured, Sandy Cheek who was acting ride steward at this ride. Kathleen Pillo and Robin Cozby registering riders. The Steward is present at registration to answer questions in detail while allowing the registration process to be efficient.**