

**2018 KTA Trail Challenge
HAM RADIO OPERATOR VOLUNTEER GUIDE**

Radio Operators should bring the following:

- Folding or camp chair
- Folding table
- Watch
- Insect repellent, sunscreen
- Appropriate clothing /raingear
- Radio and/or H.T. with enough power for the day.

EVENT SCHEDULE

50k Registration: 5:30 a.m. to 6:55 a.m.
50k Start: 7:00 a.m.
25k Registration: 6:30 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.
25k Start: 9:00 a.m.
Checkpoint #1: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Checkpoint #2: 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Checkpoint #3: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Otter Creek Gate Station: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
25k & 50k Finish: 7:00 p.m.

General Responsibilities

Volunteers at Checkpoints

- Relay information to the Radio Headquarters at Otter Creek Campground
- You and a checkpoint volunteer will cross off bib numbers on “bingo” sheet
 - During breaks, cross-reference with their list to ensure ALL participants are accounted for.
- Relay the names/numbers of all drop-outs or no-shows to HQ at Otter Creek Campground
- Remain at the checkpoint with the Checkpoint Crew Leader until each participant has been accounted for **and Official KTA Trail Sweeps, not Radio Sweeps** have arrived from the previous checkpoint, and provided you with the “ALL CLEAR.”
- After this has happened, and the Trail Sweeps for the next section have departed, communicate the “ALL CLEAR” to HQ and the next Checkpoint.
- After checkpoint closes, radio ahead to see which checkpoint needs supplies.

Volunteers as Radio Sweeps

- Hike along with Official KTA Trail Sweeps **behind the LAST participant.** Do not leave before the last participant and do not hike too far ahead of the Official KTA Trail Sweeps.
- If someone needs aid, contact Radio HQ. If the participant is mobile, accompany them to the next checkpoint. If they are unable to go that far, try to get them to the closest road crossing. If the participant can't move, contact Radio HQ. If no reception, one sweep should stay with the participant while the other sweep seeks a communication site.
- When you arrive at the next checkpoint, identify yourself as the Radio Sweep to the Checkpoint Crew Leader.
- Transportation should be planned in advance from the end-point back to your vehicle.

Volunteer Location	Volunteer Arrival	Start	End of Shift	Teardown
50k Start (Pequea Creek Camp) Parking	4:45 a.m.	5:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
50k Start (Pequea Creek Camp) Registration	5:15 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
25k Start (Susquehannock S.P.) Parking	6:15 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
25k Start (Susquehannock S.P.) Registration	6:15 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
CKPT #1: Pinnacle Overlook	6:45 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
CKPT #2: Lock 12	7:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
CKPT #2: Traffic Safety & Spotters	7:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
CKPT #3: Posey Road, SGL #181	9:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Otter Creek Gate Station	10:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m. (50k cut-off)	4:45 p.m.
Finish (Otter Creek Camp) Set Up & Coordinators	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.

Finish (Otter Creek Camp) (t-shirts, water, medals)	10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
Finish (Otter Creek Camp) Parking Shift 1	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	
Finish (Otter Creek Camp) Parking Shift 2	11:45 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.

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