



IRONMAN Foundation Volunteerism Grant Program

The IRONMAN Foundation is thrilled to support deserving organizations within the Augusta River Region, and will be awarding \$18,000 in grant funding this year to nonprofits with a volunteerism component. To date, the IRONMAN Foundation has awarded a total of \$237,000.00 in grant funding to over 170 non-profit organizations in the Augusta River Region.

The IRONMAN Foundation® creates positive, tangible change in IRONMAN race communities by engaging athletes and volunteers to participate in programs that demonstrate service through sport and commitment to community. Since 2003, over \$55,000,000 has been provided through IRONMAN charitable giveback programs including The IRONMAN Foundation to more than 10,000 local, regional, national and global nonprofit initiatives. Through these partnerships, IRONMAN athletes are powerfully linked to the community and together we leave the IRONMAN legacy behind in our race communities long after event day. For more information on The IRONMAN Foundation and programs, including Team IMF, Community Fund, Your Journey Your Cause, and Women For Tri, visit www.ironmanfoundation.org.

Volunteering as a Group:

We love our teams, organizations, clubs, businesses, and other groups at IRONMAN® 70.3® Augusta! The only way volunteering at our race could be more fun is if you do it with 20 or more of your closest friends! First, elect a main point of contact (POC) for your group who will become the liaison between your group and the Volunteer Director for IRONMAN® 70.3® Augusta. Your POC should then:

- Look over the volunteer opportunities on the next page and choose the volunteer opportunity or opportunities that look like the best fit for your group.
- Email Heather O'Brien, Volunteer Director at im70.3augusta@ironmanvolunteers.com or call 706-722-8326, ext. 3 to officially sign-up your group. You will then receive a Volunteer Group Agreement which outlines the responsibilities including dates to have volunteers registered and when paperwork needs to be submitted, etc.
- After your group is officially signed up, you will receive a specific passcode for your volunteers to use on the registration page to sign up online at: ironman.com/im703-augusta will also enable volunteers to begin receiving emails directly from the Volunteer Director which helps get out important information about where to go and when to be there!
- Attend mandatory meetings. *First Captains meeting is June 13, 2023 at 6pm. 1010 Broad Street.*
- If your group is applying for an IRONMAN Foundation grant, applications must be turned in by the required date.
- Show up and have a blast volunteering at IRONMAN®70.3® Augusta!!!!

For more information: Contact the Volunteer Director, Heather O'Brien at im70.3augusta@ironmanvolunteers.com or by calling 706-722-8326, ext. 3.

Group Volunteer Opportunities for the 14th Ironman 70.3 Augusta **September 24, 2023**

Crowd Control: navigate crowds away from safety personnel and vehicles in case of an emergency and/or direct spectators away from designated boundaries.

Run Course Aid Stations: Each designated aid station will be provided with hydration and nutrition for all athletes on the run course. A minimum of 20 members are needed at all times to stock tables of drinks, refill coolers, replenish food, and to cheer on the athletes as they run by the station.

Course Marshals (7:30am – 1pm, 12:30pm – 5:30pm): Volunteers will be assigned in pairs at intersections along the run course & bike courses. Volunteers will help ensure the run & bike courses are kept clear of spectators and vehicle crossing.

Transition Areas: The Transition areas are the enclosed areas containing the athlete's bikes and gear and is the busiest staging grounds of activity for the race. Volunteers are necessary to keep spectators out of the transition areas, direct athletes to their assigned lines and answer basic questions. Volunteers will help athletes transition from the swim to the bike and bike portion to the run portion of the event. During the event, volunteers play the very important role of traffic cops - directing participants in and out of the appropriate entrance/exit of the transition area and continue to maintain spectator distance from this busy hub of activity.

Relay Pens: assist race coordinators in managing the athletes participating in relays and directing traffic throughout transition.

Shuttle bus hosts: extra happy volunteers needed to be on each athlete shuttle bus as it stops as Swim Start and Transition to help athletes get excited for the event.

Site Breakdown (4:00pm – 7:30pm): assist race staff with taking down signage and packing up supplies.

Gear Pick-Up (9:30am – 2:30pm): match the athlete's bib number with the correct gear bag number to ensure that the correct bag is returned to the athlete.

Post Race Wrap-up Crew (Monday morning): assist staff with post race clean up at the Augusta Common.