

Introductions

Say hi to at least two new people.

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**Name
& pronouns if desired**



**Favorite mode of
transportation**



**Why you are
volunteering for
Open Streets**

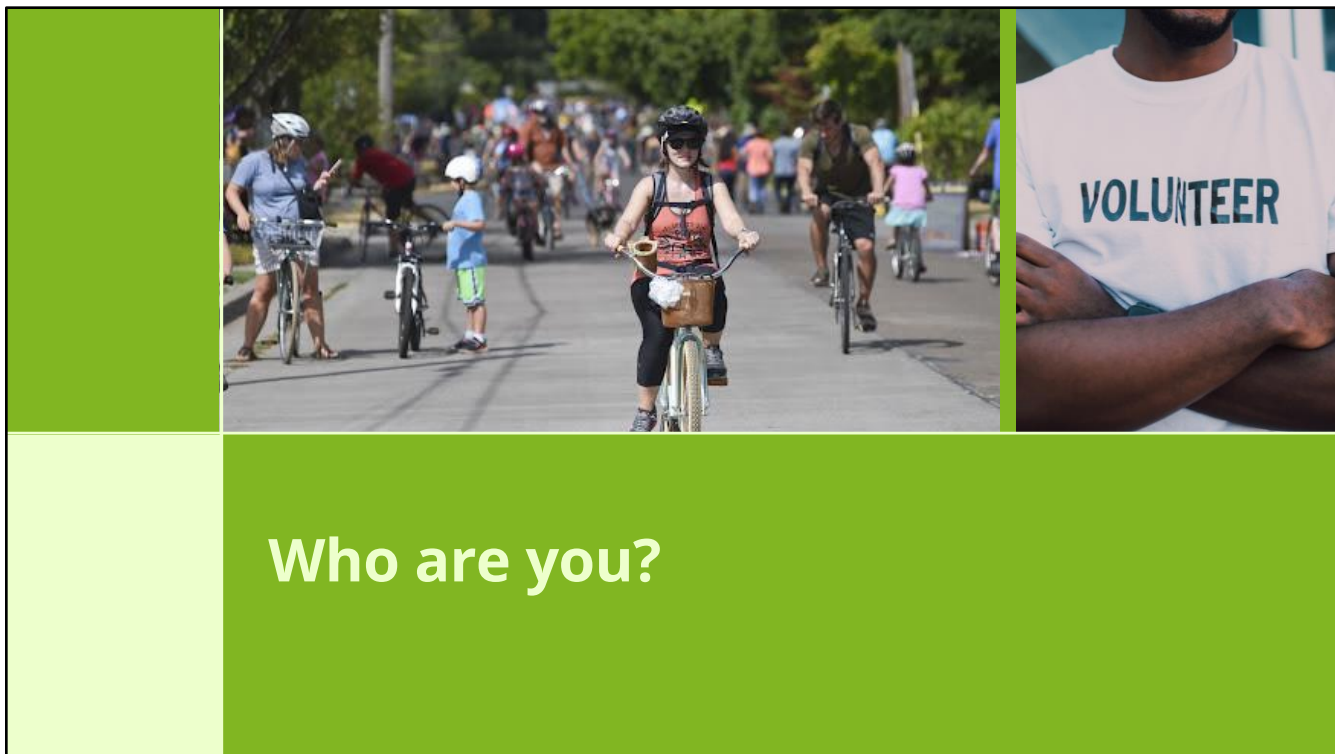
Please take a moment as we're getting settled to meet at least two people you don't know yet.



Volunteer Orientation & Social 2026

[Presenter intro]

Open Streets Corvallis connects neighbors and neighborhoods through active transportation and creates spaces where people want to walk, bike and play.



Raise your hand if you have volunteered with Open Streets before.

Great, a lot of you have volunteered before! If you're new, these folks are a great resource for you.

Now raise your hand if you're new to Open Streets.

Welcome, we're so happy you're joining us.

Overview



10 blocks
of city streets free of
automobile traffic



100+ volunteers
make Open Streets possible



**2,000+ Community
members**
can safely walk, bike and roll in
the streets

So what is Open Streets Corvallis? It's a free a community festival that reimagines a stretch of city streets - as a place for people to walk, bike, and play.

This year features 10 blocks of Downtown streets free of automobile traffic.

More than 100 volunteers make Open Streets possible.

Each year, over 2,000 people attend the event.

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SUNDAY JUNE 28
11 AM-3 PM
RIVERFRONT PARK TO THE SKATE PARK

A free community festival that re-imagines a stretch of walkable, bikeable city streets for people to explore!

FREE event shuttle!

MAP KEY
 - Event Route
 - Vehicle Crossing
 - Shuttle Stop
 - Activity Hub
 - Point of Interest

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CORVALLIS sustainability COALITION
Benton County HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PACIFIC POWER. POWERING YOUR GREATNESS
Oregon State University Transportation Services
PARKS & RECREATION City of Corvallis

Map labels: Van Buren, Jackson, Monroe, Madison, Jefferson, Adams, Washington, Western, B Ave, Riverfront Park, Theater, Post Office, Museum, Skate Park, Shawala Point, Willamette River, North.

This year's event features Riverfront Park and the Skate Park. Riverfront Park will have a live music stage and beer garden. The Skate Park will have a silent disco and roller-skating party with DJed music.

The 2nd Street activity hub will feature a dance/music stage. There will also be a few activities on the street and in the parking lot, including the Benton County Cooling Tent. The volunteer tent will be located on the street, south of American Dream Pizza.

The parade will leave Riverfront Park at 11:15 am, led by The Jesters.

Businesses will be setting up on the street outside their locations.

A full list of activities and the stage schedule is available on the activities page of the website.

FREE EVENT PARKING SHUTTLE

Every 15-20 minutes, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Take the FREE Parking Shuttle between OSU and Open Streets! Parking permits are not required in A, B or C lots on weekends. The shuttle runs in a continuous loop and is not on a set schedule.



Good to Know:

There are two shuttle stops adjacent to the event route:

- 1st St & Monroe Ave
- 2nd St & Washington Ave

There will be an event parking shuttle that travels from OSU lower campus to the event, with two shuttle stops adjacent to the route (1st & Monroe and 2nd & Washington).

Another transportation option: Two bike buses (group rides) to the event will leave at 10:30 am from Riverbend Park and Chepenafa Springs Park.

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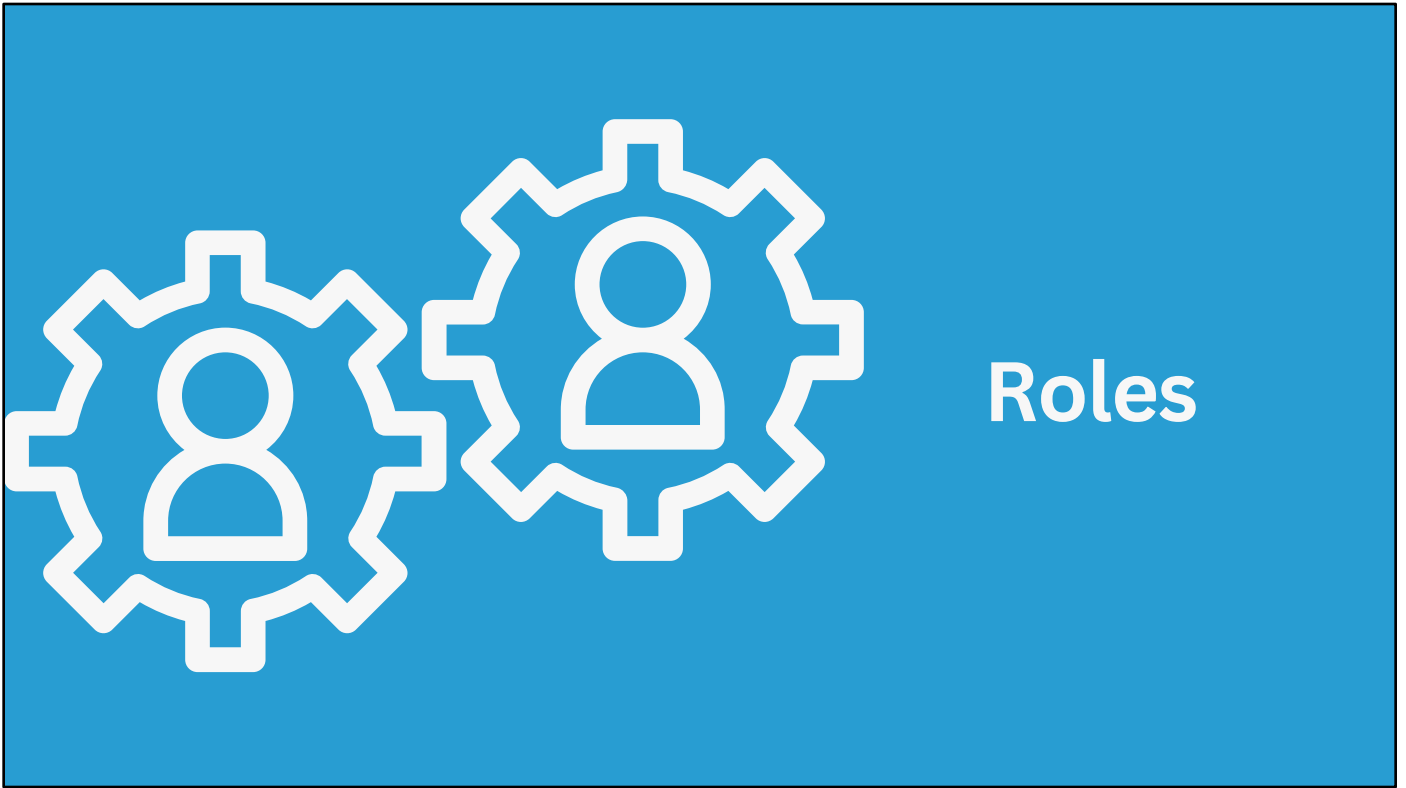


What if...

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To bring



Now we'll go over many volunteer roles and how they all fit together.

Check your messages for reminders of your complete duties and station.

Intersection Superhero

Goals

- Traffic redirected from the event route
- Safe access for neighbors/business owners

Good to know

You can check in on your phone at your intersection.



Volunteers in this role are foremost friendly ambassadors for this event!

You will: Answer questions; Hand out maps; Redirect most cars; Escort local residents/business owners driving their cars to/from their homes/businesses;

Make the event fun and help out with safety, too!

Set Up & Takedown

Goals

- Items in place for event
- Parks and mid-route hub look great afterwards

Good to know

Work or garden gloves may be helpful



Volunteers in this role set up the park under the direction of our Park Captain:

Set-up: Tasks vary by location but can include moving and arranging signs, tables, chairs, tents, games and more. You will also help activity hosts/vendors with their set-up.

Take Down:

Enjoy the entire event then help beautify the parks and streets after it's over. Help pack everything up. Some volunteers may walk along the route to pick up event signs.

Check in with your Park Captain at the information tents at your designated park:

Riverfront Park: 1st Street & Jackson Avenue

Skate Park: 2nd Street & B Avenue

Beer Garden Monitor

Goals

- Beer stays in the garden
- Only people with wristbands have alcohol

Good to know

All ages can enter the beer garden, servers card and wristband people 21+



Volunteers in this role monitor the entrance/exit of the beer garden and make sure no one leaves the fenced area with alcohol.

Take turns walking through the fenced area to make sure only people with wristbands have alcohol.

You are not required to check identifications.

Only people over 21 will have a wristband. All ages can enter the beer garden, but only those with wristbands can consume alcohol.

Rehydrator

Goal

Hydrated Intersection Superheroes

Good to know

Need bike and trailer. Pick up water at the volunteer booth.



Rehydrators support the Intersection Superheroes by bringing them water on a hot summer day!

We have the water, you just need a cargo bike, trike and/or trailer with capacity to carry 5-gallon jugs of water.

Everyone will thank you!

Come to the volunteer tent to get your water jug 15 minutes ahead of your shift. Water filling available at the back of the restrooms at Riverfront Park and the Skate Park.

Recycling Superhero

Goal

Recyclables, compost and trash sorted into the right bins

Good to know

Work or garden gloves may be helpful



This role will help attendees sort their waste into compost, recycling, and trash.

Each set of bins will have signage about what can go in. Note: "compostable" servingware and napkins must be put in trash, not compost.

Thank you for helping festival-goers keep our parks tidy and do our best to make a minimal impact on our environment.

Volunteer Tent

Goals

- Volunteers signed in and directed to stations
- Volunteers have shirts and cheat sheets

Good to know

The volunteer tent will be located across from New Morning Bakery



Volunteers in this role help check-in and orient volunteers for their assigned zones and tasks.

When you arrive, one of the volunteer co-coordinators will give an overview of how to use the check-in kiosk and what items to distribute to volunteers checking in. The volunteer tent also has resources like a first aid kit, emergency contact list, and missing child protocol.

Unassigned: Put me where needed

Goal

Empty stations filled

Good to Know

Most unassigned volunteers
become intersection
superheroes



You're the swiss army knife of volunteers - ready for a little bit of anything.

You might be assigned to an intersection, asked to deliver items between parks, collect No Parking signs, or just rove around to see if any assistance is needed.

Attendance Counter

Goals

Count the number of participants passing a point in the route

Good to know

Collection equipment will be provided



How many people attend Open Streets? Volunteers in this role help us find out by tallying people at a set location on the event route.

Captains

Goals

- Manage activities and/or locations
- Respond to issues

Good to know

Check for an email from the event coordinator



These volunteers oversee various aspects of the event. Park/Route/Event Captains are resources for other volunteers if they have questions. Captains can be identified by their capes (in most cases).

Park Captains arrange set-up, tear-down, and are stationed at the info tents during the event.

The Route and Volunteer captains are the main points of contact for intersection superheroes.

Captains have walkie-talkies to communicate with each other across the event.

The Captain Team



Event Coordinator
Lindsey Almarode



Route Captain
Josh Capps



Route/Volunteer Captain
Sylvan



Volunteer Captain
Elza

This year's captain team includes two City staff - Lindsey and Josh. Sylvan and Elza will be tag-teaming the Volunteer booth.



**Goals
for all
volunteers**

Goals for all volunteers



Be known as a friendly Open Streets ambassador



Help attendees stay safe and on-route



Answer questions or call for assistance when needed

Whatever your role, here are goals for all volunteers:

Be known as a great Open Streets ambassador by interacting in a friendly manner and wearing your Open Streets T shirt. Whether you are an Intersection Superhero or helping set up, all volunteers make this a success for neighbors and participants.

The bottom line: Be a kind and cheerful ambassador for Open Streets to everyone at all times.

Help Open Streets attendees stay safe and on-route.

Answer questions about event schedules and detour routes. Call for assistance from event leads if needed.

Good to know: Event schedules/maps are available at the info tents at the 3 activity hubs. I suggest that volunteers grab a copy when checking in and familiarize themselves with the schedule of activities beforehand.



Knowledge check

Em, a set up volunteer, sees a vendor struggling to raise their canopy. Em introduces herself and offers to help. They work together to set up the structure.

Is Em successfully being an Open Streets ambassador?



So what does being a kind and cheerful Open Streets ambassador look like? Here's a little scenario. Give a thumbs up or down - do you think this volunteer succeeded in this goal?

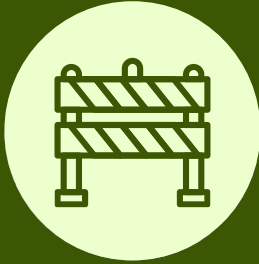
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Rules of the Route

So now let's review Rules of the Route.

Rules of the Route



**10:30 am – 4:00 pm
Open Streets route is
closed to cars***



***But route is open to
neighbors****



****IF they are escorted
by a volunteer AND
drive only one block
on the route**

Here are rules especially for Intersection Superheroes. They are also good to know for all volunteers:

The event route is closed 10:30 am – 4:00 pm. We've added an extra intersection superhero shift to the end of the event to ensure that businesses have time to break down their activities and participants can clear the route before the street reopens to one-way traffic (north of Adams). At the end of the event, we'll do a sweep to warn people that traffic is reentering the route.

Streets are not closed to neighbors/business owners who live/work on the route but are closed to all others.

Neighbors/business owners are allowed to drive on the route if they are going directly to or from their residences or private parking spaces. There are a few private parking lots that are blocked by the route (2nd & Jackson, 2nd & Western), but most folks should be able to access private lots via alleys.

Drivers are not allowed to travel multiple blocks on the route. They must turn at the first available intersection.

All cars moving on or through the route must be escorted by an Open Streets volunteer at all times.

Barricades






Barricades and cones go up at every closed intersection. They prevent cars from driving on or through the route. When neighbors/business owners need to get through, volunteers move barricades or cones.

The flagging company will set out barricades and cones.

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DETOURS

MAP KEY

-  Event Route
-  Detour Route
-  Vehicle Crossing

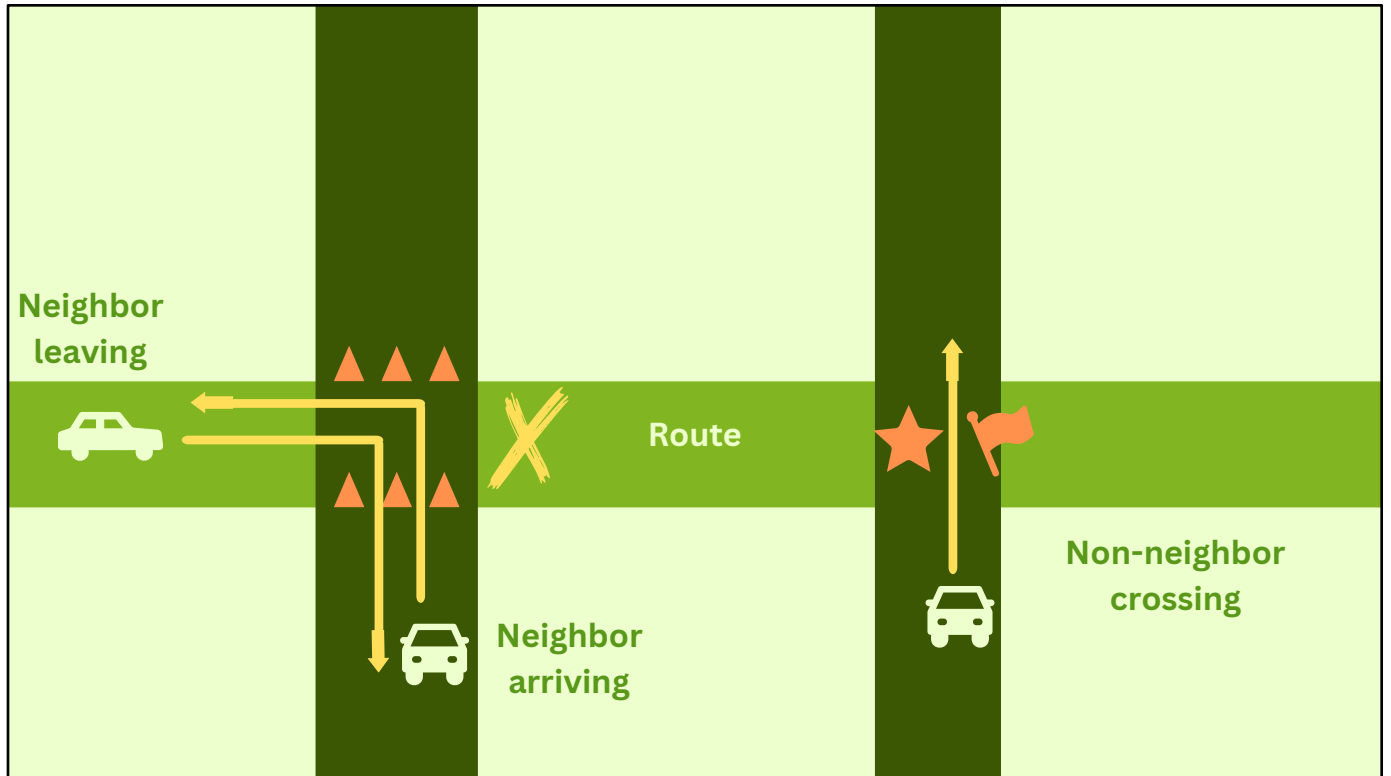


One of the primary jobs of intersection superheroes will be to redirect vehicles and help them find the appropriate detour route.

There will be two flagged vehicle crossings open to any vehicle:

- 2nd & Monroe (one-way eastbound)
- 2nd & Washington (two-way)

Some people may want recommendations for where to park. The first recommendation would be to park at OSU and take the shuttle downtown. Other options include the parking lots adjacent to City Hall. For a full list of parking options, visit: <https://openstreetscorvallis.org/getting-there/>



Cars may cross the route at flagged intersections only:

- Monroe Ave & 2nd St
- Washington Ave & 2nd St

Professionals will direct traffic at these corners. Intersection Superheroes will escort cars to/from their homes/businesses at non-flagged intersections.

Neighbors/business owners may be escorted to their homes/private parking spaces at any point along the route. Call the Route Coordinator or the Volunteer Coordinator for backup if needed.



Knowledge check

Maria, an Intersection Superhero, directs a driver through the intersection because they live just on the other side of the route. Since it's just a short distance, she stays at her post.

Is Maria successfully leaving no car unattended?



So here's a knowledge check. I'll read the story and you can vote thumbs up or down - did the volunteer make the right call?

No, they left a car unattended. What should they have done instead? In this case, the driver would need to detour around the route since they don't live directly on the route.

[Read the story or have presenters act out the situation.]

[If answers differ, have a brief conversation.]



What if...

We hope that everything goes well. But we want to have a plan in case there is a problem. Let's review some what-if scenarios and what to do.

You're never alone - note that getting help from the team is a key part of responding to any problem.

What if... a driver enters the route without permission?

1. Stay calm.
2. If it is safe to do so, follow the driver and warn event participants to move out of the way until the driver has left the event route.
3. Call route/event coordinators to inform and determine if backup is needed.
4. Call the Corvallis Police if the driver displays dangerous behavior.



Occasionally drivers don't get the memo or don't want to follow the rules. Here's what to do if a driver goes past a blocked intersection. This procedure is most relevant to Intersection Superheroes, but it is good for all volunteers to know.

What if... a child is missing or lost?



With so many participants at an event, kids occasionally get separated from their parents. You're there to help! I'll go over the procedure that is in your packet.

Child missing their parent or guardian:

- 1) Calm the child. Bring them to your corner of the road (if you're an Intersection Superhero).
- 2) Do not leave your post. Try to help identify parents in the crowd. Ask if they know a parent's phone number.
- 3) If you can't find the parent in a few minutes, call the Route Coordinator or the Event Coordinator.

NOTE: Do not give the child food or drink (other than water) in case she/he has allergies.

Parent or guardian missing their child:

Calm the parent, let them know of our protocol and that we will have all our staff and volunteers looking shortly.

Get a photo (from that day is best) a description of the child, what they look like, are wearing, race etc. will be helpful and then other staff and volunteers can be dispatched to search for the child

Call the Event Coordinator and say that there is a lost child. They will send City Staff to you immediately. Stay at your post with the parent.

Call 911 or have the parents call 911

City Staff will arrive shortly and will be able to assist in any way necessary.



What if... there is a crash

- 1) Stay calm.
- 2) Clear the area of participants and evaluate the situation.
- 3) If serious, immediately call 911.
- 3) Contact the Event coordinator.

What if there is a crash?

You may be the first person at the scene. Be prepared.

The Oregon Good Samaritan Law provides assurance to those who help in an emergency situation unless they are grossly negligent. Do not render medical aid that goes beyond what you are trained to do. For example, only perform CPR if you are trained to do so.

For minor injuries, like those requiring a bandaid, Benton County Public Health tent can help. First Aid kits are located at each of the info tents as well.



Knowledge check

Kelly is volunteering when they see a crash. A vehicle off-route rear-ended the car in front of it. The drivers get out and start to exchange insurance information. Kelly dials the police to report the incident, directs Open Streets attendees to step away from the crash, then dials the Event Coordinator to update them.

Did Kelly successfully respond to a "what if" situation?



So here's a knowledge check. I'll read the story and you can vote thumbs up or down - did the volunteer make the right call?

[If answers differ, have a brief conversation.]

It's also good to note that Info tents at all parks have first aid supplies.



To bring

Be ready to volunteer



**Be known! Wear your
Open Streets T-shirt!**



**Sign in via Volunteer
Local Login OR at the
Volunteer Station.**



**Be at your station 10
minutes early and
stay the whole shift**

Now let's pivot to what to expect and bring.

Check in 15 minutes early and work until the end of your shift. If you are a rehydrator make sure to bring a cargo bike or trike that can carry 50+ lbs. Get your water supply and refill at the mid-route hub.

Attended a Zoom orientation? Check in at the Volunteer Check-in Tent at the 2nd Street Activity Hub to get your t-shirt and materials.

You must wear this year's Open Streets t-shirt during your volunteer shift!

Amenities



Snacks, coffee, water



Toilets



Bike parking & free event parking shuttle

We'll offer pastries, lemonade, and coffee while supplies last at the volunteer check-in station mid-route. Tamales and Go Giddy Pops will be at Riverfront Park. Intersection superheroes will get a drink voucher for Common Fields.

Rehydrator volunteers will deliver water to volunteers throughout the route. Bring your water bottle!

Find restrooms at the parks and mid-route activity hub. Plan to go before your shift.

If you need to drive, we recommend parking at OSU and taking the free shuttle (10 am - 4 pm). If it makes sense for your life, we encourage you to walk, bike or take transit. If you bike there are racks to lock your bike at the parks and mid-route activity hub.

To bring



**Layered clothes, hat,
sunscreen, rain jacket?**



Water bottle, snacks



Comfy shoes &/or chair

Most shifts are a couple of hours long so bring anything you need for that time.

The weather may be variable so we recommend bringing layers and sunscreen.

Bring a water bottle and any snacks you want. Food vendors are at the parks.

Wear comfy shoes. If you prefer to sit please bring a camp chair.

Questions?



Question: Are electric micromobility devices (e-bikes, e-scooters, etc) allowed on the route?

Answer: Yes, but we do ask that all users go a safe speed (12 mph or less) along the event route. In busier areas, such as at Activity Hubs, speeds should be slower. E-motorcycles (that can reach speeds over 28 mph) are not allowed.

Question: Are we enforcing helmet laws?

Answer: No.

Thank you!

Open Streets Corvallis
Volunteers & Sponsors!



Thank you!!!

Volunteers like you make Open Streets Possible!

Together you and I and all of us make this great event happen.

Contact info



Event Coordinator

Lindsey Almarode – 503-707-1496

Route Coordinator

Josh Capps – 503-686-8221

Volunteer Co-coordinator

Elza Records – 541-231-7511

Here's contact information to add to your phone.

Keep an eye out for reminder messages ahead of Open Streets and review them for your assignment.

Information about each volunteer role is available on the volunteer page of the website.



Overall, have fun at Open Streets!