

Locomotive 1004

Volunteer Guidelines

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We will be recruiting volunteers for work days, and trying to establish a regular work schedule. To begin with, we are suggesting the second Wednesday of each month and two Saturdays, either 1st and 3rd, or 2nd and 4th. All volunteers must be current SCRVRHS members, and work under the guidance of Jared Bissen, our restoration director and supervisor.

Guidelines:

1. Participation by all volunteers must be screened and approved by the Fillmore and Western Railroad, and our Historical Society. In addition, all volunteers must be a member of SCRVRHS. Applications for membership are available in the Visitor Center or from Dan Phipps.
2. Please notify the volunteer coordinator in advance of your work hours and times of availability. This will allow our director and chief mechanic time to formulate guidance and tasks for work days prior to arrival.
3. The work day schedule is flexible with sufficient advance notice to coordinate with our restoration director's schedule. Extra work days may be possible if we have sufficient volunteer participation and the restoration director is available to provide guidance.
4. The Society wishes to record work hours throughout the restoration. Please log your hours into the restoration log upon completing your work day. The log will reside in the crew shanty for now, on a clip board hanging on a wall.

5. Before beginning any work, a safety / guidance briefing with the restoration director must be attended by all volunteers.

Please arrive ready to work! The following recommendations and requirements will help volunteers be prepared for most tasks during the restoration.

1. Wear heavy long pants that you don't wish to use for any other activity. Coveralls are recommended.
2. Bring sturdy work gloves that will allow some dexterity to handle basic hand tools or power tools.
3. Wear sturdy work boots with slip resistant soles. Steel toe safety boots are recommended.
4. Wear a hat for protection from sun exposure and to provide a measure of head protection.
5. Safety glasses must be worn at all times.
6. Dust masks must be worn when performing tasks which generate air born particulates.
7. Ear plugs are recommended when operating power tools that produce high sound levels, or are being operated by other crew members.
8. Bring sufficient bottled water to keep hydrated. Our work area does not offer any shade.
9. Protective rubber gloves must be worn whenever handling solvents, cleaners, or lubricants.
10. You will always need a rag! Get in the habit of carrying one in a pocket.

The Society will provide the following:

1. Chemical resistant Nitrile gloves
2. Ear plugs
3. Safety glasses for those that do not wear corrective lenses
4. Dust masks
5. Bottled water

Volunteer Coordinator's Note:

Jarred Bissen, our restoration director, is a full time employee of the Fillmore and Western Railroad, with demanding maintenance and repair schedules, often generated by unforeseen events, breakdowns, and changing priorities. His time directing this project is on the same compensation scale as the rest of us. We must avail ourselves of his expertise as efficiently as possible in order not to impact his schedule with the railroad. This is why it is important to provide advance notification of volunteer availability and planned work days.

In addition, please remember that while we are working on restoration of our switcher, we will be occupying railroad property and often using their facilities, equipment and tools to our benefit. Please be careful and respectful of railroad property at all times. Always expect a train, so be mindful of the potential for moving equipment in the yard during the work day.