

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help pave the way to better high-speed internet access in the North Country

Description:

We need 30 volunteers to help us map rural road addresses by driving on roads and using handheld "Global Positioning System" (GPS) units

Why?

Computer-based road maps are far from perfect in the North Country. By establishing correct rural addresses in this area of the state, we can more accurately map high-speed internet availability (and lack of availability), thus providing a better foundation for the expansion of high-speed internet in the region.

What will volunteers get?

- ==> Free 3-hour training workshop on the use of GPS for mapping and navigation
- ==> Free access to a GPS unit for your own use in the future
- ==> Help pave the way to better high-speed internet access in the region

Commitment:

- ==> Attend one 3-hour training on GPS use and project methods
- ==> Spend at least 8 hours (more time if desired) between late September and October 26, 2012 mapping addresses in your town or nearby towns
- ==> Volunteers will need to have a valid NH driver's license and the use of their own vehicle (or be able to partner with someone who does). Mileage will be reimbursed by the grant.

Dates of training:

3-hour training sessions will be scheduled in late September (dates and locations to be announced in early September)

Contact to find out more:

Name
Direct telephone
Email address

Tag line – explain how volunteers can make a difference

Create a 1-sentence explanation of the volunteer position and what it will entail.

Sometimes it helps to explain how many volunteers are needed – helps people understand the scope of the need

Explain the purpose and how volunteers will be making a difference (in the community, for the environment, for the world, etc.)

Volunteers today are hoping to learn to new skills and make a difference in the world. Explain what they'll get out of the experience, however intangible the benefits may seem.

It is critical to explain what you expect from each volunteer. Be as specific as possible – what is the minimum time you'll require? Being specific here will allow volunteers to self-select based on THEIR availability, and you'll get the right people for what you need.

Are you providing training? Be as explicit as you can about the times and dates.

Be sure to provide contact information if people have questions, and so you can gauge interest along the way.