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You will begin your Susan G. Komen 3-Day® journey on Thursday morning: Serving with the Route Marking team requires a full four-day commitment. Your team will begin marking the route on Thursday morning and will sleep in camp, or the camp hotel, on Thursday night.



Physical requirements: You must be able to lift 10 pounds repeatedly as well as bend, squat and reach consistently. You must have a valid driver's license and be comfortable driving an event cargo van. You must be able to hop in and out of the van and walk 3-4 miles per day.



Your Route Marking Coordinator: You will work most closely with the Route Marking Coordinator. He or she will train you on all Route Marking operations and give your team direction throughout the weekend.

STAY ALERT
STAY ALIVE

Marking the Route:

You'll have three primary responsibilities as a member of the route marking team:

1. Marking the route.
2. Being on-call for "fix-its" — which is correcting or replacing any signs along an active part of the route.
3. Collecting the signage behind the Caboose. We won't take down any signs until the Caboose has passed by.

Each day's route is approximately 20 miles long, and you and your van-mate will mark approximately 4-6 miles of that route each day. There is no fast way to mark the route and it takes about 60-90 minutes to mark 1 mile. So pace yourself and your energy accordingly. Your days can be long, but together, your team will have a fun weekend on the road.



Route Marking Best Practices:

Here are a few tips to help you manage your time efficiently when placing signage.

- **Ride With GPS (RWGPS)** is the software the 3-Day team uses to create the routes. You can use the RWGPS app (for both iPhone and android) to access turn-by-turn directions for the route.
- **Review Pit Maps:** For marking near a pit stop, study your pit stop maps very carefully. Be sure you understand where the walkers will enter and exit — and if it's not clear, ask the Route Marking Coordinator.
- **Follow Route Cues:** Please follow your route cues line-by-line and do not deviate from the cues.

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Supplies:

- **Zip Ties:** We'll provide you with zip ties so that you can attach the signs to street poles, street signs, or trees.

How to Use a Zip Tie:

1. Tighten the zip tie to confirm that the sign is securely attached to the pole.
2. Listen for the zip tie to click.
3. If zip ties extend out from behind the arrow, tuck the ends inside the fastened loop. Please don't snip the ends!
4. If a street pole or sign is larger than the circumference of a zip tie, link multiple zip ties together to secure the sign.
5. If there are no poles, street signs or trees available on a stretch of the route, you can use the H frames and stakes to place signage.



- **Arrows:** Arrows indicate whether walkers should continue straight or turn.

Steps for placing arrows:

- Arrows must be placed at eye level and should face the flow of walker traffic, so they can be easily seen.
- Place arrows close enough together so if a walker is standing at one arrow, they can see the next arrow in the distance.
- Every intersection must be marked with at least one arrow. If walkers are crossing a street, place an arrow within immediate view on the opposite side of the street. To emphasize a busy intersection or easily missed turn, place two arrows on the same pole (double arrow).
- All turns must be marked with a confirmation arrow, placed after the turn arrow, confirming the direction the walkers should go.
- **Orange Signs:** Orange signs are used to keep the walkers' attention. Place an orange sign every 3rd to 5th arrow, and make sure you always have an arrow on top. If you need to make an arrow really stand out, you can flip over an orange sign (so that it's just plain/no writing), and place the arrow in the middle of that sign.
- **Quiet Zone Signs:** These zones are typically identified between the hours of 7:00–9:00 a.m. You will place special green signage at the beginning and end of the quiet zones to alert walkers, crew and spectators that the area should be free of loud noises and car honking.



Sunday, Day 3 Transition: On Sunday, you will take down route signage after the last walker has passed through each route section. Once all route signage has been removed, your Route Marking Coordinator will release your van to the Vehicle Load Lot. Once you are released, make sure your vehicle is filled up with gas prior to arriving at the Vehicle Load Lot.