

Hydration Supplies Layout Night 101 (2017)

Tuesday, April 18

There are two nights of hydration “logistics” listed within our volunteer modules. This first night is what I call Hydration Layout Night. We’ll meet at 1800 hours (6 pm), and the work is scheduled for 3 hours, until 2100 (9 pm). We typically finish much sooner than that with your help!

Directions to Reynolds Towing

- Reynolds Towing Service, Inc. is located at 1417 W. Kenyon Road, Urbana.
- Kenyon Road is the frontage road that runs parallel to I-74, on the south side, and you’ll be west of Lincoln Avenue (whether you come directly off the interstate at the Lincoln exit or come up Lincoln from the south).
- To get to Kenyon, one actually turns west from Lincoln (at the traffic light) onto Killarney, at the Circle K gas station, between it and the Ramada Inn.
 - Follow Killarney west, as if going to the Wyndham or Holiday Inn Express, then turn right at the "T" (turning north, past the H.I. Express).
 - This goes 150 yards or so and curves back left (west), which actually becomes Kenyon Road.
 - Now just follow this west (less than a quarter-mile) down Kenyon to Reynolds Towing, which is just past Ryder (on the south side, obviously).
 - You can park out front, inside the chain-link-fenced lot on the NW corner of the building. The business’s front door is pretty obvious.
 - Go inside, and the front desk worker will be able to guide you to the back, where we’ll be working in the large middle bay.
- There IS an alternative route for those who *really* know their Champaign geography (take Oak Street north, up from Bradley and curve to the right on Kenyon before you go under I-74 . . . RTS, Inc. is the second business on the right, after Altorfer).

From Google Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Reynolds+Towing+Service+Inc./@40.134583,-88.229815,3a,75y,181.37h,90t/data=!3m4!1e1!3m2!1s255yJj-96K96fa9vF-afHA!2e0!4m2!3m1!1s0x880cd9e1767c9381:0xc446f6df9c94ddaa!6m1!1e1?hl=en>

Description of Work Done on Hydration Layout Night

- We’ll first convene our workers and divvy up tasks to accomplish the distribution of hydration station supplies from pallets, piles, or stacks of categorical materials sitting on the floor of the bay into allotments organized by about 17 hydration groups.
- If not already done, we’ll tape up small signs on the wall(s) around the north end of the bay to denote the hydration stations (Mile 2.5, Mile 4.5, and so forth)
- If not already done, some of our group will place smaller supply items into Rubbermaid tubs (sometime called a “medical kits” but holding other things) — each hydration team gets one such tub

- a tub would contain: 1st aid kit, ice packs, Vaseline, medical gloves, wipes, trash bags, duct tape, etc. (list provided)
- Some or all of the group members will be moving other items to the stations' designated staging areas along the walls. This will most likely be by following copies of each Hydration Station Checklist (or similar list created for divvying up the supplies properly).

This is typically done by

- stacking some tables vertically against the walls, according to the number of tables listed for each hydration station, near its sign . . . followed by placing other items such as:
 - empty plastic trash barrels
 - garden hoses for stations needing them
 - plastic pitchers
 - cartons of paper or plastic cups
 - beverage coolers
 - cartons of Gatorade
 - cartons of GU
- Not every station needs ALL of the items (for example, GU only goes to about four stations, and Gatorade is at most -- but not all -- stations).
- It should be noted that some of these items can seem heavy (the cases of Gatorade and GU are not light, but able-bodied adults and teens can certainly carry one without a problem), and the tables are now plastic tables (we replaced the old wooden banquet tables). But if they seem unwieldy, two people per table are recommended. We are also likely to have the use of a floor (pallet) jack and/or a wheeled dolly when necessary (so moving several cases at once is also an option).

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