



**2013 COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**PAGOSA SPRINGS COLORADO**



# American Cancer Society ~ Relay For Life

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The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

1) **Start a Team** - So, you're a Team Captain. You will organize and recruit your team of friends, family members or co-workers, and lead your team's fundraising efforts and participation in the Relay event.

2) **Join a Team** - You have been recruited to participate by a Team Captain. You are a member of a team who has agreed to help raise money for your local Relay for Life, and to walk for a portion of the Relay event.

3) **Register for Survivor Lap** - You are the reason we Relay! You stared cancer in the face and survived it. We want to congratulate you and celebrate your life. Register for your local Relay event's Survivor Lap and activities.

4) **Become a Committee Member** - Planning a Relay takes many people with many talents. The Committee is the group members in your community who make sure that everything is organized and executed. From recruiting and motivating teams and sponsors, to planning ceremonies, to setting up the event day track: there's always a role for you on the Committee.

5) **Volunteer** - If you don't have the kind of time it takes to be a full-time committee member, there are opportunities to help out in smaller chunks of time. You can help stuff envelopes, help set up the day of the event, or help find companies to donate things that are needed for the event. To learn about volunteer opportunities in your area, contact the local office.

6) **Patient Services** - Volunteer opportunities include providing transportation to and from patient treatment and support groups.

# American Red Cross ~ Southwest Colorado Chapter

**Website:** [www.coloradoredcross.org](http://www.coloradoredcross.org)

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The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to serve for local disasters such as house fires, wildfires and winter storms. We provide all training and will have bi-monthly meetings.

## Archuleta County Fair

**Website:** [www.archuletacountyfair.com](http://www.archuletacountyfair.com)

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Archuleta County Fair's mission is to unite the community by preserving our history through building memories, encouraging cooperation, creating learning opportunities, providing entertainment, as well as developing competition for exhibitors.

Volunteers are essential to the Fair with set up, clean up, judging, registration, tickets, crowd control, etc. - before, during and after the fair.

## Archuleta County Incident Management Group

**Website:** [www.acemergency.org](http://www.acemergency.org)

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The Incident Management Group is comprised of volunteers working directly under the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management to provide Search and Rescue incident and other event management functions for Archuleta County.

The Archuleta County Incident Management Group is looking for volunteers in incident command, communications, logistics, operations and planning personnel for both inside and field locations. Training provided, but Search and Rescue experience is helpful.

## Archuleta County Sheriff's Fire Crew

**Website:** [www.acemergency.org](http://www.acemergency.org)

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By Colorado State Statute the County Sheriff has the responsibility of wildland fire suppression on unincorporated land within a County. To this end, our division seasonally staffs a wildland fire crew to manage fires within the county's jurisdiction. In addition members of our permanent staff specialize in wildland fire operations and management. Under our wildland fire management responsibilities, our division also addresses the issues of the wildland-urban interface, where populated areas border with wildland areas.

The Archuleta County Sherriff's Fire Crew needs volunteers in wildland fire prevention and protection. Training provided.

## Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program

**Website:** [www.acvap.org](http://www.acvap.org)

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Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program is a private, non-profit organization that works to end violence through advocacy, education and support services.

ACVAP utilizes volunteers in areas of crisis intervention - responding to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, fundraising and court support services.

## Archuleta Seniors, Inc.

**Website:** None

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Archuleta Seniors, Inc.'s mission is to assist seniors ages 62 and older in Archuleta County with medical bills not covered through their other means.

Archuleta Seniors, Inc. needs assistance primarily with fundraisers, such as the Community Rummage Sales, the Senior Senior Prom, various bake sales and Oktoberfest. Membership tables are always set up in the Silver Foxes Den of the Senior Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am-2pm. Archuleta Senior Passes are on sale at this time for \$10 for the calendar year (January-December) offering discounts throughout town.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters

**Website:** [www.bbig.org](http://www.bbig.org)

**Telephone:** (970) 398-0007

**Contact Name:** Maggie Ives

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The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to provide children facing adversity with strong, enduring, professionally supported one-on-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for people who are interested in reaping the rewards of sharing yourself and your experiences with a young adult. We all have something to offer a child, even if we do not realize it. And the rewards of volunteering with a child are endless - it helps reawaken your inner child; you get to share your life's experiences; it will help you feel younger; it warms your heart to know that you made a positive difference in the life of a child! Volunteering increases your life expectancy and helps you be healthier by adding more interactive relationships in your life. Spark interest in a child, ignite a new spark in yourself, volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters today!

# Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

**Website:** [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org)

**Telephone:** (970) 731-7133 (Oct 1.-May 14)  
(970) 883-5359 (May 15-Sept. 30)

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The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA), a non-profit organization, is devoted to increased numbers of visitors with a meaningful, enjoyable educational experience through interpretive tours and special programs and to the long term preservation of Chimney Rock National Monument.

CRIA needs volunteers in the following areas: tour guides, cabin hosts (visitor center), self-guided tour monitors, maintenance, special projects, fundraising events, office assistance and special events. Training and mentoring provided.

## Firewise Council of Southwest Colorado

**Website:** [www.southwestcoloradofires.org](http://www.southwestcoloradofires.org)

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It is the mission of Firewise Council of Southwest Colorado to protect lives and property from wildfire.

Firewise needs volunteer ambassadors in most communities and subdivisions.

## Friends of Reservoir Hill

**Website:** [www.friendsofreservoirhill.org](http://www.friendsofreservoirhill.org)

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**Contact Name:** Christine Funk

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The Friends of Reservoir Hill is a grass roots non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing our community park for year around use by locals and tourist alike. We want to create amenities that reflect a harmonious natural design that improves and enhances Reservoir Hill while creating a positive economic impact.

Friends of Reservoir Hill is seeking volunteers for trail maintenance, help with Park and Rec department needs, nature talks, possible contractors for an Observation Deck, volunteers to help with saving our park from mechanized rides.

## GECKO (Giving Every Child Knowledge of the Outdoors)

**Website:** [www.joingecko.org](http://www.joingecko.org)

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GECKO is a 501 ( c ) (3) Not-for-Profit that evolved from outdoor adventures experienced by passionate ultra endurance athlete, Morgan Murri, who founded the organization GECKO and it's subsidiary Athletes@Altitude. The dynamic GECKO team raises funds to provide local students with the opportunity to attend outdoor education programs and promote Pagosa Springs through outdoor events and adventures. GECKO is providing the future stewards of our planet scholarships and motivation to get "unplugged, off the couch, and outside!"

GECKO hosts five annual events and needs volunteers to help plan, organize and participate in each event:

- June 15th:** XTERRA Turkey Track Trail (Marathon and 1/2 Marathon;
- August 24th:** Mountain Chile Cha Cha Festival (5k, 10k, 1/2 marathon on trails, followed by a free concert and Chile festival);
- September 15th:** XTERRA Pagosa Springs Triathlon (1k swim, 18.5 mile bike, 6.9 mile trail run);
- September 28th:** Devil Mountain Ultra (50k, 50m and 1/2 marathon - One hell of a run! Followed by a bonfire, camping and a pancake breakfast);
- October 5th-6th:** EPIC Mountain Challenge (2-day, 4-stage EPIC run/ride format, teams and solos, \$60,000 pot o'gold prize purse. Hot Springs soak)



# **GGP (Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership)**

**Website:** [www.geothermalgreenhousepark.org](http://www.geothermalgreenhousepark.org)

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The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) represents a broad diversity of community members. Originally conceived as the vision of our Town Mayor, the Partnership has grown into an organization whose energy, creativity and contributions are focused on:

- Creating a center for K-12 interdisciplinary education, eco-tourism and advanced study in agriculture and renewable technology
- Providing a test site for year-round organic crop cultivation at high altitude using renewable energy
- Providing affordable, organic, locally grown food for local people and businesses
- Providing year-round community gardens.

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership is seeking volunteers to help staff the Pagosa GGP Environmental Film Festival July 26th and 27th, 2013.

## **Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County, Inc.**

**Website:** [www.habitatarchuleta.org](http://www.habitatarchuleta.org)

**Telephone:** (970) 264-6960

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The mission of Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County is to build confidence; strong ties between compassionate volunteers and new homeowners; a richer community through shared hope and common effort amongst caring people of all faiths; and simple, decent houses for families in need.

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County utilizes build site volunteers, committee members, lunch preparation and delivery for site volunteers.

# Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

**Website:** [humanesociety.biz](http://humanesociety.biz)

**Telephone:** (970) 264-5549

**Contact Name:** Mike Stoll

**Contact E-Mail:** [hsdirector@humanesociety.biz](mailto:hsdirector@humanesociety.biz)

Our mission is to provide a safe haven for animals in need, promote adoptions, reunite lost pets with their owners, and humanely reduce pet overpopulation through community education and aggressive spay/neuter programs, and to undertake all other lawful activities in support of these purposes.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs needs volunteers in many areas: 1)Animal Shelter - Walking dogs, socializing cats, training dogs in the enrichment program, feral cat TNR, adopt-a-thons, driving animal transfers to other shelters, photographing animals, landscaping/outside maintenance; 2)Thrift Store - Sorting donations, tagging product, stocking shelves, cash register, donation pickups and product deliveries; 3)Administration - Helping with fundraising events, labeling and stuffing envelopes, telephone contact with members and donors, filing and data entry.

## Justice Ministries

**Website:** None

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The desire of Justice Ministries is to connect those who have a heart to help with those who have needs.

JUSTICE MINISTRIES OF PAGOSA meets needs in creative, fresh ways! We are a networking hub that pulls community resources together. Please contact us if you are willing to donate a bit of time and talent assisting folks who request a helping hand with a wide variety of services - something as simple as a ride to the doctor, delivering firewood or helping a senior citizen with a move. We believe in serving one another and shouting out the message, "THERE IS HOPE!"

# Loaves & Fishes of Archuleta County, Colorado

**Website:** None

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Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County, Colorado is a faith based and community based organization. Our mission is to provide nutritious meals in a safe, warm and caring environment, free of charge, to anyone who comes seeking nourishment and fellowship. And further, the mission is to provide access to community services and resources to those in need, while providing opportunities for volunteers to give of themselves in service to others.

Loaves and Fishes is looking for volunteers to prepare and serve meals on Thursdays, to pick up donations from City Market on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

## Mounted Search and Rescue

**Website:** None

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**Contact Name:** Paul Duggan

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Mounted Search and Rescue is comprised of volunteers on horseback who perform search and rescue of people in distress in the back country of Archuleta County.

Mounted Search and Rescue seeks horseback riders (and their horse) willing to learn search and rescue techniques and procedures, and apply that knowledge in field search and rescue activities.

## Pagosa Fiber Festival

**Website:** [www.pagosafiberfestival.com](http://www.pagosafiberfestival.com)

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The mission of the Pagosa Fiber Festival is to educate the public about natural animal fibers, the animals that produce the fibers, and the beautifully handcrafted products that can be made from the fiber of these animals, which include sheep, alpacas, angora, goats, bunnies, Scottish Highlander Cattle, yak and others.

This year, 2013 there will be no Fiber Festival for the first time in 12 years! For next year, we are seeking folks who would want to serve on the Board and take on responsibility for different activities of the Festival. Of course, this would be with the guidance of existing Board members. There is work to be done, but if you are interested in the animals and their fiber, it is also fun and very satisfying.

## **Pagosa Pregnancy Support Center**

**Website:** [www.pagosapregnancycenter.org](http://www.pagosapregnancycenter.org)

**Telephone:** (970) 264-5963

**Contact Name:** Judi Stansbury

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The Pagosa Pregnancy Support Center strengthens individuals and families by providing pregnancy testing and support, life skills training, ultra-sound, and healing from abortion, all in a caring and safe environment.

Volunteers are needed at the Pagosa Pregnancy Support Center as client mentors, office support, building maintenance, babysitters, bakers and other hospitality, events planning, and more!

## **Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center**

**Website:** [www.pagosaspringschamber.com](http://www.pagosaspringschamber.com)

**Telephone:** (970) 264-2360

**Contact Name:** Patricia Shoffner

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It is the mission of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce to assist the members of our business community with development opportunities, resources, advocacy, services and education.

The Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center needs volunteers in many different areas, but especially for special events, including our Annual Meeting, The Car Show @ Pagosa, Renaissance & Pirate Festival, Park 2 Park Arts & Crafts Festival, and Colorfest. We also welcome guest speakers, tourism ambassadors (job-specific training is provided), special projects, fundraising efforts, general office and committee members.

## **Pagosa Springs Nordic Club**

**Website:** [www.pagosanordic.com](http://www.pagosanordic.com)

**Telephone:** (970) 946-7225

**Contact Name:** James Dickhoff

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The mission of the Pagosa Springs Nordic Club is to enhance winter recreational opportunities by maintaining accessible groomed winter ski trails for skate skiing, classic cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events.

The Nordic Club needs volunteers in all areas: grooming, marketing and events including Full Moon Ski Socials, Learn to Ski Clinics, Winterfest Races, Pagosa Paw and Pagosa Quad.

## **Pagosa Springs Youth Center**

**Website:** [www.psyouthcenter.wordpress.com](http://www.psyouthcenter.wordpress.com)

**Telephone:** (970) 264-5030

**Contact Name:** Joanne Irons

**Contact E-Mail:** [trophy\\_wife@hotmail.com](mailto:trophy_wife@hotmail.com)

The mission of the Pagosa Springs Youth Center is to provide a safe and drug free after school program and an affordable licensed summer day camp.

The Youth Center needs volunteers for special events, after school mentoring programs and fundraising.

# San Juan Mounted Patrol

**Website:** [web.pagosachamber.com/Family,-Community-and-NonProfit/San-Juan-Mounted-Patrol-671](http://web.pagosachamber.com/Family,-Community-and-NonProfit/San-Juan-Mounted-Patrol-671)

**Telephone:** (970) 264-2107

**Contact Name:** Dan Lindauer, Capt.

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The mission of the San Juan Mounted Patrol is to assist people of Colorado by working with public officials in emergency management, law enforcement and public safety.

San Juan Mounted Patrol needs volunteers for traffic direction, crowd safety, security protection, search and rescue.

## SOS (Southwest Organization for Sustainability)

**Website:** [www.sospagosa.org](http://www.sospagosa.org)

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The mission of Southwest Organization for Sustainability is to promote a sustainable community with a primary focus in Archuleta County.

S.O.S. has many volunteer opportunities, but especially during the summer at our Saturday Farmers' Markets.

## Tara Mandala Retreat Center

**Website:** [www.taramandala.org](http://www.taramandala.org)

**Telephone:** (970) 731-3711 Ext. 104

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Tara Mandala's mission is to offer both solo and group practice, study and retreat inspired by and anchored in authentic lineages of Tibetan Buddhism, nurturing a complete path to ultimate realization as well as exploring the interface between Buddhist teachings and the western world.

Tara Mandala utilizes volunteers in all areas of support during our summer retreat season. Examples are: preparing and serving meals, retail assistance in our store, maintenance of our residence rooms and community buildings before and following retreats; setup and take down of the retreat teaching areas, land maintenance and general building maintenance.

## United Way of Southwest Colorado ~ Archuleta County

**Website:** [www.unitedway-swco.org](http://www.unitedway-swco.org)

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**Contact Name:** Lisa Jensen

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The mission of United Way of Southwest Colorado is to positively impact the community by supporting local agencies and programs that promote education, healthy lifestyles and self-reliance.

United Way of Southwest Colorado utilizes volunteers to serve on Community Investment Committee (every 2 years, including May/2013) and help with fundraising special events. We also refer volunteers to our partner agencies.

## Upper San Juan Search and Rescue

**Website:** [www.uppersanjuansearchandrescue.org](http://www.uppersanjuansearchandrescue.org)

**Telephone:** (970) 946-5490

**Contact Name:** Les Bivens

**Contact E-Mail:** [usjsar@gmail.com](mailto:usjsar@gmail.com)

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue is comprised of volunteers who perform the search and rescue of people in distress in the back country of Archuleta County by providing ground teams, ATV, snowmobile, high angle ropes and other disciplines.

Search and Rescue is looking for individuals willing to learn search and rescue techniques and procedures, and apply that knowledge in field search and rescue activities.

# Weminuche Audubon Society

**Website:** [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org)

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Weminuche Audubon Society promotes the conservation of birds, wildlife and their habitats in the Pagosa Springs region.

In partnership with Audubon Rockies, volunteers are being recruited to work with elementary school students for the Four Mile Ranch Environmental Education program. Weminuche Audubon Society also needs volunteers to assist in weed removal, native planting, nest-box monitoring, and other habitat restoration tasks. Volunteer board members are also needed; elections for 2-year terms will be held on June 19, 2013.

Please visit the Chamber's website for more volunteer information:

<http://pagosachamber.com/about-the-chamber/volunteer-programs/>







Thank you for your interest in our Community Volunteer Opportunities. The organizations listed in this brochure need your help, many of which succeed primarily with the assistance of volunteers. If you find one or more of these organizations of interest to you, please select those from the list below, complete your contact information, tear off the back page and drop it off at the Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center. Your contact information will then be forwarded to the organization(s) of your choosing, and they will contact you directly. Thank you for “Recycling Your Talents & Volunteering!”

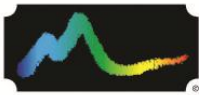
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