

## Southwestern REACT Event Descriptions

This document provides a generic listing of the events Southwestern REACT works on a continuing basis. This list is intended to give those unfamiliar with our operations a guide to what is expected of operators at each event.

**NOTE:** Website links are included for information only. If you wish to work an event, **DO NOT** contact the organizers directly. Please inquire through Southwestern REACT at [kk6sle@arrrl.net](mailto:kk6sle@arrrl.net).

Headsets, earphones or earbuds are recommended for all event, but of particular value for events that have high noise levels, such as Touch-A-Truck.

### **Touch-A-Truck:**

- **Purpose:** To provide support to a community event involving a variety of vehicle displays (police cars, ambulance, garbage trucks, earthmovers, semi trucks, fire engines, etc.). Proceeds from admission costs fund school curriculum on mechanical repair and to encourage youth to consider transportation-related careers.
- **Duties:** Communications with organizers, observing crowds, identifying and assisting with incidents such as medical emergencies, lost children, etc. Assist with parking control. Once on site, there is moderate walking involved. REACT has a booth to hand out literature and to give team members a break. Bring a chair to leave at the booth and any food items.
- **Time commitment:** 0700 - 1600 ( 9 hours) for all participants.
- **Location:** Just north of the San Diego river in Lakeside in a 25 acre fenced dirt lot along Riverside Avenue.
- **Equipment Requirements:** The event is HT friendly. Southwestern REACT provides a canopy and table. Bring a chair.
- **Event Website:** <https://lakesidechamber.org/touch-a-truck>

### **Fiesta Island Time Trials**

- **Purpose:** To provide safety monitors for a closed circuit bike event. Cyclists are individually timed for how long it takes to complete 20 or 40km course around Fiesta Island.
- **Duties:** SWR Team members are stationed around the island at pre-established locations to observe the cyclists. The route is monitored for any accidents, mechanical malfunctions, potential hazards on the course and to determine the last riders in order to close the event. Team members meet for an initial briefing at the entrance to the island and then deploy around the island where they sit in their vehicles to observe. Minimal walking.
- **Time commitment:** 0615 - 1030 (4.25 hrs.)
- **Location:** Fiesta Island in Mission Bay.
- **Equipment Requirements:** Event is not HT friendly due to high sand berms on the island. A mobile radio installed in a vehicle works best.
- **Event Website:** <https://www.sdbc.org/fiesta-island-time-trial>

### **San Diego Gran Fondo**

- **Purpose:** To track 400+ bicycle riders along 3 overlapping courses ranging from 33 to 100 miles in length and to support communication between the rest stops/aid stations and the race coordinator, monitor for accidents, render aid as needed, notify bike support vehicles of the need to transport tired riders or to assist with repairs.
- **Duties:** Team members are primarily assigned to aid stations so will be at fixed locations. There will be a “shadow” or team member assigned to the race director, co-located with the Start/Finish.
- **Time commitment:** 0745-1300, but can vary from 2 to 10 hours depending on location and aid station as some close down early while others are open most of the day. “Rover units” will shadow cyclists throughout the 100 mile course and will drive up to 120 miles and put in a 10 hour day.
- **Location:** Start/Finish is in Ruocco Park downtown while the course stretches to Alpine and then southeast to Jamul and Otay Lakes before heading west to the San Diego Bay and then north to Ruocco Park via Harbor Blvd.

- **Equipment Requirements:** Due to the length and varied terrain of the course, HTs are not recommended. A full power (50W or better) mobile radio is recommended. Operators assigned to various rest stops should be prepared to provide their own shelter (canopy, etc) and seating.
- **Event Website:** <https://www.sdgranfondo.com/>

### **Lakeside Western Days Parade**

- **Purpose:** This small town parade has been in existence for over 50 years and is a well-attended local event. To assist parade organizers, REACT provides a communications network that links the different announcer stations to the parade coordinator.
- **Duties:** Team members are assigned to shadow a particular announcer station of the many that are spread throughout the approx. 1.5 mile course. Team members update the announcers on last minute changes in the line up of parade entries, dropouts, last minute additions, etc. Team members also update the parade coordinator on any unexpected events—medical emergencies, mechanical failures with floats or vehicles, etc. Team members will be at a fixed location with minimal walking. Good to bring a chair for the event.
- **Time Commitment:** Approx. 4 hours, 0800 - 1200. All Team Members are present for the briefing and then stay for the duration of the parade. Once the parade is finished, team members disperse and return home.
- **Location:** At various locations in downtown Lakeside.
- **Equipment Requirements:** Event is HT friendly.
- **Event Website:** <https://lakesidechamber.org/western-days-parade>

### **San Diego International Triathlon**

- **Purpose:** To ensure a safe event by monitoring course conditions, reporting accidents, rendering aid as needed, and tracking the progress of the triathletes while providing updates to the race coordinator.
- **Duties:** Team members are assigned a location along the cycling or running course that extends from the tip of Point Loma to Ruocco Park in downtown San Diego. Team members watch for accidents, mechanical failures, fatigued or disabled athletes, and any safety concerns that might arise in order to advise the race coordinator, paramedics, traffic control, etc. Team members track the last participant along the course segments in order to determine when sections of the closed-off streets may be re-opened.
- **Time Commitment:** 0600 - 1300 (approx. 7 hours)
- **Location:** Briefing at Liberty Station in San Diego with assignments at Spanish landing, along Scott St., Canon St., Catalina Blvd., Harbor Blvd., and Harbor Island.
- **Equipment Requirements:** Event is HT friendly (based on assigned location) but a mobile radio is recommended.
- **Event Website:** <https://www.sdinternationaltriathlon.com/>

### **Silver Strand Half Marathon**

- **Purpose:** To ensure a safe running/walking event and to provide communications in support of the aid stations and the approx. 1400 participants. There are multiple events with a 5K, 10 mile and 13.1 mile distances.
- **Duties:** Team members are primarily at fixed locations along the event route, co-located with the aid/water stations along the way. Team member observe for the well-being of the participants, notify control when EMS is needed, assist with the monitoring and transfer of water, food, etc. between aid stations and track the last participants. One or two members may participate as bicycle rovers along the entire course.
- **Time Commitment:** 0600-1145 (5.75 hours) Briefing at 0600 at the Coronado Library and then deployment to station locations. Event concludes around noon at Silver Strand State Beach. The aid stations closer to the start may close after 2-3 hours or after all the runners have passed by. Depending on assignment, event may last 3-5 hours or more
- **Location:** Assignments may stretch along the Silver Strand from Sunset Park in Coronado to Imperial Beach.

- **Equipment Requirements:** Event is HT friendly except for certain locations. Southwestern REACT hopes to rectify that situation by utilizing a different repeater for future events.
- **Event Website:** <https://www.silverstrandhalf.com/>

### ***Giro Di San Diego***

- **Purpose:** To track cyclists along 4 overlapping courses ranging from 20 to 95 miles in length and to support communication between the rest stops/aid stations and the race coordinator, monitor for accidents, render aid as needed, notify bike support vehicles of the need to transport tired riders or to assist with repairs.
- **Duties:** Team members are primarily assigned to aid stations so will be at fixed locations. There will be a “shadow” or team member assigned to the race director, co-located with the Start/Finish. Prior challenges have included lack of repeater coverage along the east grade of Palomar Mountain as well as most of Mesa Grande. Cyclists on the long route face challenging elevation climbs, high temperatures, and potential dehydration. Rover units carry additional water to assist cyclists on the course and notify EMS, sag support and net control as needed.
- **Time commitment:** 0715-1330 (6.25 hours) but can vary depending on location and aid station as some close down early while others are open most of the day. “Rover units” will shadow cyclists throughout the 95 mile course and will drive up to 120 miles and put in an 11 hour day. Tracking stragglers may require additional time.
- **Location:** Start/Finish is at Ryan Park in Escondido. The course stretches from Lake Wohlford, north through Valley Center to Hwy 76 and then east up to Mt. Palomar. From the top, the descent is down the east grade and circles around Mesa Grande back to Hwy 76 near Santa Ysabel. The course heads west up Cole Grade Road to Valley Center Road and then back to Ryan Park.
- **Equipment Requirements:** Event IS NOT HT friendly. Due to the length and terrain of the course, a full power mobile radio is recommended. Operators should be prepared to be close to busy, narrow roadways and have appropriate PPE (high-visibility safety vest and vehicle warning lights.)
- **Event Website:** <https://www.girodisandiego.com/>