



Shifting Gears Road Ride Volunteer Roles & Responsibilities

About Shifting Gears

Shifting Gears is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Bellingham, WA, with a mission to create welcoming recreation experiences that encourage confidence, wellness, growth, and joy for all women. Striving to empower all women, our programs focus on breaking down barriers that stand in the way between a person and their outdoor aspirations.

About Shifting Gears' Road Ride Program

Shifting Gears provides a safe and informative environment for new riders to feel comfortable riding bikes on the roads of Whatcom County. We are here to adventure together, work through challenges, and celebrate every one of us for taking a chance to set out on an adventure together. Learn more about the program on our [website](#).

Road Rides are held one weekend day a month from May through October. Rides are typically all day (8am-5pm), depending on the route length and level of riders. Each ride is a max of 12 individuals, with one Trip Leader and Support Volunteer. Trip Leaders can expect to have routes provided by Shifting Gears but will have the option to provide input on the routes/destinations before the season starts.

Responsibilities:

Shifting Gears Volunteers will support fun, inclusive, safe road rides around Whatcom County. As a Volunteer, your role involves supporting the Trip Leader, ensuring the group stays together, creating a fun and positive environment, and supporting participants. Road Ride Volunteers ensure the rides are no-drop and accommodate everyone's riding pace.

Time Commitment

You commit to at least two rides this season, which are currently scheduled for:

- May 19
- June 22
- July 28
- August 18
- September 14
- October 20

Attendance at the Road Ride Training is mandatory; the exact date is TBD.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to the Shifting Gears mission and values.
- Ability to ride at the same skill level as your group
- Passionate about outdoor recreation and fostering a welcoming environment for all women!
- Knowledge of basic bike repair and first aid is a plus!

How to Apply:

Complete this [Volunteer Application](#) by **March 15, 2024**.

Thank you for wanting to support our community! If you have any questions, please contact our executive director, Krysy Keller, at krysy@letsshiftgears.com.