



Volunteer Insider October 2026



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



DEB & RUSSELL FLESCH

- **How many years have you been a volunteer?**

Russell has volunteered since 2010 and Deb began volunteering in 2011.

- **What is your favorite volunteer position?**

Deb enjoys being at the gates as a greeter, welcoming people to the State Fair while Russell doesn't have a particular favorite. He enjoys the exterior tram, hand stamping and the puzzle contest.

- **Why do you volunteer?**

Both love to volunteer to help fairgoers find their way around the State Fair and getting the opportunity to meet new people.

- **What is the best Fair food?**

The Fleschs' both really enjoy the stuffed cucumbers. They are healthy and the perfect tasty treat!

- **What did you love about the 2026 State Fair?**

Deb and Russell both agree that the improvements to the parking lots and campus have been a highlight for them this Nebraska State Fair!

CHAD SCHOCK: GRAND MARSHAL

Chad Schock, one of our Nebraska State Fair volunteers, was recognized on September 5th as the Grand Marshal! Chad has been part of our Yellow Shirt crew since 2023 and has also been an active part of our annual Community Decorating Contest.



Outside of the State Fair, Chad is a true champion for the Grand Island community, giving countless hours to organizations including Project Hunger, Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity, and the American Red Cross. His passion for helping others and making a difference is evident in everything he does.

Congratulations to one of our very own! We are so proud to have you as part of the NSF family, Chad!

TOTAL 2026 VOLUNTEER HOURS

It truly takes a village to bring the Nebraska State Fair to life! This year, 1,185 incredible volunteers gave a total of 17,252.50 hours to help make the 2026 State Fair happen. We are so incredibly thankful for every hour, every smile, and every helping hand. Thank you to each and every one of our volunteers for giving your time, energy, and heart to the Nebraska State Fair! We couldn't do it without you!

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