Sandblast Volunteers
Lodging Assistance Program

The intent of the lodging assistance program is that volunteers who come from very far away get financial assistance with lodging. These guidelines have been set up to spread the money that is available among those who apply.
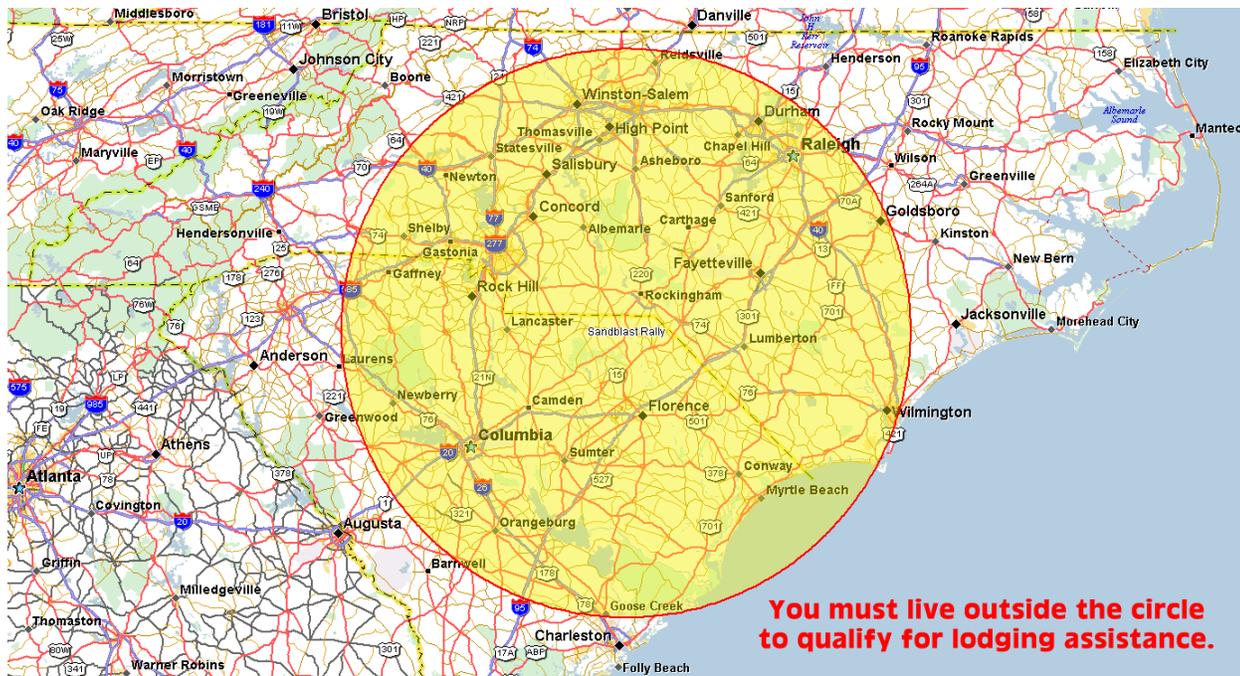
Amount of Lodging Assistance

For those people who are approved, the rally will pay you $13 per night, which is based on the rally HQ hotel rate of $50 per night. The intent is that if you can arrange four qualifying volunteers to a room, the costs of the room will be covered. For example, Abe reserves a room and applies for lodging assistance. Abe's friends Bill, Charlie, and Dan also apply for lodging assistance, and they all stay in Abe's room. Assuming all are accepted to the program, the 4x13=52 dollars will be enough to cover the room costs.

Lodging Assistance Eligibility Criteria

All of the following must be met in order for you to be accepted to the program.

1. Your volunteer position must be on the list of eligible positions (see the next section for list)
2. Your Stage Captain or team leader must have your name on his attendance sheet that is turned in after the rally.
3. Your application form must be filled out completely.
4. Your application form **must be received eight days before the day of the rally**.
5. There must be a separate application for each individual.
6. You must live outside the circle shown on the following map:

You must live outside the circle to qualify for lodging assistance.

List of Volunteer Positions Eligible for Lodging Assistance

In general, financial lodging assistance is only available for those people who are volunteering their efforts on the actual day of the rally.

The following positions will have rooms reserved for them, paid for by the event:
- Clerk of Course
- Steward
- Chief of Scoring (half a room)
- Chief Scrutineer (half a room)

The following positions **must make their own room reservations**, but are eligible to *apply* for lodging assistance. The rally has a limited budget for lodging assistance, and priority goes to those who apply first.
- Chief of Controls
- Stage Captain
- Road Marshal
- Any volunteer assigned to a control
- Radio Operator

The following non-exhaustive list of volunteer positions are not eligible for lodging assistance:
- Scrutineering Assistant
- Registration Assistant
- Photographer / Reporter / Videographer
- Web Master

List of Days for Which Lodging Assistance is Available
- Friday, the night before the event
- Saturday, the night of the event

For no other days will lodging assistance be considered. Thursday night lodging will not be eligible for lodging assistance, as no one *needs* to be at the rally before Friday,

Budgetary Limit

There is only a certain amount of money available for this program. Sandblast Rally is a small, regional event, and actually survives with the lowest entry fee on the East Coast, and it just can't afford to put up everyone in hotels. Please be aware that your application may be denied simply because there wasn't any money left. We encourage you to apply early, with "early" being six weeks or more before the rally. This is the rally's way of rewarding those who commit to volunteering early.

Coordination of Roommates

You may not know three other people who are coming to the rally with you. The Director of Marshal Recruitment will keep a list of people who are looking to lodge with someone else. Once there are four, they will all be contacted with each other's contact information. At that point, they are expected to make all the remaining arrangements themselves. It's a great way to meet up with some other fellow rally fanatics!

Method of Payment

Checks will be mailed out approximately 10 days after the event.