

REMOTE AREA MEDICAL®
TIPS FOR RAM VOLUNTEERS

The Remote Area Medical (RAM) Free Health Expedition in Los Angeles will take place at the Inglewood FORUM from August 11 – August 18, 2009. The deadline for Volunteer Registration is August 1, 2009.

- A general orientation will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 10 at the Forum. Smaller group orientation meetings will be held immediately following the general orientation. There will be additional small group orientation sessions at 5:00 AM on Tuesday morning for each individual group (Medical, Dental, Vision, Patient Registration, Volunteer Registration, Patient Escort, etc.). Other orientation meetings will be held as needed. All Volunteers are encouraged to attend at least one orientation meeting.
- You will need to bring proof of your professional licensure (M.D., D.O., D.D.S, R.N., N.P., P.A. etc.) if applicable. This will not apply if you have already pre-registered with us and have provided us with a copy of your current license.
- Due to the great desire on the part of many professionals and support persons to assist and the publicity that this event has received, the number of volunteers in all categories has increased greatly, for which we are most grateful. However, please be advised that if you have not pre-registered prior to the deadline noted, we cannot guarantee that we will have space to accommodate you working as either a health care professional or as a support person.
- **Individuals registered as volunteers are not allowed to receive patient services until ALL patients have been seen, except in emergency situations. If you wish to receive patient services, you must register as a patient. We suggest that you do this first and volunteer after having received the patient services that you need. Dental and vision services generally are not available to volunteers registered as patients due to the large number of patients who register for these services.**
- When arriving at the Forum, parking attendant staff will direct you to the Volunteer Parking area. Proceed to the “Volunteer” registration table to check in. A bar-coding system will be used to track Volunteer hours so it is very important that you register before going “on duty”. **Please wear your RAM Volunteer Electronic Badge at all times while in the Forum.**
- Be sure to check out at the end of each day as well.
- **Bring your own diagnostic equipment** (such as otoscope/ophthalmoscope, phoropter, stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, etc) as these instruments are available only in limited quantity. If you have a favorite instrument, please bring it with you. Basic supplies will be available (gloves, hand sanitizer, etc).
- **If you have prescriptive authority, please bring your own tamper-proof prescription pads. You will not be allowed to prescribe any medications if you do not.**
- All medications donated to the event are to be given over to the on-site pharmacy for dispensing to patients. No samples or other stock medication are to be kept at other locations.
- Food and cool drinks will be provided at no cost for all volunteers.
- Casual, modest attire is recommended (scrubs, capris, jeans, tee shirts.) Comfortable shoes are a must. Please no short shorts, strapless tops, or short tops with bare midriffs. Because of the variety of populations that will be served, we recommend that you do NOT wear camouflaged-print or khaki clothing.

Thank you for becoming a Remote Area Medical volunteer; we look forward to working with you!
RAM IS A TOBACCO-FREE EVENT! NO PETS ALLOWED (SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY)
