

April Greene

FEW T.A. VOLunteers bring as much heart as April. Infamous for her devastatingly heavy bicycle, she is a regular fixture at Mailing Parties, Valet Bike Parking and T.A. events where free food and beverage abound.



Occupation: Assistant at an arts and environmental sciences foundation.

Age: 26

Are you a T.A. member? Oh yes.

When did you join? Last summer.

What neighborhoods do you live/work in? I live in Park Slope and work in Rockefeller Center.

What's your commute? I bike two or three days a week and take the F train the other days. I love biking, not only because biking rules, but because it makes those times on the train feel like I'm being chauffeured around (with several hundred other people).

Why did you start volunteering with T.A.? I wanted to help out at an organization that promotes sustainable transportation by encouraging cooperation between people

rather than separatist flame-throwing. T.A. does just that!

What kinds of volunteer activities have you done with T.A.?

I've handed out hot dog vouchers at the Century, marshaled in the Tour de Brooklyn, valet parked bikes at events, assembled shelving and signs, brought donuts and stuck lots of labels to lots of T.A. magazines.

Hours volunteering per month: Somewhere around 10.

Do you have a personal philosophy? Everybody be nice!

What upcoming projects are you working on with T.A.? I've been working for about a year on a campaign to get indoor bike parking for employees at Rockefeller Center – with a lot of help from T.A.! And I'll definitely do something at the Century this September (possibly hot dog-related).

What do you think about volunteer night? It's the best – snacks, drinks, good conversation, and the chance to brush up on NYC zip code trivia.

What's your most/least favorite thing about getting around in NYC? I'm a big fan of the biking adrenaline rush, but I could really

do without playing Bus Tag: the driver honks behind you, then speeds up and cuts you off only to slam on the brakes ten feet later and leave you huffing fumes as you try to merge and pass him. Repeat every two blocks.

If you could change one thing about transportation in NYC, what would it be? I'd make every car run on sunshine. Or corn. Or something else that doesn't smell like million-year-old compressed fish cakes.

What's your favorite neighborhood public space? I'm pretty partial to the little triangular "parks" made from awkward medians in the middle of busy intersections.

Thoughts on T.A. as an organization: Whenever I mention T.A., people say, "Oh, they're good, aren't they?" Yes, they are! □

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