

Dear Collegiate Coach:

The Chile Pepper Cross Country Festival will be held Saturday, September 22nd, 2018, at the University of Arkansas Cross Country Course in Fayetteville, Arkansas. We appreciate your support!

PAYMENT / REGISTRATION / PACKET PICK-UP

REGISTRATION: All Teams are required to register on-line at the event Web site www.chilepepperfestival.org.

PAYMENT: Please note our mailing address has *changed in 2015*. Please share this with your Accounts Payable Department. Payment can be made at packet pick-up or your school may mail payment to:

Chile Pepper, Inc., **Box 10734** Fayetteville, AR 72703

PACKET PICK-UP: Coaches may pick up race packets, which include bibs and chips, on either Friday evening at the Race Site from 5:30pm to 7:30pm or Saturday morning (race day) after 8:00am.

Rain Site is Gymnastic Joe's, NWA Mall, 4201 North Shiloh Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72703. A notice will be posted on website header and facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/chilepepperfest> early Friday morning if necessary.

CHANGES IN RUNNERS (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS) The on-line registration database closes on **Tuesday, September 18th** at 5:00PM Central Time. Further changes will need to be made prior to your race at the registration tent on Friday night between 5:30pm-7:30pm or on Race Day after 8:00am.

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING – COLLEGE TEAMS ONLY: Easiest if you **PICK UP PARKING PASS AT REGISTRATION FRIDAY NIGHT**

Traveling on the Hwy. I-540, take exit 66 to Hwy. 112 (which is also Garland Ave). Travel on Hwy. 112 (south) and turn left on Drake Street. Follow Drake Street to Gregg Street. Turn right on Gregg Street and travel (south) for approximately 150 meters and turn right on Quality Lane. This road, which crosses a set of train tracks, is an entrance to a new apartment complex. Follow Quality Lane around to the entrance of the lower field of the cross-country course and you will see the course/grass parking area. Parking attendants will be directing traffic and are only allowing college team vans to enter at this area near the start, and a backflow lot is shared with volunteers. NO "tour buses" here as they need to go to the Fairgrounds on the West side of the course due to tight corners and terrain. Please arrive early.

Note: You will see lighted parking signs on Highway 112 that lead to additional parking at the Washington County Fairgrounds and the Pauline Whittaker Equine Center. You may also park at those areas, and catch our shuttle buses to the

Race Village on Race Day.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

General Public / Individuals

- Chile Pepper Open 10K 7:15 a.m.
- Chile Pepper Open 5K 8:45 a.m.
- Awards – Chile Pepper Open 10K 9:05 a.m, 5K Open 9:30 a.m.

Students / School Teams

College / Open

- Men's Collegiate (8K) 9:30am.
- Women's Collegiate (5K) 10:20am.
- Awards – Collegiate Men and Women 11:10am.

High School & Junior High

- Senior High Boy's "El Caliente" (Varsity-5K) 11:00 a.m.
- Senior High Girl's "El Caliente" (Varsity-5K) 11:30 a.m.
- Senior High Boy's Open (5K) 12:15 pm.
- Senior High Girl's Open (5K) 1:00 p.m.
- Awards – Senior High School 1:45 p.m.
- Junior High Boys (5K) 1:45 p.m.
- Junior High Girls (5K) 2:30 p.m.
- Awards – Junior High School 3:15 p.m.

Chip Timing:

This year's event will be chip timed and scored. Chips and bibs will be included in your race packet. Each runner will be required to wear an electronic chip which will be twist tied (not laced through) to his or her shoelace. All runners must wear the chip on their shoe. Runners will also have a bib number for identification purposes only. The bib number will be used to match the chip, which has been pre-assigned to that bib number. Please make sure your students know about this system. Please do not switch chips from one runner to another (if you have no shows) without notifying registration of the change. Every chip has been encoded and switching them would list your runner incorrectly for the results.

All chips will be collected at the finish line. There will be a \$10.00 charge per chip for any that are not returned. If you have runners that don't participate or who did not travel with the team, please return the chips immediately to the packet pick-up/registration area. The chips will already be encoded with your runner's name, and we will be able to track the missing chips.

ENTRY FEES: COLLEGIATE

Cost is \$250 per team for 7 runners, then \$35 each additional athlete. Use Team Registration Link on website with username/password.

- Unattached runners must qualify for the college race.
- **Men:** 10K time of 34:00 min. or less this calendar year.
- **Women:** 5K time of 18:00 min. or less this calendar year.

Entry fees are due when your team checks in at registration or you may send payment to the address below before the event. Scoring will be for university teams only. All open or unattached athletes will be omitted from team scores, but will appear in the individual results.

COURSE AND COURSE MAPS: You may come out and run the course anytime after 2:00PM on Friday, but do not plan to drive into the Race Village area as we are setting up the event. Course maps are available for download from the event Web site.

AWARDS AND PRESS INTERVIEWS: The top fifteen individual male and female runners, plus the top three male and female schools are required to be present at the awards ceremony. In addition, please make your top runners available for interviews and photos following the awards ceremony. We want to promote the sport and your school, so please help us!

CHILE PEPPER T-SHIRTS: We always sell out of the “running-pepper” themed t-shirts and other merchandise.

FOOD: Runners and coaches are welcome to eat at the food tent upon completion of their event. Runners bring their race number and coaches identify themselves as for free admittance. Non-registered people, friends and family may eat for \$5 per person.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Website has more general information and maps. For any special needs or questions:

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