

Dear Senior and Junior High School Coach:

The Chile Pepper Cross Country Festival will be held **Saturday, October 5th, 2019**, 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 *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, October 1st** 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 – HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

Traveling on the Hwy. 540 take exit 66 to Hwy. 112 (which is also Garland Ave.). Travel on Hwy. 112 (south). You will see Chile Pepper parking signs. Primary Parking is at the Washington County fairgrounds or the Pauline Whittaker Equine Center. Agri Park is only a drop zone. Parking attendants will be there to direct you. There will be shuttle buses that will take your squads from the parking areas to the drop-off point in the upper field of the cross-country course on race day High School Teams will not be able to park at the course area.

Buses can drop off runners on West Sunbridge Drive but need to park at the Washington County Fairgrounds: 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) until you reach the White Oak Gas Station (on your left), turn left (east) on West Sunbridge Drive. This is a drop zone only, no parking and absolutely no stopping on Gregg Street per Fayetteville Police who will be present for safety of all. Washington County Fairgrounds has ample parking for large vehicles and shuttle buses are continuously running to move your athletes efficiently.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: See Website for most up to date times of races.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT RULES:

- Your school must be a member of your state's high school activities / athletic association or has been approved to compete with the association's members. We cannot mix non-member teams with member teams per NFHS Rules. If you are a non-member and plan on coming to the race, contact Jay Lewis at 479-530-5954 or jay.lewis@chilepepperfestival.org asap.
- A 9th grade student may compete in either the junior or senior high events per AAA rules.
- Unattached runners (runners who are not officially representing his/her school) are not allowed to run in any of the senior high or junior high school events, according to the AAA sanctioning rules. They may ONLY run in the Open 10K or 1 Mile event Friday evening.
- Individual school runners (runners who have less than five members) may represent his or her school if accompanied by the official school coach or an official designee of the school.
- If the school coach does not accompany the runner(s), then a signed letter from a school official on school stationary must be mailed and/or presented to the Chile Pepper committee indicating whom the official designee is and that they are officially representing the school.
- CHIP TIMING: Please return unused chips to the Finish Line or Registration Tent.

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: High School and Junior High Teams

- Cost is \$100 per team -- up to 20 participants included. \$3 for each additional team member. 3 or less on a team, fee is \$20 per participant.
- \$100 - Senior High Boys El Caliente-Varsity. It is limited to eight runners per team.
- \$100 - Senior High Girls El Caliente-Varsity. It is limited to eight runners per team.

- \$100 - Senior High Boys Open. No runner limit.
- \$100 - Senior High Girls Open. No runner limit.
- \$100 - Junior High Boys Open. No runner limit.
- \$100 - Junior High Girls Open. No runner limit.

Entry fee includes a post-race feast for all runners and coaches. Entry fees are due when your team checks in at registration or can be mailed prior to the event.

COURSE AND COURSE MAPS: You may come out and run the course anytime after 3:00PM 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.

CHILE PEPPER T-SHIRTS: We always sell out of the “running-pepper” themed t-shirts and other cool 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 course maps. For any special needs or questions:

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