



J&J Race

and trail running
reunion



100km / 50mi / 50km / 25km / 10km

Dear J&J Trail Runner,

Welcome to the J&J and Camp Eagle on the western edge of the Texas Hill Country. Thanks for choosing this annual Endurance Trail Run held at Camp Eagle, near Rocksprings, TX. The trails are rugged and beautiful, the accommodations are convenient, and the location is simply perfect. The goal, as always, was to create a long distance trail race that is difficult, yet runnable... so it isn't easy, and wasn't intended to be. It is our intention to provide the very best Texas hospitality. Our stations are staffed with experienced trail runners, as they will best understand your needs. They will provide more encouragement than sympathy. We intend to take care of you as best we can. Packet-Pickup, Pre-Race Brief, and everything else are all at Camp Eagle.

Our website provides plenty of information to assist you with your travel and run plans. We have an exceptional group working this race who are very much appreciated. If you can't run, I highly recommend you join our team. You won't be disappointed. We have quite a bit of fun just working this event: from the day we start marking the course until the moment we leave. This is the third name this event has held and this is the one that will remain.

The race was originally built by current owner, Chris McWatters when he worked at Camp Eagle. Then he decided he didn't want to be race director any longer as his duties with Camp Eagle had become too much to grow this running event the way he knew it should be done. So he asked around as to who had the best reputation in the region in the trail running race-directing world. He got told about Tejas Trails. Soon after that, Joe and Joyce took the race over. Joe and Joyce grew the event quickly. Then years later in 2015, Joe and Joyce decided they wanted to move toward a well-earned retirement. Krissy and Chris were deemed a valid candidate to carry the reigns. They decided it was too special an offer to turn down, so they left their home at Camp Eagle and moved to the Austin area to take on Tejas Trails and all of it's events.

They soon after transitioned this event into the J&J Race and Trail Reunion Reunion as a gift to their friends, Joe and Joyce. This is their way of saying "thank you"...a bunch of people running trails and hanging out for a few days in beautiful scenery. It's the perfect gift. Chris and company intend on putting on a great event with tons of challenging running...and helping you all persevere...and then hanging out sharing a lot of good laughs. This is undoubtedly the most fun trail running venue in this part of the world. You're gonna love it! Thanks for joining us. We are truly honored to serve you in this way!

Chris & Krissy McWatters and Joe & Joyce Prusaitis & all our wonderful volunteers
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Payment Policy:

See policies link on the website.

If there is a wait list.

There is a \$20 holding fee for a place on the wait list.

if you get in, the holding fee will be deducted from the balance owed.

if you do not get in, for any reason, the holding fee is not refunded.

In case of race cancellation (for any reason):

There is no refund.

Check-In:

Check in is processed as you cross the start-line mat. Simply make sure you cross the mat when you start. That is your check-in.

Check-Out:

DNF, DROP, QUIT, LEAVE EARLY, MISSED CUTOFF: All runners who do not finish the race must turn in their timing chip to the Finish Line timer immediately upon your decision. We need to know if you have left the course. Otherwise, we'll be looking for someone who isn't out there.

Chip Timing:

This is a chip-timed event. However, your time begins when we start the race, not when you cross the start/finish mat (called "Gun Time". Please wear your chip on your ankle only. It may not read if it's in your pack or on your wrist or in your car. Also, please remember to turn in your chip if you quit or leave the course for any reason for good. When you finish, we'll swap you your finisher's award for your stinky chip and strap!

TimeLine

(Subject to Change)

Friday (Tejas Trails Race Stuff)

6:00-7:30pm: Packet Pickup for the race (Pavilion, if really rough weather Coffee Shop)

7:00pm: Pre-race briefing (All Distances) (Pavilion Lawn by big Firepit, if really rough weather-Coffee Shop)

Drop Bags dropped off in Pavilion (look for big Flag labeled "Drop Bags")

(No drop bags taken after 7:30pm)

8:00pm: 100K Start

Friday (Camp Eagle Stuff)

4:00pm-1:30am: Check-In with Camp Eagle at Front Gate (lodging, food,

activities)
6:00pm-8:00pm: Supper (in Dining Hall)
8:15pm: Night Zipline 850

Saturday (Tejas Trails Race Stuff)

4:30-8:00am: Packet Pickup (Pavilion, next to stage)
4:45am: Drop Bags must be dropped off (for 50mi and 50km)
5:00am: 50 mile start
6:30am: 50K start (Official Start Time)
7:30am: 25K start (Official Start Time)
8:30am: 10K start (Official Start Time)
2:00pm: Youth Trail Race (1 mile'ish)
All day-late night: Pavilion Lawn Hangout (relaxing, backyard games, fun, and cheering on races in progress).
8:00pm: Final Cutoff ALL Races
Dark: Bonfire and fun in Pavilion Lawn

Saturday (Camp Eagle Stuff)

3:30am - 12:00pm: Check-In with Camp Eagle at Front Gate (lodging, food, activities)
4:00am-9:00am: Breakfast (Dining Hall)
9:00am-6:00pm: Camp Eagle Adventure Day Camp (so parents can race or go play together without their kid(s) (sign up in Pavilion) (30 max)
10:00am-6:00pm: Coffee Shop open
10:00am-6:00pm: Camp Store Open
10:00am-7:00pm: Waterfront Open with lifeguards on duty
11:00am-3:30pm: Lunch (grills going by Pavilion)
1:00pm-6:00pm: Kayaking, Sports Courts, Lawn Games
11:00am, 1, 3, 5:00pm: Super Swing rotations (must be signed up & escorted by CE Staff)
12:30, 2:30, 4:30: Zip 3000 rotations begin (must be signed up & escorted by CE Staff)
6:00-8:30pm: Supper served in Pavilion
Dark: Bonfire & Crazy S'mores

100km Saturday Cutoffs:

Pavilion: noon
Texas: 2:15pm
Wall: 4:15pm
Cabin: 6:30pm
Texas: 7:30pm

50mi Saturday Cutoffs:

Pavilion: 3:00pm
Texas: 4:45pm

Wall: 6:15pm
Texas: 7:30pm
Pavilion: 8:00pm

50km / 25km Saturday Cutoffs:

Pavilion: 1:15pm
Texas: 3:45pm
Wall: 6:00pm
Texas: 7:30pm
Pavilion: 8:00pm

Sunday (Tejas Trails Stuff)

9:30am: Final Fun Run & Swim (to pick up litter from the trails and have fun). Meet in Pavilion a few min early.

Sunday (Camp Eagle Stuff)

7:30am-9:30am: Breakfast (Dining Hall)
11:00am: Rooms cleared out

Meals Summary: (Meals can be bought for a reasonable price at Camp Eagle)

Friday Supper: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday Breakfast: 4:00am - 9:00am
Saturday Lunch: 11:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday Supper: 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Sunday Breakfast: 7:30am - 9:30am

Youth Trail Race: We will have a kid's one-mile race on Saturday after the longer races have started. If you are interested in your kid running, find one of us in the Pavilion before the race start time. 12 and under only. Entry fee is just \$5 per child.

Aid Station Food & Drink: The aid stations begin with all the basics: water, Tailwind, gels, salt, electrolyte, coke, sprite, salted items in pretzels and chips, sugars in candies, plus cookies, and pb&j sandwiches. Also, we usually find some fresh fruits such as oranges, bananas, and melons. Depending on the weather, we will put out cold stuff when it's extra hot and hot stuff if it gets cold. Not all aid stations will have the same foods. I will put out some water at a temporary Aid Station at MOON primarily for the 10km runners. After the 10km is over, it will be removed. Keep in mind that it will be there when all the other races come through as well, but don't expect it to be there when you come back on your 2nd and 3rd loops.

Cupless: We will NOT provide cups for cold beverages. You must carry your own water bottles, hydration vests, etc. We WILL provide a couple community cups at each aid station if you lost your water bottle and you are desperate and gross enough to use that.

At hot events, we WILL provide Styrofoam cups or bowls and plastic spoons for hot items. We WILL also place some small food items in small serving paper dishes for sanitary reasons. You are required to stay at the Aid Station with all paper and Styrofoam items. No one may enter back onto the trails while still holding that trash. Anyone caught with items on the trail and/or littering will be automatically DQ'ed, and not allowed to return for a future event.

Aid Stations:

PAVILION - THE AID STATION: A full service aid for all runners. Also serves as the start and finish for all races.

MOON - THE AID STATION: A temporary aid for the 10km. This is a self-serve location that will ONLY have water and only til the 10km is done.

WALL - THE AID STATION: A full service aid for all runners except 10km.

TEXAS - THE AID STATION: A full service aid for all runners. For many, you will hit this station twice in a single big loop.

CABIN - THE AID STATION: A full service aid station for the 100km runners only.

Post Race Party:

At 8:00 PM (before the race is over) we will gather at the Pavilion to celebrate. Bring your own drinks & we will celebrate the day, exaggerate some trail stories, and have a great time!

Race Bibs:

Race Bibs must be visible so the other runners know which race you are in and also so the cameras can read them at all times.

No Show:

We have to pay the timer for all of the no shows the same as for those who do show-up. It's more of a problem sorting out the No Shows than it is tracking the people who actually show up and run. By the end of each race, we still sometimes have a problem trying to decide if a runner has no chip time because they didn't run at all or because they didn't finish. It helps a lot if you let us know before race day if you have to bail.

Transfers:

Please see the "Policies" link on the website.

PACKET PICKUP:

There will be two opportunities to pick up your race packets: Friday evening & Saturday morning. Both are at the race start area at the camp (The Pavilion). Many people due to circumstances cannot get out there early, which is the ONLY reason

why we have a race morning packet pickup. It helps everyone a lot if you can to pick your packet up and/or register Friday.

ENTRANT LIST:

I always post a list online of all registered runners. Please check the list now. If any of your data is incorrect, we need to know. The smallest insignificant errors create big problems later. Data input errors cause major headaches for the timing team and the race staff in general. There are times when I need your correct address to mail a refund or send something. If your gender or age is incorrect, you will be sorted into the wrong category for awards. If your name is off by one character, when I sort your name for recognition for running multiple events, we cannot connect all the races you have done. Packet pickup runs much smoother and faster if there are few issues with any of this data. Please understand that ANY errors in your personal data cause major issues somewhere down the line, so help us run smoother and faster by checking online and letting us know... right now. I have never given any email or other data to anyone in all the years I have directed races. Your data is safe with Tejas Trails.

SHIRTS:

All shirts are pre-stuffed into your packets. We make certain that every person who registers before late date gets the shirt size that they selected when they registered. We cannot swap your shirt with a different size at packet pickup. If you wish to slow down packet pickup by trying it on and then asking for a different one, the answer will always be the same: NO! We don't have any more shirts. I still get emails two weeks after late entry asking for shirts. Please understand: it's not because I don't like you. I don't have the shirts and the answer is still no! Those "extra shirts" from the No Shows are given to the volunteers and sponsors. So please don't ask for "extra" shirts. We don't have any. But we still love you.

Drop Bags:

You can put anything you want at the PAVILION (start/finish area). Please read these restrictions on what we will haul out for you though.

- ✓ Bags must be labeled. Name, Bib#, & Aid Station name.
- ✓ NO trunks, ice chests, Styrofoam, Tupperware, or cardboard boxes.
- ✓ Only one bag per person.
- ✓ Bring A.S. bags you want delivered to the Pavilion by 7am Saturday morning. Look for signs corresponding to the A.S. Name you want your bag delivered to.
- ✓ They will be taken at 5:05am Saturday morning only. This is your only chance to get a bag to WALL. No Exceptions.
- ✓ We return all drop bags by 5:45pm Saturday to the Pavilion. If you must have it before then, then don't send a bag out.
- ✓ Bring your Pavilion bags to the start line on race morning.
- ✓ There will be a drop bag area. You still must label these bags as well.
- ✓ All abandoned drop bags go to Goodwill.
- ✓ 10km/25km: No drop bag Service
- ✓ 50km/50mi: Drop bag Service WALL ONLY

- ✓ 100km: Drop bag Service TEXAS & WALL.
- ✓ Make certain all your bags are weatherproof. Your bags will not be under protective cover.
- ✓ Secure all your items on your bags. Do not just sit a jacket or shoes on your bag and expect it to stay with your bag. This includes the return trip back to you.

Runner Crews:

Do not provide any assistance away from the aid stations. All the aid stations are accessible to crews, but ONLY if you walk to them. Do NOT drive to any of the aid stations. Do not provide any assistance away from the aid stations.

Pacers:

Pacers are allowed to start from any aid station anytime after your runner has completed two loops. A runner can have as many pacers as they want, but only one pacer on the trail at a time per runner. No mule-ing: each runner carries their own gear. No pacers for 50km/25km/10km.

Cutoff:

8:00pm Saturday. is the cutoff for all events: for 100km/24 hours, 50mi/15hrs, the other races have less time than the 50mi, but more than most races of this distance.

Further, nobody will be allowed to leave for another loop after:

Noon for the 100km.

3:00pm for the 50 mile.

1:15pm for the 50km/25km/10km runners.

This time is simply to save any runner from starting another loop when they are already going too slow to finish the 50mi distance in 15 hours, and the 100km runner in 24 hours. There are additional cutoffs for each station. We like to think of these aid station cutoffs as QUITTING TIME for the volunteers. Nobody is allowed past these cutoff times. These times are final. Understand: you do not have the option to continue on your own past this time. We are still responsible for you.

Verification of Entry:

Check out the J&J page. Click on "Registered List".

Course Marking:

Large yellow directional arrows will be at every intersection, Ribbons will be leading into and out of each of the same intersections. We also use red Wrong Way signs (at the appropriate places), which are self-explanatory. Occasionally, some brush is stacked in front of a trail to direct you away from it. We do not use glow sticks. Instead, we use reflective tape. The brighter the light, the more visible these are. If you have no light, you won't see them. It is your responsibility to stay on course. If you get off course, go back to where you got off. A good thing to keep in mind is that the person you're following might not know where he is going. Just because he is faster does not mean he is smarter. If you do follow a person off course, you have become a LEMMING and deserve the extra distance for your

mental laziness. Remember to tell me when you are done so I can charge you for extra distance you did not pay for.

Course:

This course is typical Texas Hill Country fare. Lots of short steep up & down with no switchbacks, seasoned with scrub and cactus that tend to bite, scratch, and sting. It is wild and it is beautiful. Panoramic views on many an overlook and creeks that tend to be dry but likely to change. The weather is temperamental and you should be prepared for as such. The camp will occasionally change a trail: close one, and open another, due to erosion control or other issues. There are usually some minor changes. The only way to know what these changes are is to **show up at the pre-race briefing**. The course will have been marked by then and we will know for sure what to tell you.

100km Course: 3x 20.7 mile loops. The extra mileage for this longer loop is tough. You are either climbing or descending pretty much the whole time. Pretty exposed back there too. It could be hot back in this “Back Valley” section, so be prepared leaving the WALL aid station before this section. Oh and did I mention the loose rocks. You’re gonna’ love it!

50mi Course: 3x 16.67 mile loops. You will run the same big loop thrice.

50km Course: 2x 15.5 mile loops. Pretty much the same big loop as the 50mi, except a shortcut near the end to cut loop length from 16.7mi to 15.5mi.

25km Course: 1x 15.5 mile loop. The same exact route as the 50km, but only one loop.

10km Course: 1x 6.2 mile loop. The same start as everybody else, but when you arrive at Texas Aid, you skip the big over-the-top section, and simply cut right through at Texas Aid, and then another cutoff near the end that takes you more directly back to finish.

Claim Jumpers:

I will allow a 50km runner who has run the 25km distance (and DNF the 50km) to be included in the 25km results, but these names and times will be placed after those who registered and ran the 25km. No medals will be provided for these runners unless we have enough in excess for all the registered finishers. If I have any excess, then you can have one after all runners have finished. But you have to stick around and ask me after the race is almost done. I won’t mail you the award after you get home and review the results. Sorry.

Results: Results will be posted at regular intervals during the event. Please direct any and all corrections to Kyle Wilkie first and Chris McWatters second. If you feel that any of your data is incorrect after results are posted online, please inform us right away. The sooner we know about errors, the easier it is to correct. This

on the left. Do not trust Google directions for this one. Use our maps from the web site.

Rocksprings: the Town: is 27 miles from Camp Eagle: 8 of that on dirt road. There are a few places to stay there.

Kerrville: the Town: is 62 miles from Camp Eagle: 8 of that on dirt road. There are many places to stay:

Camp Eagle: Located in the Texas Hill Country at the headwaters of the spring-fed Nueces River. GPS systems and online maps have trouble locating their hidden oasis so please follow the directions on their website for help www.campeagle.org
6424 Hackberry Rd. Rocksprings, TX 78880

Littering:

We are borrowing the land for this race. We don't own it, but we would like to use it again next year and the year after. We have permission from the camp staff to use the trails for this race and it is contingent on how we care for it. If we leave the trails and venue trashed, our contract and this race will be cancelled. So please, do not take this or any trail race for granted. Take care of the trails and the land. Clean up your own mess. Note*: Runners are responsible for their crews. A runner can be disqualified if their crew is busted for speeding or littering.

Share the trail: First off, this race is not a ROAD race. It is primarily run on single-track trail. That being said, we play by a different set of rules than you would on a road or track. If someone is behind you and would pass if there were room, then you must let them pass. It is not acceptable to trap a faster runner behind you simply because you can. It doesn't mean that you must stop and wait for them to get by you. It does mean that you should allow them to pass if they want to. Give them room and opportunity to do so. You can also talk to a person close behind to ask if they wish to pass. Maybe they do and maybe they don't. Pretty much the same rules you got in kindergarten: play nice with the others & treat them like you would like to be treated. This message is the same for the faster runners: let people know when you want to pass & don't be a jerk about it. This leads to those who are plugged in: make sure you can hear what is going on around you. Also, because we are using the trails of a park, we DO NOT have exclusive rights to the park or to the trails. Be considerate and understanding to the other park users: be they hikers, bike riders, or equestrians.

Race Staff:

Race Director is Chris McWatters. And of course... there are a few dozen others who help in so many different ways.

Mailing Stuff:

Tejas Trails may seem like a big business at first blush, but it is not. We are still just a mom & pop organization. It is just Chris & Krissy. Our office, warehouse, & meeting room is our home. It is full all year long with all sorts of race stuff mixed in with what we like to call our real life. We have large to-do lists for each race, all of them overlapping from one race to the next, which is a never-ending cycle from year to year. So it may surprise you to know that something that seems so simple as mailing an award or a shirt is not all that simple to us. Each and every request we get from the 5000+ people who run in our races takes a little bit of time and all of it added together consumes quite a bit of time. With our home & our daily calendar full, we have no time left to embrace these extra chores, even if you do offer to pay. The answer is still no. We cannot mail it. We hope you understand.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

This and every other race out there cannot survive without volunteers. They come and give their time to help you. So, it's pretty simple: be nice to them. Any disrespect or rude behavior to a volunteer will be dealt with harshly. This race cannot exist without runners either. You all play on the same playground, so you have to learn to share the trail and be nice to each other. Same thing as with the volunteers: any disrespect or rude behavior to another runner will be dealt with harshly. Running a good race is NOT just about what I do as a RD. It is also about how all of you treat each other. Lets make this an event every one wants to come back to again.

Volunteers:

If you want to volunteer please let me know or just show up and throw in with us. We get to the camp on Tuesday. We always need help marking on Tues, Wed & Thu. We set up tents & haul water on Thu. We set up for packet pickup on Fri. Race day: we need many people at the aid stations. Medical always needs a few qualified professionals. Timing needs help collecting chips. Some people are needed to hand out medals & awards. Tear down begins late Saturday for taking down the markings, and then aid station tear down and loading the trailer. In between all of that, we have a lot of fun, visit a lot, drink some, eat a lot, and generally have a grand ol time.