

TO: Cross Country Coaches and Athletic Directors at Bayfield, Birchwood, Bloomer, Boyceville, Bruce, Cadott, Chequamegon, Clear Lake, Drummond, Flambeau, Ladysmith, Lake Holcombe/Cornell, McDonell Central, Mercer, New Auburn, Prairie Farm, Siren, Solon Springs, Unity, Washburn, Winter

FROM: Bruce Athletic Directors

DATE: 16:53

SUBJECT: Tuesday, August 27 Bruce Cross Country Invitational

The Bruce Cross Country Invitational is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27. We are very excited to host this meet and make it a great experience for your runners.

ENTRY FEE: \$150 per school Please make the check out to Bruce Public Schools 104 W. Washington Ave, Bruce, WI 54819 and Send it to the school Attention: Cross Country Meet Fee.

Please remind your parents and other fans that they are not to bring any type of pet. (Dogs, cats, snakes, rabbits etc... This is a note from the WIAA). They will be asked to remove the pets from the course.

Rosters:

PTTiming will be doing the Timing for the meet. **PTTiming.com** will direct to MileSplit and same procedure as last year.

- Online entries must be completed two (2) days prior to the event at noon (to avoid confusion) I have entries are now open and **close at Noon on the Sunday, August 25.**
- <https://pttiming.com/event.php?mid=1838&pt=schedule>
- If PT Timing reopens an event due to a missed deadline, the host school and/or violating school may incur a \$50 Late Entry Fee

RACE SCHEDULE

3:30 Coaches meeting at the finish line chute area
4:00 GIRLS RACE (5000 meters)
4:30 BOYS RACE (5000 meters)
5:00 MS RACE (Both Girls and Boys) (around 2500 meters)
5:30ish Awards

Race times will be adjusted if needed for the timing company. Runners should be the start line 15 minutes before their race to check in with officials.

Race Site

We will be running on the Dodson's Memorial Recreational Area (just east of Bruce). If you are coming from Ladysmith, take Hwy 8 about 6 miles out of Ladysmith to Thornapple Road. Take a right onto Thornapple Road. (Thornapple Road is right before the railroad tracks and right after a big curve in the road). Dodson road is 1 mile from Hwy 8. Take a left onto Dodson Road. The course is on this road. (We will have signs up along the road.) If you are coming from the west, drive through Bruce and head towards Ladysmith about 3 miles. Thornapple Road is on the left, (just past the railroad tracks) take a left. An address for a house on Dodson Road is: **W10979 Dodson Rd Ladysmith, WI 54848**

Course

The Course has not changed since last year. There are trails running through prairie grass along with some trail running. The girls and boys will run the same course. They did put up a sign, on the top of the start area, so it narrows pretty quick after the start

The course is a combination of grass and trails and a little dirt road running, the course is full of gradual hills, with no very steep hills. It is a great course to watch runners over the first part of the race. The middle school course can be seen in its entirety on one side of the road. I am attaching maps with this as well.

It is an area that may have bugs, so a reminder to bring bug repellent, and some shade/rain protection would be good. As of now, the weather is looking very good for the race.

In the past there have been bees along the course, as of today, we have not run into any, but please make sure to let your runners know. Make sure runners inform you if they are allergic to them and what they need to do if they get stung. Again, we have not seen any bees yet, but that could change

We will have Port- a-Potties at the site. No indoor bathrooms or running water.

Tents and Team Areas

You can set up your team area right behind your bus or along the rough to the left of the concession stand and finish line or to the right along the road that you came in on. There is now space in the woods to set up, but there will be bugs.

Maps and Lane Assignments

I am attaching maps to this email as well. You will get your lane assignments the day of the meet.

Awards

10 T-shirts will be given out to the winning team members and coach in the Boys and Girls Varsity Races. Medals will be given to the top 10 places in the boys and girls varsity races and to the top 10 boys and girls in the middle school race.

Parking

Please have your fans follow the parking signs to park in the field at the bottom of the hill. Buses will park at the top of the hill (same as in the past), on the right side of the road--- team vans should park before the turn along the road up on the top.

Miscellaneous

We will have some ice for injuries. We do not have an athletic trainer, but an ambulance will be there in case something is needed. Bruce will not supply water at the end of the race. Please bring you own water. There will be water and Gatorade at the concession stand to purchase.

We will have concessions available at the course.

Right Now, we have 20 schools at the meet.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at brucead@bruce.k12.wi.us