

Nightfall Cross Country Classic

- Friday, October 4th, 2019
- Location – Spring Brook, Wisconsin Dells - 242 Lake Shore Drive, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
- Team parking and course access opens at 5:15 p.m. for Division 1 & 2 teams to arrive / unload – 5:35 p.m. for Division 3 teams to arrive / unload. (SEE PARKING NOTES BELOW)
- Bus Parking off site at Wal Mart. (SEE BELOW BUS INSTRUCTIONS)
- Girl's D1/D2 Race at 7:10 p.m. Girl's D3 Race at 7:45 p.m., Boy's D1/D2 Race at 8:25 p.m. and Boy's D3 Race at 9:00 p.m.
- SPECTATOR PARKING to open at 5:45 p.m.
- Award winner announcement to follow each race but no formal presentation.
- Coaches Meeting at 6:15 p.m. at Finish Line area
- Map is attached to this email
- ***Concessions will be available by the nice people at Spring Brook. PLEASE share this info with ALL of your people planning to attend and ask them to help the hosts out. They are being very gracious to all of us.***

Thank you for joining us for our fourth annual night meet.

In no particular order:

- This is just a meet – it is being run under lights. Come open minded and have FUN. I am doing this for the kids more than anyone. I continue to get emails/responses from many of you telling me the kids are very excited. Let us, as adults, keep it that way.
- We have around TBD in the largest boys and TBD in the largest girls races. These boys' numbers are up about TBD runners from last year. As last year, it will need to be a bit slower/cautious start. So, I ask that you convey this to the runners, as to not have anything "unnecessary" to deal with.
- The start straightaway will be about 250+meters before a gentle turn.
- I plan to have the course lined and flagged throughout – as you can see on the map, it is two full laps and a little bit for the finish line/chute. Barring really poor weather, we will have about 5200 ft. of LED lights along many areas to eliminate any running outside of the painted areas.

- Flat course with a tiny, tiny slope (four strides I would guess) that they will go over twice. I would say about 85+ percent is being run on fairways so the footing should be very nice. The rest will be good cuts of grass and run more around the back side of tees or greens – these areas around a couple of greens will be sloped slightly. Most every corner will be a rounded turn. So, despite what I would think will be a slow start, it would be made up for in time by running the flat terrain with few corners to slow them. They cross two cart paths twice. I would say that one foot strike at best on these areas would be needed, regardless of speed or ability of the runner.
- Race bibs are custom with the athlete's names printed on them along with the school.
- Spring Brook is giving me what I feel is a great opportunity for use of the property. They have made additional cuts of grass through their out of bounds area – given me use of vehicles etc. Please respect the area and send that message to your students. I realize that in the dark or dim lit areas that there is room for mischief. None allowed – please.
- RESULTS – Results will be live on adetimng.com.
- AWARDS – We will do awards (medals) through 20th place of each gender and each division. Team plaques for 1st-3rd for each gender and all three divisions.
- PICK UP – please leave things as they were when you arrived.
- SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE as they were last year. Please share with your kids.

For those of you that I do not know personally, I really hope to have you introduce yourself as time permits.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at kevilued@princeton.k12.wi.us

I will only be responding to coaches with questions regarding the meet. I will not have time to respond to parent/spectator questions/emails.

Notes for the athletes and families

AWARDS

We will have results live on adetiming.com. If weather permits – We will announce the top 20 from each race/gender as well as team scores. If the athlete sees/hears their name in the top 20, they will come to our marked and designated awards area to pick up the medal. The presentation will consist of the top three teams so we can keep things moving and get teams on the road and/or to have fun at the hotel, we are not going to call off and bring up 120 runners throughout the night.

SHIRTS

We will have shirts for sale again this year.

CAN WE.....

If the kids want to know something.... Remember it is a real meet with all the same rules. It is at night; I do think it's pretty cool... but it's not a "glow run or color run" so to speak. The glow sticks can be worn as jewelry if so desired, but it would be considered jewelry and worn as such. Face painting – it's dark and there are not going to be any special lights that make the paint look "cool" necessarily. SO, TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS I've received – if you can't do it at any other meet, you can't do it at this meet. If it's legal, don't email me to ask if it's okay... it's on you.

TENT AREA

Please plan to decorate and light your tent. Please be creative but we would prefer no gas generators that would be cause for fumes/noise/tripping on cords etc. Each year the tent area looks cool – mostly battery powered lights and glow stick type of things. Use your imagination.

BATHROOMS

STAY OUT of the restaurant and hotel buildings! There will be plenty of bathrooms around the course and the team area.

RESPECT THE PROPERTY

It will obviously turn to dark – which gets everyone into a much different mood than an after-school race. Stay in the lit areas and be as attentive to picking things up in the dark as possible.

THERE ARE PAYING GUESTS staying in buildings (condos) right next to the team tent areas. Respect their weekend as well.

MOSQUITOS

We fog the area but that doesn't get rid of everything. If you want to be protected, you may want to bring some repellent along as they will come out at night. They were fine last year – but don't assume anything if you don't want to get eaten.

BUS PARKING

Bus unloading will be on the roadside beginning at 5:15 p.m. for Division 1/2 Teams and 5:35 for Division 3 Teams. All teams will have designated camp areas this year so there needs to be no rush to unload and get a spot.

Buses will then follow the turnaround area designated on the Course Map and marked with the BLUE line.

Bus parking will not be on site.

Please make plans with your driver and or bus company. Buses will unload and then need to park at the Wisconsin Dells Walmart parking lot. They would want them parked on the Northwest side – the McDonalds side of the parking lot.

Walmart address: 130 Commerce St, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

This is just over 1 mile from Spring Brook.

You will need to make arrangements for yourself, as to communicating when they will come in and pick you up.

This will need to be a cautious departure as there will be many buses trying to load and exit at night.

Please plan and be patient.

SPECTATOR PARKING

- Everyone (coach/team) was given the opportunity to purchase a parking pass. It is required to guarantee parking on site. If you have one, you will park on site. If you know nothing about parking passes, this is on your coach as it is requested to participate in the event.
- For those who did not purchase or have not been told by your coaches that parking was limited – there will be limited spots yet available. WE URGE that you carpool to help save space.
- We sell parking in advance to help in planning. Our planning tells us we have plenty of parking for those who purchased a pass. For those who do not, there is NO special off-site parking for anyone. There is no street parking on the residential yards nor along the county roads.
- If you have not purchased the \$25 car pass (which is 5 x \$5 admission bands) you will be charged when you arrive.