Desert Twilight Cross Country Festival – September 24, 2021

Meet website: <https://sites.google.com/site/deserttwilightllc/home>

Location: Queens Creek, Arizona at The Links Golf Course.

Description:

Desert Twilight is a large invitational meet in Arizona with many divisions. We have competed there many years placing in the top 4 on several occasions. We are planning to send our team this season. This is an Elite/Varsity level competition so we are mainly focused on Varsity Level athletes or those who are very close to that level. We are allowed 8 spots in the Sweepstakes Division Race in both the boys and girls races. If we take more than 8 boys or girls (8 per team) we can enter individuals in the open divisions, however we want to make sure that they are fit for the competitive level at this particular meet. Basically, we are currently identifying athletes that are at the proper competitive level, are healthy and are interested in traveling to Arizona in 1 month.

Logistics:

The coaches will handle registration and the registration fee. Each athlete will have to make travel arrangements to arrive at the meet location by the afternoon of September 23rd. Each athlete would travel with their own parent/guardian and would arrange for their own lodging near the meet site. Athletes will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Coaches will arrive on September 23rd and will meet the team in the late afternoon/evening at the race site for a pre-meet run and organizational meeting. We will have a team dinner together the night of the 23rd-each person pays individually.

Coaches will be on hand on race day (September 24) for the divisions we are racing. Our primary division is the Sweepstakes Division which is contested at night – usually after 9:00. It will be the parents responsibility to get their athlete to the meet at the appropriate time.

Travel arrangements are made individually for the return trip the next day September 25th. After the final race on September 24th, athletes are under the supervision of their parents.

We need to know who is interested in making this trip. Entry deadline is September 14th but currently coaches are making travel plans and paying the meet fees. We would need to know if you would like to be a part of this trip ASAP. Please keep in mind that with COVID concerns any cancellations are possible! Do so at your own risk! We are currently identifying the top varsity level and upper JV level athletes that are interested. If you are interested please email Coach Schwartz as a first step at [chuck.schwartz@asd20.org](mailto:chuck.schwartz@asd20.org). We can then set up our 1st parent/coach organizational meeting either in-person or via MS Teams. Please let me know if you have any additional questions as well!

Thanks,

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