

**TO:** Cross Country Coaches and Athletic Directors at Bayfield, Birchwood, Boyceville, Bruce, Butternut, Cadott, Cameron, Chequamegon, Clear Lake, Colfax, Drummond, Flambeau, Imago Dei Academy MS, LCO, Ladysmith, Lake Holcombe/Cornell, New Auburn, Phillips, Prairie Farm, Solon Springs, South Shore, Unity, Winter  
**FROM:** Doug Schmitz, Bruce Athletic Director and HS Cross Country Coach,  
**DATE:** August 30, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** **Tuesday, August 30 Buce Cross Country Invitational**

The Twenty-Second Bruce Cross Country Invitational is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31 We are very excited to host this meet and make it a great experience for your runners.

**ENTRY FEE \$150 per school If you just bring a MS than it is \$75 Please make the check out to Bruce Public Schools and Send it to the school Attention Tiffany Gerber.**

**Please remind your parents not to bring any type of pet. (Dogs, cats, snakes, rabbits etc... This is a note from the WIAA. Thanks.**

#### **Rosters:**

PTTiming will be doing the Timing for the meet. **PTTiming.com** will direct to MileSplit and same procedure as last year. You might want to take extra time to enter new runners. I hope returning runners are still in the database

- Online entries must be completed two (2) days prior to the event at noon (to avoid confusion, the deadline is set at 11:59 am CST) I have entries set to open on the Sunday, August 21 and close at Noon on the Sunday, August 28
- 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 golf 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. There will be signs along Hwy 8 and along Thornapple Road. Follow the directions above for Thornapple Road. There is construction on Hwy 40 north of Bruce. Expect some delays. I don't think they will be done by the day of the meet. An address for a house on Dodson Road is: **W10979 Dodson Rd Ladysmith, WI 54848**

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## **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. The running surface still has some hard to see tire ruts, making the running surface a little more uneven. 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 will try to get out maps next week.

## **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 parents and 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.

## **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 the bugs might not be too much fun in there.

## **Maps and Lane Assignments**

I will try to get maps to the schools before the meet, otherwise they will be in the envelope you get at the course. You will get your lane assignments the day of the meet.

I will also have some ice for injuries. Our trainer is supposed to be at the meet. Bruce will not supply water at the end of the race like in the past. Please bring your own water. There will be water and Gatorade at the concession stand to purchase.

**AS OF TODAY, THE BUGS ARE NOT BAD AT THE COURSE BUT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BRING ALONG BUG REPELLENT AND SOME KIND OF SHADE AND RAIN PROTECTION. The gnats are somewhat of a nuisance, just like everywhere else.**

**Bees** may become a problem too, remind your kids. Make sure they inform you if they are allergic to them and what they need to do if they get stung. I have not seen any bees yet, but that could change

We will have 5 Port- a-Potties at the site. No indoor bathrooms or running water. Ambulance will be onsite along with our Athletic Trainer. If athletes have problems they should see the ambulance personnel or trainer.

I hope this is all the info you will need, if not please contact me via email: [schmitz@bruce.k12.wi.us](mailto:schmitz@bruce.k12.wi.us)

**There will be a concession stand with burgers, hot dogs, baked goods water, Gatorade etc...**

**Right Now, I have 23 schools at the meet that I got contracts back from. So, the start lanes will be smaller than what they should be.**