

AD's & Coaches,

Thank you for participating in the 2017 Smithe Invite on September 5th at the University of Akron Wayne College 1901 Smucker Rd, Orrville, Ohio 44667. Attached you will find the 2017 meet information. Please read all information carefully, as there are a lot of changes to this year's meet.

Entry Deadline

Due to the number of teams attending, we are going to use automatic timing for this year's Smithie Invite. We will be using Baumspage for the first time this year. **The Baumspage entry deadline will be Friday, September 1 at 6:00 pm. Please see the scorers when you arrive if you need to add/remove any of your runners.**

Races

Please ensure that you bring your teams to the starting line for their race. Starting lane numbers will be listed on your packet. Bibs with the timing chip in them are being used; there will be a bib for each runner in your packet. Please make sure that your runner's number on the sheet matches their bib. Any errors could result in that athlete's disqualification from the race.

Race Schedule

4:30 HS Girls	5:40 MS Girls
5:10 HS Boys	6:10 MS Boys

Parking

After dropping your runners off, please have your bus driver park in the far lot marked on the course maps.

Concessions & T-Shirts

Please let your teams and parents know that this year we will be offering t-shirts at a cost of \$15. Relatively inexpensive concessions will be available including water and for \$1, and Gatorade for \$2.00.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located inside the Wayne College main entrance. Please make sure your athletes do not wear spikes into the building, and please stress to them they are not to wander through the building. Classes are in session and last year we received some complaints from the school about this. Thanks for your help in this matter!

Hydration

Please make sure your athletes drink plenty of fluids leading up to race day. Every year this meet seems to be on an extremely hot and humid day, and we want all runners to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Awards

High School: The first 10 runners in each race will receive a medal. Places 11-20 will receive a ribbon. These awards will be handed out as the runner leaves the chute. The top 2 boys and girls teams will receive a team trophy.

Middle School: The top 20 finishers in each race will receive a ribbon as they leave the chute. No team awards will be given, however next year we will begin awarding the top teams and charging for the meet.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, September 5th!
Please call me if you have any questions. Best of luck to your teams!

Thank You,

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