



ROTARY CLUB OF LEESVILLE

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"Service Above Self" Charter Date: December 4, 1924

To Cross Country Coaches:

10 AUGUST 2011

Your Cross Country team(s) are cordially invited to participate in the annual "Hodges Gardens Cross Country" track meet sponsored by the Rotary Club of Leesville, Louisiana on September 17th, 2011. Hodges Gardens is located on Highway 171 North approximately twelve (12) miles south of Many, Louisiana and eighteen (18) miles north of Leesville, Louisiana.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 9TH

NO EXCEPTIONS! SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT PRE-REGISTER BY THE 9TH WILL NOT RUN

YOU MAY MAKE CHANGES (DO NOT WORRY ABOUT NO SHOWS)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION: PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.LEESVILLEROTARYCLUB.ORG Click on the Cross Country link. You can download this letter and the Hodges Gardens map of the run. When you are ready to register for the meet (prior to the deadline), click on the Registration link, input your information, and click Submit.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY ON-SITE REGISTRATION!

Please send an e-mail to lrc.crosscountry@gmail.com to let us know if your school will be able to participate, and the number of runners you will register, both boys and girls.

*** REMEMBER, THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 9 SEPTEMBER 2011!**

This deadline is necessary, so that we may prepare the registration packets for your school which will include bib numbers and a copy of your registration. The packets will be given to you upon arrival to Hodges Gardens. Please check in at the table after you arrive, and drop your runners at the appropriate place. You may be able to add/change runners, however, do not worry about no-shows. If you are to replace a runner or add runners, do it at any time on the online registration until the deadline.

When you arrive at the Hodges Gardens gate, you will be given a packet with bib numbers and a roster of your runners. Please make sure all your runners are pinned with the correct bib numbers (names are on the bibs). The bibs will be taken when the runners cross the finish line. This procedure will allow us to provide you with times and placement for your runners. As always, the top 5 runners will be used to determine the school winners. You may register your whole team or the number that you will bring with you for the race, but at least 5 runners are needed for team winners. The 6th and 7th runners will be used if there is a tie.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED MAP OF THE ROUTE! (NEW MAP TO BE POSTED ON THE SITE)

CHECK IN will be at 8:00 A.M. with the girls' race to begin at 8:30 or as soon as registration is complete but NLT 9:00 A.M. The boys' race will begin shortly after the girls have finished. The girls' results will be tabulated while the boys are running. Once the boys have finished the run, we will tabulate and then announce the overall results.

The following trophies will be given in both the boys' and girls' divisions:

***TEAM COMPETITION:** First, second and third place based on team totals. Each placing team will be given seven medals for their TOP 7 runners.

***INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION:** First, second, and third place based on individual performance.

Each race will be preceded by a vehicle and followed by an ambulance.

The scores of the five runners with the lowest scores will be added, and the lowest totals will indicate the winning positions. In case of a tie, the 6th or 7th runner's score (whichever is lowest) will be added to break a tie. We are going to also use an automated timing procedure in order to provide you with totals and scores for your runners.

You are all asked to drop the boys and girls at their respective starting points and take the buses to the finishing point to avoid congestion. Please **DO NOT** vandalize any garden property or follow behind the runners in cars.

We ask that all spectators accompanying your team please abide by the garden rules and park in designated areas, and try not to park or get in the path of the runners. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be a fee for spectators to enter the garden.** Team members and coaches are admitted free. Coaches, if your team does not have enough participants for a team competition, please feel free to have your runners compete in the individual competition.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your team on Saturday, September 17th.

Respectfully,
Rotary Club of Leesville

NOTE:

For information, please call (337) 531-1876 (Work) or (337) 274-6095 (Cell), or contact me via e-mail:

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