

Blankets Creek Half Marathon and 10K Racer Update

Thank you all for registering for the Blankets Creek Half Marathon and 10K. On behalf of Mountain Goat Adventures and SORBA Woodstock, we are very excited that we are able to host this event, and hope you will really enjoy running on one of the Nation's most popular trail systems.

Race Number/T-shirt Pickup: (2 Options)

FRIDAY NIGHT, November 9th - 5 to 8 pm at Natural Strides in Woodstock, GA

Store address is: 8636 Main Street, Woodstock, GA 30188.

Because this is a large race with an early start, we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to pick up your race packet on Friday night. To entice you to do so, we will be handing out raffle tickets at the store for a \$75 Natural Strides Gift Card, for those that check in early. Winner will be announced at the race on Saturday BEFORE the races begin.

You will need to sign a waiver on-site when you arrive, or bring a signed one with you (link in email). IF YOU ARE PICKING UP A PACKET FOR A FRIEND/SPOUSE, YOU MUST BRING A SIGNED WAIVER FROM THEM. You may also have another racer pick up your shirt/bag for you if you cannot attend the race.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 10th – 6:30 am to 8:00 am at Blankets Creek Trailhead

If you check in Saturday morning, please arrive early to ensure you have enough time to walk over to Blankets Creek (1/4 mile for most folks), check in and get ready to race. There will be a short racer meeting at 8:15 am near the pavilion. The 13.1 mile race will start at 8:30 am and the 10K race will start 8-10 minutes after. The kid's race will start at approximately 8:45 am.

Event Parking

Please pardon the mess, but Blankets Creek is getting a new, much larger parking lot. That being said, it is under construction right now, so parking is at a premium. PLEASE CARPOOL IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. This will help us tremendously as we are using a neighboring church for parking and they have their own events happening on Saturday. Those who are 13.1 mile participants who arrive early will be able to park in the Blankets Creek Trailhead parking lot. Once that area fills, 13.1 mile participants will be directed to the church. ALL 10K runners (unless you are carpooling with a 13.1 mile runner) will need to park at the Sixes Presbyterian Church. This is mainly because the 10K awards ceremony will be at 10 am, thus you will be able to leave early if you wish and it will be much easier for you to exit from the church area.

Please use the sidewalk along Sixes Road to access the race venue from the church. Do not cut across the construction site or climb over any orange fences.

Volunteers will be at the Blankets Creek gate and out on Sixes Road on race morning, and they will be able to direct you.

Directions: From the south, take I-575 north to exit 11, Sixes Road. Turn left onto Sixes Road and go approximately 1.7 miles to Blankets Creek Trails, which will be on the left. The trails are just past the Cherokee Charter Academy School, on the opposite side of the road. Look for volunteer to direct you to either the trailhead or Sixes Presbyterian Church – 2335 Sixes Road, Canton GA, 30114.

Race Distance Changes:

If you want to switch from the 13.1 mile to the 10K or vice versa, please do so by contacting me no later than WEDNESDAY, November 7th, and we will get you taken care of. Please note, per our website, we do not transfer entries between races. If you cannot attend, you may have a friend pick up your shirt/swag or you may pick it up after the race if you contact us within one week after the event.

Kids Race:

The 1/2 mile kid's 12-and-under race will begin at approximately 8:45 am and will be on Hamilton's Hop and Mosquito Flats trails. Parents are welcome to jog with their kids. This race is free and is not timed or scored, however parents must sign a waiver for their children at registration, as well as pick up a kids race number. All kids race participants will receive a handmade finisher medal. Baby joggers are welcome in the kids race, as well as dogs on leashes, but please come prepared to clean up after your pet if you bring them.

Aid Stations:

13.1 mile course: There will be staffed aid stations at Mile 0.5, Mile 4.7, Mile 9.1 and Mile 11.5. The first three aid stations (actually one aid station you will pass three times) will have HEED, water, Hammer Gels, Bananas, and Cascadian Farm Granola Bars. The aid station at Mile 11.5 will have HEED, water, and Hammer Gels...just enough to get you to the finish :)

10K Course: There will be staffed aid stations at Mile 0.5 and Mile 4.7 (one aid station that you will pass twice). This aid station will have HEED, water, Hammer Gels, Bananas, and Cascadian Farm Granola Bars.

We will also have HEED, water, bananas, PB&J sandwiches, a variety of cookies, fig newtons, candy, and granola bars at the finish line.

Chip Timing and Real Time Results:

This race will be scored using the MyLaps Bibtag system. Your race number has a disposable timing chip adhered to the back of it. Please do not bend or fold this chip. Numbers need to be pinned on your front, preferably on your chest. If you wear a number belt, please ensure the number is on your front when you cross the finish mats so your chip reads. You will hear a beep as you cross the finish mats. Your race time and category placing will be visible almost immediately upon finishing on tablets that will be located near the Registration and Check-in area.

Awards:

All 13.1 mile finishers will receive your choice of a handmade necklace or keychain made by local artist Kelly Scott. We will present medals to the top three in each age group in each race, with prizes to the top three overall male and female in each race distance. Podium shirts awarded to all first place 10K and 13.1 mile runners. Awards for the 10K race will be at approximately 10:00 am. Awards for the 13.1 mile race will be at approximately 11:30 am or when all podium finishers have completed the course. You must be present to receive your award, or have a friend pick up, as they will not be mailed. If you are in a small category and are still on the course when we have the awards ceremony, you will receive your award after you finish the race.

We'll have several items to raffle off during the 10K and 13.1 mile awards, so stick around so you don't miss out on some great gear.

On Site Sponsors:

Creative Solar – Come get your cowbells!

Integra Chiropractic – Located in Acworth, Integra Chiropractic specializes in Active Release Techniques. Integra will be on site providing massage, Active Release Technique and stretching for our racers both before and after the event . They are also raffling off a Camelback.

Classic Subaru – On site with 2-3 vehicle models to check out

Herbal Intentions – Located in Acworth, Supplements, Vitamins, and Natural Products to help you achieve the best in health and fitness. They will be raffling off some items, so check them out.

XS Energy – Samples of sugar free energy drinks, shots, and energy chews

Amber Klippel, NMT – Located in Woodstock, providing massage and stretching pre and post-race

Kelly's Clay Creations – Local mom and artist, who will be selling very cute running themed ornaments, jewelry, and cake toppers. Kelly takes custom orders for anything that can be made out of polymer clay.

Sixes Presbyterian Church Farmers Market – There will be a farmer's market from 9 am – 1 pm at the Church many of you will be parking at. If you are looking for a snack after the race, you might want to check them out. I highly recommend the tamales, empanadas, chicken and rice, iced coffee and sorbet!

GoPro Camera Rentals:

Ever wanted a way to truly share your event experience? Try renting a GoPro camera for this event!

<http://www.rentagoprocamera.com/Event-Camera-Rental-EvntRntNoVid.htm>

Rentals are \$15 for the camera and your choice of chest (recommended) or head strap. You may then purchase a memory card to take with you or buy a video package, where a video of your race would be created. Cameras will also be set up on course to capture runners from unique angles and this footage can also be included. Please call Mike Kamber for more details, [678-249-9247](tel:678-249-9247) or visit our website at: <http://www.rentagoprocamera.com/Event-Camera-Rental-EvntRntNoVid.htm>

Thanks again for signing up and see you on November 10th!