The Master’s College Cross Country Invitational
Saturday, September 21, 2013
Central Park, Santa Clarita, CA

Final entries for the collegiate races must be submitted online at directathletics.com by Wednesday, September 18th @ 11:59AM (Pacific Time).

Schedule of Events

7:15 AM The Master's College Community 5k!

8:15 AM The Mustang Challenge Collegiate Cross Country Invitational Women’s 5k

9:00 AM The Mustang Challenge Collegiate Cross Country Invitational Men’s 8k

Entry Fees:
Teams: $100 per gender
Individuals: $25 per gender
Dear Coach,
Welcome to the 2013 Mustang Challenge. This year’s event will take place on the third weekend of September, offering you a quality option to add to your schedule. Our intent is to provide a fun and challenging course that will be well managed and give you an exceptional competitive experience.

Central park is located in Santa Clarita, California, approximately seven miles from Magic Mountain. The course has been designed to resemble the historic Woodward Park course in Fresno, CA. The course at Central consists of low cut grass and hard packed dirt paths, with a few short mulch and woodchip crossings.

Entries into the invitational sections will be limited to 300 athletes to allow for a competitive, but manageable field size. Due to this please enter early to ensure your spot as entry in the collegiate section is not guaranteed. Also, competitive unattached as well as club athletes are welcome to participate in the college sections.

Please email me if you have any questions or concerns at mastersxc@gmail.com.

Best wishes,

Zach Schroeder
Head Coach
The Master’s College
Cross Country and Track
How To Enter (Schools and individuals)

- Registration for the 2013 Mustang Challenge will be done online at www.directathletics.com. Direct link here: http://www.directathletics.com/meets/xc/4833.html

- We will NOT accept entries via telephone, fax or e-mail. All entries must be done through directathletics.com by the published deadlines.

- Just a reminder, if you want to register your team for the invitational sections, we are limiting the size of those races to keep them safe, manageable and competitive.

Mile 1 > Mile 2 > Mile 3

Women’s 5K
Course Code: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, Finish

Mile 1 > Mile 2 > Mile 3 > Mile 4 > Mile 5

Men's 8K
Accepted entries and updated information will be posted at http://www.masters.edu/athletics/menssports/crosscountry/the-mustang-challenge.aspx on September 19th by 6:00PM Pacific Time.

**Entry Fee:**
Bring or Send entry fees to:
The Master's College Cross Country
Box #14
21726 Placerita Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, California 91321

**Packet Pick-Up**
Team Packets will be available beginning at 7:00AM on race day at the Finish Line Canopy, located by the finish line (field #5). The packets will include meet information, final instructions, competition numbers, etc.

**Access to the Course/ Course Preview**

THE COURSE WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th for a course preview beginning at 2pm until dark.

**Course Description:**
Both courses are approximately 85% dirt paths, 15% grass, 60% rolling terrain, 40% flat. The women’s 5k course has one sizable hill portion and the men’s 8k has two sizable hill portions both being comparable to Woodward Park.

**Spikes:**
Flats are recommended but spikes are okay. There is no pavement, although the dirt is hard packed making a racing flats preferable.

**Timing**
Timing will be done with Finish Lynx fully automatic timing system.

**Restrooms**
Please note the restrooms on site will be stocked with extra paper, and there will be additional Porta-potties on site close to the start line to accommodate all athletes.

**Scoring and Awards**
A special 1st prize award will be presented to the winning teams of the collegiate races; top 10 individual finishers of the collegiate races will receive a Nike dri-FIT T-shirt.

All Participants of The Master's College Community 5k will receive a small medal.

**Awards Ceremony:** For all awards, we ask that athletes report to awards in uniform after the conclusion of their respective race.
Results: results will be on display posted near on the restrooms after each respective race. A hard copy of results will be delivered to each head coach, and results will be available at http://www.masters.edu/athletics/menssports/crosscountry/the-mustang-challenge.aspx shortly after the conclusion of the meet.

**Location of Central Park:**
27150 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

**Team Staging area:**
Please instruct athletes to set up team tents and canopies on fields #7, #9 or next to the basketball courts.

**Hotel Information:**
Courtyard Marriot: $99, including breakfast  
Hampton Inn: $94, including breakfast

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**Additional Information**
1. Trainers: The Master’s College Athletic Trainers will have a training area that will be open one hour before the start of the first collegiate race (7:00AM)
2. Showers: There are no dressing or shower facilities at Central Park. Meet management encourages all teams to make use of the facilities available your hotel.
3. Parking: Please refer to the map below for directions to the course and parking lot.
4. Admission: free
5. Coaches Hospitality: sponsored by Starbucks
6. **Next year’s date:** 9/20/2014 (third Saturday of September)