

Dear Red Rock Canyon Runners,

Race day is quickly approaching! I hope all of your training has been going well and that you're ready to have a great time at Red Rock Canyon! Below are some details for the event weekend which should answer any questions you may have. *After reading this in its entirety*, any questions left unanswered, feel free to email me, bearing in mind I will be crazy busy.

Schedule of Events:

1. **Friday February 21, 2020: 5pm- 8:30pm:** Packet pick-up and event merchandise sale will be held at the **Silver Sevens Hotel and Casino; 4100 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89169. Inside, go up the escalator (there is only one) to the second floor. At the top, go right and the event space is right there.** You MUST wear your loaner TIMING CHIP on YOUR SHOE in order to be timed! *Please: If you do NOT plan on racing, do NOT take your TIMING CHIP*
2. **PLEASE** make every best attempt to attend packet pick up during these hours!! My volunteers and I have many things to do Saturday morning and handling multiple race morning check-ins will only delay everyone's on-time start. *Please do not email me to ask for permission- just make an honest effort*
3. Yes, someone else may pick up your packet for you; but if you do not plan on participating do not take the timing chip in the race envelope.
4. At packet pick up you will receive, among other things, your timing chip. You MUST wear it on your shoe to be timed and it MUST be returned after the race.
5. **Saturday February 22, 2020: RACE DAY! DO NOT PARK AT RED ROCK CANYON! ALL RUNNERS AND SPECTATORS MUST PARK AND RIDE THE CONTRACTED BUS TO/ FROM THE START LINE.**
6. **BUSING/ PARKING:** All runners and spectators MUST park at the off-site parking location.
7. **FREE BUS (NEW LOCATION FOR 2020):** This area is closest to Red Rock Canyon (approximately 30 minutes drive from the Strip). Main FREE location is at **Downtown Summerlin, behind Crate and Barrel, located at 1765 Festival Plaza Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89135. USE PARKING LOT 5, furthest away from the retail stores. BUSES LOAD on the corner of Summa Drive and Oval Park Drive.** Buses will run on a rotation. The one way bus ride will take ~15 minutes.
8. Please visit the race website for specific Parking and Directions Information and Maps to the Free Bus Area.
9. **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MAIN FREE PARKING LOT:** Overnight construction is expected for race day on Summerlin Centre Drive, under Howard Hughes Dr E. ****USE SAHARA exit** and follow sign for Hughes Parkway, then continue to parking lot 5.

10. There will be an attendant there helping to load the buses. They will not have packets/ bib numbers, and will not be handling race day registration. Get on the bus and I'll get you taken care of at the start line. **The first bus will depart at 4:45am for the marathon start line and will run on a rotation thereafter. Note the bus schedule below.** Please load and unload quickly and take all belongings with you. Please DO NOT wait until the last minute to get on the bus! Please arrive early for everyone's on-time race start! Buses will return runners to this same area after the race. I *roughly* anticipate the first bus departing Red Rock after the race around 8:45am. ***NOTE that different distances have different start lines!!!*** **Marathoners: arrive to the main busing area no later than 5:20am; 1/2 marathoners no later than 6:20am; and 5K no later than 7:05am. If you arrive later, do NOT expect to get to the start on time!**

11. Main Bus (Downtown Summerlin behind Crate and Barrel) loading schedule:

- 4:45am- 5:20am: Marathoners only
- 5:20am- 6:20am: Half Marathoners only
- *5:20am- 5:50am: Half Marathoners from Downtown Summerlin waiting to collect their race packet on race morning **MUST** be at the bus area before 5:50am.
- 6:45am- 7:05am: 5K only
- 7:15am- 8:15am: Spectators to the finish line
- 9:30am: Spectators to the finish line

12. *DROP OFF:* If you are having someone drop you off for the race, or are taking a taxi- you may have them DROP you off at the race start. This will also help alleviate the workload for the buses. **For the Half Marathon**, this is at the Visitors' Center for Red Rock Canyon (see directions). The gates will be closed until 6am, but you can be dropped at the gate and walk thru up to the Visitors' Center (about 0.5 mile) ***You must be wearing your bib number (collected Friday at packet pick up) OR pay the pedestrian park toll entry fee of \$5** (for race morning bib pick up) to gain entry into the park on foot. If you are running the Marathon or 5K you can be dropped off at your start line, which is at the exit of the scenic loop. Follow the directions, but continue past the entrance about 2 miles along Highway 159. You will see a dirt lot at the exit of the loop- this is your starting area.

13. The HOST HOTEL/ STRIP BUS: For those of you that purchased a bus ticket from the HOST HOTEL/ Strip, your pick- up point is **Silver Sevens Hotel and Casino; 4100 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89169**. Buses load on the south side of the property. A map is available on the event website. Parking is available at Silver Sevens in the parking garage or surface parking, regardless of overnight stay. The MARATHON bus will DEPART at 4:45am, the ½ Marathon bus will DEPART at 5:30am; and the 5K bus will DEPART at 6:15am. Please arrive about 15 minutes early to load. The driver will have a list of names of everyone who has paid to be on the bus. Give them your name and hop on the bus. There is a list of all of the paid bus riders posted on the

website. Please go to: www.calicoracing.com , click on the event, then “Confirmed Bus Tix” to confirm that you are on there. The one way trip from the HOST HOTEL/ Strip to Red Rock Canyon is about 30-45 minutes. Return buses will return to the same spot at *roughly* at 9:15am, 10:15am, 11:30am, and 1:25pm.

Spectators: DO NOT DRIVE TO RED ROCK CANYON!!!

We are happy to have your spectators come join us for race day! Please ensure that they **TAKE THE BUS!** I am working very diligently with BLM to reduce any unnecessary vehicular traffic inside the park during the race. I am paying to provide this FREE to spectators (from the main pick up point)- please use it!

7:15am- 8:15am Spectator Buses from the main FREE lot to the FINISH LINE only.

8:15am- 9:30am: NO Buses running for spectators.

****9:30am**** Final Spectator Bus from the main FREE lot to the FINISH LINE only. This departure will not have a volunteer attendant.

***Spectators** should also note that the finish line food and drinks are for the registered athletes only. There are **NO concessions** at the race, so spectators should come prepared with their own food and drinks and dress warmly.

Spectator Responsibility: Please note that as the runner, it is your responsibility to inform your spectators of the race logistics.

1. No Spectators at the ½ Marathon start line (except those on the Paid ½ Marathon Host Hotel/ Strip Bus)
2. **There is no event parking at the canyon.** Spectators should use the race provided shuttle. Cars parked at the finish line and along the highway is highly discouraged from the park and is a ding against my permit.
3. **No athlete or spectator should be walking along the highway** between the finish line and ½ Marathon start line. It is highly discouraged from the park and is a ding against my permit.

Spectators on the paid Host Hotel/ Strip Bus:

Spectators who paid for a Host Hotel/ Strip Bus ticket on the 5:30am ½ Marathon Bus: When you arrive at the half marathon start line, please get off the bus and stay in the starting area. At approximately 6:45am we will start loading ½ marathon runners’ gear bags onto a specific bus. Please board this gear bag bus no later than 7am. It will transport you to the finish line. Please listen for my announcements on site.

*****SWITCHING DISTANCES***** Calico Racing permits the switching of distance without an administrative fee (upgrade in distance fees apply) but YOU MUST TELL US! If you would like to switch distance from what you are registered for, please email me **NO LATER THAN Wednesday of race week at 11:59pm.** calicoracing@hotmail.com. Failure to comply will mess up the results and awards- so your cooperation is expected.

Bib Numbers: Bibs should be worn on your front. 4 pins will be included with your race packet.

Timing Chips: *Chips must be worn on your shoe, only.* Two beaded zip ties will be in your race packet to secure your timing chip to your shoe through your laces. Your loaner timing chip needs to be returned at the finish line. A volunteer will be on site to assist. Failure to return your timing chip immediately following the race will be subject to a \$10 fee.

Start Times: All runners must start with their respective gun time and be **across the timing mats within 5 minutes of the official start.** Those starting later than 5 minutes after the official gun start will be reported with gun time only.

Clothing Bags:

Warm clothes bags will be collected on race morning and available for you after the race. Please use your own bag and label it with your name and bib number. PLEASE ensure that you collect your bag after the race as NO bags will be mailed. Marathoners and 5K runners may drop them at their start/ finish line. There will be a tarp laid out. **½ marathoners:** bags will be loaded directly onto the buses in the baggage bays, corresponding to the first letter of your last name. **These buses will arrive ~ 6:45am. Until then, please hang onto your bags.** Bags will be transported from their start line to the finish line and laid out for your collection in the same manner. These bags are NOT checked or guarded, so no valuables please. NOTE: Any clothes disposed of along the course (at the aid stations ONLY please) will NOT be returned and will be donated to charity.

½ Marathon Start:

Note that the ½ marathon starts at the Visitors Center. Water, HEED, cups, basic first aid, and portable toilets will be available. A volunteer will be attending to the ½ marathon start line from 5:15am. I will be arriving at the ½ marathon start around 6:30am after I start the marathoners at 6:15am at the Exit of the Scenic Drive. Since there are 3 races under way- there will not be a timing clock at your start line, but will be synched with the master clock back at the finish line. We will be announcing official race time “count down to go” at roughly 30 minutes, 15 minutes, and more frequent the closer we are to start time.

Mile Markers:

Mile markers will be placed every 1 mile and will be designated by signs stuck inside of traffic cones. Any spray painted markings are NOT mine! We respect the park and my permit- so ignore any spray painting! All of my marking are either the signs inside of cones or colored duct tape. Marathoner mile markers will be designated in BLUE, ½ marathoners will be designated in GREEN; 5K in PURPLE. All directional signs will also be posted by these same type signs and/ or colored duct tape arrows on the roadway. The

course is very easy to follow and any changes in direction will be attended by a volunteer.

Aid Stations:

Aid Stations are roughly every 1-2 miles. Please see "Aid Stations" under the Red Rock event page for specific locations and provisions. Please keep our park beautiful by using the trash bins provided. **No littering will be tolerated.** Please do not throw your cups OR GEL WRAPPERS, as with a slight amount of wind they will blow off- making our volunteers run to chase them- and we should not be running on the undisturbed park lands! Please thank your volunteers!

Portable Toilets:

Portable toilets will be available at the marathon/ 5K start and finish line, ½ marathon start line, Visitors Center, and at the aid stations located at Red Rock Wash, the Scenic Overlook, and additional permanent park toilets at Ice Box Canyon, Calico Hills 1 and Calico Hills 2 trailheads. A toilet is also available on some of the buses.

Oak Creek Dirt Road: *Marathoners only*

The majority of the course is paved, with the exception of ~1/2 of a mile on Oak Creek dirt road. Marathoners will hit this section within the first ½ mile of the race. There will be a volunteer directing you to take a LEFT onto Oak Creek dirt road. STAY TO YOUR LEFT and run 0.25 mile to your turn around and come back. Your turn around will be marked with a sign. When you get back up to the scenic drive at roughly your mile 1 you'll take another LEFT rejoining with the scenic drive. This dirt section is only run on the outbound, not on the return. While this section may NOT be coned off, it is still OPEN to vehicular traffic- though sparse.

Safety:

Your safety is the utmost concern of Calico Racing and Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area. Please listen to all instructions, abide by race official and park official instructions, and exercise caution at all times. The roads are open to vehicular traffic. We have 25% of the roadway and it will be coned the entire length of the paved scenic drive. You MUST remain inside the cones and stay to your RIGHT. **Anyone running or walking greater than single file MUST yield to passing or oncoming runners.** No blocking please!

Sunrise should be around 6:22am, with dawn breaking just in time for a 6:15am marathon start. There are no street light but visibility should be fine.

An *advanced level of care ambulance* will be at the event the entire duration and will be dispatched out of the EXIT of the Scenic Drive. Please alert an aid station volunteer, park ranger or another runner should you need help!

****There should be no interruption to the race. The ONLY possible cause for interruption would be at the discretion of Red Rock Canyon Conservation in the rare event that a medical helicopter evacuation must take place which would overlap our course. This is one of the many reasons we ask spectators to keep their on course driving to a minimum and use the bus provided. Our added event traffic could delay the life saving measures for victims of an accidental fall. On course instructions will be relayed if applicable.**

Environmental Safety:

No runner, spectator, volunteer or others may cross undisturbed park lands. Stay on the roadway and course at all times. This INCLUDES the start/ finish area which is the overflow parking area for the Visitors' Center and the EXIT of the loop. Do not step onto the vegetation. Use the stairs! Leave any wildlife alone.

Desert Tortoise:

The Desert Tortoise is a threatened species on the Endangered Species list. The BLM requires all runners read, understand, and abide by certain information and protocols. This information will be available at the packet pick up on Friday night, or can be read ahead of time on the Calico Racing website by visiting "Desert Tortoise" under the event page.

Volunteers:

As with every race, volunteers are a vital part of the event. Many of the volunteers are fellow runners, earning credit and discounts toward future Calico Racing events! No one takes care of runners like other runners! Please be kind and THANK your volunteers! **I am still looking for a few more volunteers- if interested, please email me: calicoracing@hotmail.com**

Finish Line:

We will be using IPICO chip timing. You MUST attach your timing chip to your shoe and return it at the finish line. Please stay in the finishing chute while the volunteer removes your chip and you receive your finishing medal.

Photography:

I am proud to announce *M Bradford Photography* will be on course photographing the event. Photos will be available after the event on the website. Buy plenty so he'll come back!

Weather:

Morning will be brisk, generally in the low 30s so plan on some disposable layers (disposed of ONLY at the aid stations). Do NOT plan on getting this back. I personally am

a fan of old socks for gloves and long tube socks with the toes cut out for arm warmers. Works great! Race morning disposable layers will be donated to charity. Temperatures should warm to the low 60s at the peak of the day. **To track the weather use zip code 89135.**

Post Race:

Post race food will be available at the finish line for registered athletes only.

Wet and dry hand towels will also be available at the finish area so you can towel off after the race. Please return all used towels in the clearly marked bin provided. Yup- I do about 10 loads of towel laundry after each race!

Awards:

I LOVE the awards for this race! Gorgeous sandstone pieces will be awarded to the top 3 overall men and women in each race distance, and first place in 10 year age groups. Overall winners are taken out of the age groups. Awards will be handed out in the finish area immediately following the first several runners. Race hard out there- these are sweet!

* If you are leaving the park area and think you may have qualified for an award- please see me to avoid having to mail them!

Lastly:

I want to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for attending the 13th annual Red Rock Canyon event. Many of you are returning runners, having run in one of the many other races that I direct. Your continued support is SO important and appreciated. To those of you that are new to Calico Racing- welcome to the family! We are a smaller event than many of you may be used to- but that is what can make it so great. A personal race with first rate amenities. With your help, I hope to position this and other Calico Racing events for future growth and a lifelong achievement of passion, environmental responsibility, fun, and of course... running.

See you all soon!

Joyce