

Thanks so much for joining us for the 28th Annual Blue Ridge Adventure Race! Our sponsors, the City of Blue Ridge, welcome you to the mountains and hope you have a great race!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please email us if you have family or friends who could lend a hand.

This is your prep email for the 12-HOUR BLUE RIDGE ADVENTURE RACE. Captains, please forward this email to your teammates.

This year, we return to our traditional starting point of City Park in Downtown Blue Ridge. The road will be closed for the event, so park anywhere around the downtown area. A map is attached.

900 E Main Street, Blue Ridge, GA 30513

<https://goo.gl/maps/abWUkq5eZFe1PPxS6>

SCHEDULE:

Check-In 5:00 am Saturday, May 4th

Pre-race Meeting 7:00 am Saturday, May 4th

Load Buses 7:30 am Saturday, May 4th

Start 8:00 am Saturday, May 4th

Finish 8:00 pm Saturday, May 4th

Dinner 7:00 pm Saturday, May 4th

Awards 7:30 pm Saturday, May 4th

WEATHER:

Please remember that the weather in the mountains can change rapidly. Be prepared for cold or hot weather. We highly recommend a light rain jacket and extra pairs of socks. Having dry feet will make your race much more enjoyable.

The weather for the first week of May is high 75 degrees, low 55, and a chance of some rain, but of course, that could change, so we will monitor the forecast. The race goes on rain or shine.

PARKING:

A parking map is attached at the end of this email.

There is public parking all up and down Main Street. Please obey all posted parking signs, and do NOT park in any church or business parking lots unless you see our Warrior signs indicating it is permitted.

CHECK-IN:

Check-in is 5:00 am on Saturday and load buses at 7:30am. The earlier you check-in, the longer you have to prepare. Teams should arrive no later than 6:00am to get check-in and make the start in time.

Please attach your race numbers to your bikes using the zip ties provided and load them on the trucks for transportation. If you have your own paddle bag and paddle gear, you will take them on the bus with you. Paddle start this year, so racers will be required to wear bike helmets to start the race.

We will be checking in with quite a few people, so please save any questions for the pre-race meeting with Jeff, and spend that time studying your maps! Tip: Have your bikes ready, and your packs ready to go. Don't wait until you load your bike on the truck to discover you need a bike tube!

GEAR:

A complete list of mandatory gear can be found here: <https://www.arGeorgia.com/argear-list>

Please make sure that each racer has a red blinking light on the rear of your bikes. It is mandatory! You must have your light on for the ENTIRE duration of the event (while riding) so make sure the battery is good.

CELL PHONES:

All teams must carry at least one cell phone. While you may not use the phone for navigation, you are welcome to take photos to share to social media, etc. (Please #tag us!). Since cell phone reception in the mountains is spotty, we recommend putting the phone in airplane mode to save the battery.

Protect your phone from water! A simple zip-lock will save a lot of distress if your pack goes in the drink.

If you need last-minute supplies, there is a Wal-mart in Blue Ridge, about 5 minutes away.

VOLUNTEERS:

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We are very lucky to have a great group of volunteers for this event, some of our volunteers are only on-site for the day, so do not ask them for info on the course - they may not know or may give you unclear information. **READ YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.**

Please remember the “volunteer” part of volunteering means they are doing this for free. Do not abuse the volunteers because you don’t like the snack selection or the TA is out of Gatorade.

Thank you so much for joining the fastest-growing sport in the world for the 12-hour **BLUE RIDGE ADVENTURE RACE!** We cannot wait to see everyone at the finish line.