

Dear Runners,

Once again thank you for registering for the upcoming Aspen Backcountry Marathon and Heavy Half Marathon on 8/7. We hope your training has you feeling well prepared for the races' challenging ascents and descents! Course profiles can be found on the [race website](#).

RACER INFO: Please download the **racer guide** and [review all details there](#). The race guide includes, aid station locations, map, cut off times and more. Last updated on XXXX.

Please remember that we are officially a CUPLESS race and are asking participants to work within the principles of Leave No Trace and be as self-supporting as possible. There will not be any cups provided on course. We will have trash bins as well as water and Skratch at the various aid stations. Absolutely NO trash can be left on course except in the aid station trash bins.

Additionally, we recommend either handheld water bottles or a running vest that can hold not only calories and hydration but also a recommended minimal layer in case of rain or lower temperatures.

I-70 Travel Alert: Due to the Grizzly Creek burn scar, storms may cause flash flooding and mud slides in Glenwood Canyon. Therefore, CDOT may close I-70 in Glenwood Canyon at any time for safety concerns. For those racers traveling to Aspen, please plan accordingly for potential delays or reroutes.

To view travel alerts, road closures, traffic conditions and more go to COTRIP.org (<https://www.cotrip.org/travelAlerts.htm#?roadId=>). In addition, you can sign up for Pitkin County Alerts, which would alert you to local highway closures and severe weather, click here <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612656#/signup> or to view current Pitkin Alert notifications, click here (https://member.everbridge.net/453003085612656/weather/h_SSS7YkQ)

Severe Weather Alert: The safety of our athletes, spectators and volunteers is of utmost importance. The race will not be canceled due to rain alone, however heavy rain may delay or shorten the race. If severe lightning is detected in the area, racers may be held at aid stations and the race will be neutral until the race is deemed safe to continue. If trail conditions become unsafe racers will be asked to walk and timing of the event will end. If there is persistent severe weather Race officials reserve the right to neutralize, suspend or cancel the race entirely.

Entry fees will not be refunded in the event of weather-related changes.

PACKET PICK-UP: Drive Through

Friday, August 6th. 4:00pm to 6:00pm near Rio Grande Park, Drive through on Rio Grande Place enter at Spring St. and Rio Grande Place, pull into an open parking spot and someone will come up and help you. Packet Pick-Up includes: • Bib Number/Timing Chip • Event Swag
Packets will NOT be mailed to participants, no exceptions. You MUST bring a valid photo ID to Packet Pick-Up. If you are picking up for a friend you must bring a photo ID and a note authorizing you to pick up the packet on their behalf (form can be found in the back of the racer guide – see link above).

Race Day: There will be packet pickup at both starting lines one hour before the start time.

Please note that Pitkin County requires that **all participants obtain a valid CORSAR card for the day of the event**. These are available at the Ute Mountaineer (open 9 am – 6 pm daily) or to purchase online, [click here](#) Cost: \$3.00 for a one-year card; \$12.00 for five years.

New this year – both races will start in Rio Grande Park.

Marathon: 6:30am start Rio Grande Park (NEW!!).

Half Marathon: 7:30am start at Rio Grande Park.

Post-Race- This year's post-race celebration looks a lot different than years' past. We will all miss the Ducky Derby food trucks and beer garden this year, but there will still be grab and go lunch available for all racers. Family and fans will need to plan their own food and beverages. Please give your fellow racers plenty of space after finishing. Since we have the park to ourselves, there is plenty of room for all! Awards: because of the duration of the event, certificates will be handed out at the finish line once results are verified.

Thanks Again for your participation and we'll see you soon.

Aspen Backcountry Marathon Race Committee