

## **Captain's Update #3 – April 20, 2018**

Spring has finally made its way to our part of the country – albeit a little chillier than normal (Sunny and 62 today). If you live in the Bluegrass State, you know how fun this time of year can be, with the Kentucky Derby just a few weeks away (we party for two weeks celebrating a two-minute horse race!).

But let's talk about another race that you can only find here – THE BOURBON CHASE! Here is some more info to take in:

### **THE BOURBON CHASE THEME & TENTH ANNIVERSARY!**

2018 is a special year for The Bourbon Chase – it is the TENTH ANNIVERSARY! We are excited that you have chosen to join us for this special running of one of the most beautiful overnight relays in the country! To commemorate this milestone, we are going back to the basics - the 2018 theme is BOURBON!

But – we know that decorating the vans and dressing up is fun with a capital "F". If you are looking for something other than Bourbon as inspiration, we are going to mix it up a little and do a "choose your own"! Below is a list of the last five years' themes, and we encourage you to "choose your own". Pick the one that resonates with you and your team and go for it! We may even have some special prizes in store for those that really embrace it!

Psychedelic 60's (2013)

Disco (2014)

Roaring 20's (2015)

Bacchanalia/Toga Party (2016)

1980's (2017)

### **BALANCE OF REGISTRATION FEE**

The balance of your registration fee is not due until July, but many have asked if they could go ahead and pay. For your convenience, we have a link for you to just that. Go here to pay your balance:

[bourbonchase.com/balance](http://bourbonchase.com/balance)

If you are an ULTRA team, email me and I can take your balance payment in a more "manual" fashion.

### **STARTING LINE HOTELS**

For Thursday night, we have again set up a block of rooms at The Galt House in downtown Louisville. Located about 26 miles from the Starting Line at Jim Beam, and within 2 miles of The Kick-Off Reception, The Galt House is centrally located on the riverfront in Louisville, and has put together a special deal for Bourbon Chasers:

The Galt House Hotel

[140 N. Fourth St, Louisville, KY 40202](#)

\$139.00 standard; \$154.00 for suite

Reservation Cut-Off Date: 09/09/18

Online Link for Reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/go/thebourbonchase2018>

We are working on additional starting line hotel options and will get that info out to you in a few weeks.

#### FINISH LINE HOTELS

Hyatt Regency Lexington

[401 W. High Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507](#)

Online Link for Reservations: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/bourbonchase2018>

\$225.00 per night, must book by September 11, 2018

1-800-233-1234; ask for "The Bourbon Chase Block"

The Campbell House Lexington, Curio by Hilton

[1375 South Broadway, Lexington, Kentucky 40502](#)

Booking Link: [Bourbon Chase 2018](#)

Group Name: Bourbon Chase 2018 Group Code: BCH

\$175.00 per night, must book before September 21, 2018.

859-255-4281; reference "The Bourbon Chase"

#### MANAGING YOUR TEAM

Manage your team (invite runners, change your team name, etc.) by going to

<http://bourbonchase.com/myteam>

Division/Class: We have noticed many teams do not have a division/class selected, so when you are on your Team Management page, check to make sure you have both "Division" and "Class" properly checked. Note: even though the Ragnar registration system includes many options, the only award categories for The Bourbon Chase are the following:

Open Mixed – Must have a minimum of 4 females

Open Female – All females

Open Male – 7 or more males

Masters Mixed – All members over 40 must have a minimum of 4 females

Masters Female – All over 40 years of age, all females

Masters Male – All over 40, 7 or more males

Corporate - All runners must have an affiliation with the corporation; employees (or family member), board member, or client

Ultra – 6 runners. No more, no less

Ultra Women – 6 runners, all female

As mentioned in Update #1, the system works best if you sign in to your Ragnar account (you created one when you registered for the lottery), and then open a separate tab in your browser to manage your team. Similarly, when inviting team members, it is best if they create a profile on the Ragnar system, sign in, and then accept the invite. You can also go to the link to change your team name

#### WATER STATIONS & WATER BOTTLES/CUPS

Now is a great time to let you know that to be more environmentally conscious, we will have no paper/plastic cups available. PLEASE REMIND ALL YOUR TEAM MEMEBRS TO BRING THEIR OWN RE-USABLE WATER BOTTLES to use while on – and off – the course.

#### VOLUNTEERS

Each team that has a team member residing within 100 miles of the course is required to provide two (2) volunteers or pay a fee of \$120.00 for each “unfilled” volunteer spot. Volunteers typically work the exchange points – keeping track of runners, crowd control, parking lot duty, etc., and the shifts are typically 4 to 5 hours long.

Volunteer Registration will begin MAY 18. I will send a link before then, or you can check our website at that time for the details!

Please e-mail or call me if you have any questions about anything Bourbon Chase related – until next time - Cheers!

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