

Captain's Update #8 – October 9, 2018

WE ARE JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY!

The Tenth Anniversary Bourbon Chase is almost here! In this final Update, there is much to cover – but it's all good stuff!

LAST MINUTE COURSE NOTES

- Leg 30: When runners turn right onto Duncan Road, Runners should STAY TO THE RIGHT AND RUN WITH TRAFFIC all the way up the hill until the "1 Mile To Go" sign...then cross the road only after looking in all directions to determine it is safe.
- Leg 36: The Legacy Trail in Lexington has been extended, so the course has changed to follow the trail a bit further. Maps and the Ragnar App have been updated to reflect the new route.

We also made a few corrections on the driving instructions for Leg 12 and Leg 33 – please take a look at the maps and Driver's Guide here: <http://bourbonchase.com/resources>

THE BOURBON CHASE KICK-OFF RECEPTION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 FROM 6:30 – 8:00PM

Downtown Louisville Under the Second Street Bridge (Washington and Second Street) featuring Evan Williams Bourbon, Kentucky Ale, Papa John's, music, and appetizers!

To gain entry and secure drink tix – everyone must have photo ID and be able to name 2 of these 3: team name, team bib #, and/or team captain

RELAY CHECK IN – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- Van 1 and Ultra Teams at Jim Beam Distillery (1 hour before your start time)
- Van 2 at Maker's Mark Distillery (1:15 before your #6 runner is expected to show)
- Know your Team Bib # (don't be that team that slows the line down!)
- Everyone MUST have photo ID and MUST be at least 21 years of age (please have it out and ready to display so we can move quickly through this painful requirement)
- Runners will receive a wristband that they must wear until the finish to qualify for the bourbon tasting
- Everyone in van MUST be present to check in (including drivers)
- Each van MUST have their own safety equipment – 6 reflective vests (or a number equal to runners in that van), 2 headlamps or flashlights, and 2 flashing lights for rear-side
- All participant team shirts are picked up at Jim Beam upon successful check in (share with van 2!) If a shirt doesn't fit, exchange it at the Finish Line Info Booth.
- Start times are forged in Valyrian steel at this point: <http://bourbonchase.com/resources>

TEAM EDITS

All changes to your roster must be done at the Starting Line at Jim Beam and will result in a \$30 edit fee. If you must make a last-minute change at check-in, any runner to be added must be present to fill out and sign a few things.

KEEPING ON COURSE AND PLUGGED IN

Here are a few tidbits to know to keep your team on the straight and narrow.

- Race Command: If you have problems or questions during the race, want to inquire about skipping legs, report a lost runner, report a rule violation, etc., just text Ragnar Race Command at 661-RAGNAR1 (text only - save to your contacts now).
- Download the Ragnar App and choose The Bourbon Chase access maps and other great info.
- Register to get timing updates for the race and your team
- There will be no maps in your packet or van. Please either plan to access them via the Ragnar App or print and bring to the race. Thanks!

NEED A CHEAP PLACE TO SLEEP AND GRAB A SHOWER?

The following high schools will open their gym to Bourbon Chase runners to crash for \$5 per runner or \$25 per van! Bring your own sleeping bag/blanket. Showers available as well...bring your own towel!

- Danville High School (near exchanges 12 and 17)
- NEW FOR 2018! Anderson County High School - located at the 4.75 mile mark of Leg 24 (perfect for early Van 1s). They will also offer a breakfast later in the morning.

Also, Constitution Square Park in Danville (near exchanges 12 and 17) will open up for those who like to sleep under the stars!

TOWN BRANCH BOURBON FINISH LINE CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Open to everyone from 1pm – 9:30pm
- Kentucky Ale beer tent on Main Street and the Triangle Park bar open and the music begins at 1pm sharp!
- Bourbon Bar on Main Street begins pouring at 2pm
- Big L's Gourmet Dogs and Mr. Gyros food truck start serving at 2pm
- Bourbon Tasting from 4:00 – 9:00pm (complimentary for runners; drivers can partake for \$10)
- Awards – 6:15 for the fast teams, and 8:30 for the fun awards!
- Team Photos - booths located on Vine Street. Free and fast. We take them; you share them!

CHRONOTRACK REAL TIME UPDATES

You and your teammates will be able to get splits at all the major exchange points to see how you rank in your division and how you are competing against your buds on the course. Pass the link below on to your teammates and folks at home interested in your progress and results:

<https://results.chronotrack.com/event/results/event/event-44583>

For SMS message tracking mid-race, sign up here:

<https://register.chronotrack.com/event/tracking/eventID/44583>

To sign up, you will need either your team bib #, team captain name or team name. Don't be a loser, sign up now!

HQ GOING DARK

Just a heads up – if you have a question for us, ask now. Starting at 9:00 pm Tuesday, our Relay HQ goes dark (as in silent) for about 60 hours. We will be out and about getting ready for your arrival: putting up signs, tents, cones, weaving shirts, casting medals, visiting distilleries etc. it is highly unlikely we will be able to return calls and emails until after the relay.

PARKING AT THE FINISH

The usual parking area behind Rupp Arena on Manchester Street is closed due to construction, so look at other options, such as a garage or surface lot and walk an extra block, or if you are staying at one of the hotels, park there.

KEENELAND

If you reserved tickets to Keeneland on Sunday, they are in your Van 1 packet in a little white envelope. If you ordered them and now decided you don't need them, please take the envelope and give it to the folks at our Information Booth at the Finish Line for those teams who either forgot to reserve them or need a few more.

This is the Tenth Anniversary of The Bourbon Chase, and we hope that 2019 proves to be great race and experience for you and your team. With that, see you later this week as you drink in Kentucky's great cities, charming small towns, beautiful horse country, and of course, our native spirit, Bourbon.

We are excited that you have chosen to be a part of The Bourbon Chase!

Rock on, everyone, and CHEERS!

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