

Sept 1, 2022 - Hello Whistle Pig Racers!

We're in the home stretch. Make sure to check the [gear list](#) for updates. Here's the [first email](#) we sent out, in case you want to review.

Here are a few updates:

Check in will be the night of Sept 9 from 4-8pm at:

Natali's Front Bar Patio
117 S Broadway
Red Lodge, MT 59068

Maps, printed by myTopo.com, will be given out at that time. If you will be arriving the morning of Sept 10, check your email after 4pm of the 9th where we will give you the details on where to report for morning check in and race start. Sept 10 morning check in will be from 6:30-7:00am

There will be a few checkpoints in UTM coordinates that you will need to plot when you get your map, so plan on taking a little time with your teammates (or solo) before the race starts to get these points figured out. MyTopo is providing the UTM grid readers; you can pick them up when you check in. The grid readers will have multiple scales but the scale we will be using is 1:15,000.

Also, make sure your compass can adjust for declination.

WHAT THE HECK IS UTM? AND WHAT THE HECK IS DECLINATION?

Not to worry.... Our chief cartographer will be doing a review of navigation and UTM plotting at 7pm on Sept 9 at the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation, 122 Hauser Ave South. This is right around the corner from Natali's Front Bar. Feel free to stop by if you want to get a little more comfortable with these skills.

We have two words for you: grass seeds. We've added gaiters to the recommended gear list. A short pair should do, or something to keep the little buggers out of your footwear.

Speaking of seeds, you may also be traipsing through noxious weeds during parts of the race. We kindly ask that you don't throw the seeds willy nilly into the wind. Shove them in a pocket and put them in a trash can when you see one. We appreciate your help in helping prevent the spread!

We have secured the talents of [Greys River Photography](#) for some kick butt shots on the course, so make sure to smile and look like you are having fun!

We're really excited about some of our sponsors for this race!

[Gnarly Nutrition](#) has provided race day hydration as well as an item in your SWAG bag.

You'll also be getting a little treat from [Kings Cupboard](#) and Red Lodge Chamber at check-in

If you are coming through Cody, stop by [Sunlight Sports](#) and tell them thanks for sponsoring the Whistle Pig!

If you are swinging through Billings, stop by [The Base Camp](#), they are one of our prize sponsors as well as a raffle sponsor at Oktoberfest.

While you are in Red Lodge, swing into [Sylvan Peak Mountain shop](#) and tell them we sent you.

Speaking of prizes, just a reminder that we will be holding the awards at Sam's Tap Room in conjunction with [OKTOBERFEST](#). Get your dirndls and lederhosen ready! We'll be heading to Oktoberfest after the race to celebrate, dance and do awards! Your race registration gets you a free ticket to the party in the events center at [Red Lodge Ales](#)—German food and beer, vendors and games—all ages welcome!

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[Alte Kameraden](#): Live German Band

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Oktoberfest Team Games

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

[John Roberts y Pan Blanco](#): Save some of your energy to dance to this local favorite band who plays melding high-energy Funk, African and Latin grooves with soulful instrumental solos. Here in Red Lodge we take Oompah bands to the next level!

Right now it is H-O-T in south central Montana but the Whistle Pig saw his shadow yesterday, so we are expecting the weather to be much better when we race. Keep your fingers crossed for great weather and no fires!

We are really looking forward to having a ton of fun with everyone. Please feel free to reach out with questions. And if anyone can give a racer down in Lander, WY a ride, holler :)