



HIDDENITE FESTIVAL ROAD RACE

Hiddenite, North Carolina
September 26, 2009 – 8:30 AM



INTRODUCTION

The Hiddenite Festival Road Race is being held in conjunction with the Hiddenite Celebration of the Arts. The Hiddenite Celebration of the Arts is a wonderful event with crafts, food, and entertainment held annually in September in Alexander County. The festival draws approximately 10,000 people each year.

REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to 250 runners for both races. The registration fee is \$25.00 for the half-marathon if postmarked by September 8, 2009 or \$30.00 thereafter including race day. The registration fee is \$20.00 for the 10K if postmarked by September 8, 2009 or \$30.00 thereafter including race day. Any current Alexander County resident may deduct \$10.00 from the cost. We order tee shirts based on the number of pre-registered runners. Late registrants are not guaranteed a shirt. Make checks payable to **Alexander County Recreation Department**. No refunds. Mail check and completed entry form to:

**Hiddenite Road Race
621 Liledoun Road
Taylorsville, NC 28681**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The half-marathon course starts at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. The 10K course starts on Allen Road at the end of Rocky Springs Road and follows the same route as the half-marathon to the finish line at the Hiddenite Center's Lucas Mansion. Both courses are on paved, hilly, rural state roads passing by many farms, churches, uninhabited woodlands, and Rocky Face Mountain. Six aid stations will be provided for the half-marathon and 3 aid stations will be provided for the 10K. The courses are wheel measured.

PACKET PICK-UP

Race numbers may be picked up at the Alexander County Administration Office (621 Liledoun Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681) on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Late registrations will also be accepted at that time. Race number pick-up and race day registration will be at Hiddenite Elementary School (374 Sulphur Springs Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636) from 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM on Saturday, September 26, 2009.

AWARDS, SHIRTS, & MEDALS

Awards go to the top 3 overall males and females in both races. Awards will also go to the top 3 males and females in both races in the following age groups:

14 and under	30-34	50-54
15-19	35-39	55-59
20-24	40-44	60-64
25-29	45-49	65-69

There will be no duplication of awards. No awards will be mailed.

Shirts and medals are for finishers only and will be given immediately at the finish line. The Awards Ceremony will start at approximately 9:30 AM for the 10K and 11:00 AM for the half-marathon at the Hiddenite Center's Lucas Mansion.

RACE SCHEDULE

The half-marathon starts at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (31 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681) and the 10K starts on Allen Road approximately .2 of a mile from the intersection of Rocky Springs Road. Both races start at 8:30 AM and end at the Hiddenite Center's Lucas Mansion.

RACE VAN SERVICE

Race vans will be available at the Hiddenite Elementary School for **RUNNERS ONLY**. Vans will take runners to the starting line for both races. Vans will start running at 7:30 AM. No vans are available after 8:00 AM. There will be no post-race van service. Runners are encouraged to take the free race vans before the race and avoid having to return for a car after the event.

DIRECTIONS FOR PARKING – HIDDENITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From U.S. 64 East (from Taylorsville) turn left onto Old Mountain Road or from U.S. 64 West (from Statesville) turn right onto Old Mountain Road. Travel to stop sign and turn right onto Highway 90. Take an immediate left onto Sulphur Springs Road, just past the Trio Store. Travel a little over a quarter-mile (1,800 feet) to Hiddenite Elementary School on the right.

DIRECTIONS TO PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

From U.S. 64 East (from Taylorsville) turn left onto Liledoun Road or from U.S. 64 West (from Statesville) turn right onto Liledoun Road. Travel through 2 stop lights. Liledoun Road will turn into N.C. Highway 16 North. Travel approximately 4 ½ miles on N.C. Highway 16 North and turn right onto Vashti Road. Travel approximately 2 miles on

Vashti Road and turn right onto Black Oak Ridge Road. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be on the left about a mile down Black Oak Ridge Road.

DIRECTIONS TO ALLEN ROAD

From U.S. 64 East (from Taylorsville) turn left onto Millersville Road or from U.S. 64 West (from Statesville) take a right onto Millersville Road and travel to the stop sign. Take a left onto Highway 90 and then a right onto White Plains Road. Travel to the stop sign and take a right onto Rocky Springs Road. Travel 2.6 miles and Allen Road will be to your left.

DIRECTIONS TO LUCAS MANSION (Race finish only – no parking)

The Lucas Mansion is within walking distance from Hiddenite Elementary School. Simply cross the street and walk to the rear of the Lucas Mansion property.

If being dropped off at the Lucas Mansion by car, travel from U.S. 64 to Old Mountain Road (see above directions). At the stop sign, travel straight across Highway 90 onto Hiddenite Church Road. Travel a little over a quarter of a mile (1,800 feet) to the Lucas Mansion on the right. Please note that Hiddenite Church Road will be blocked off around 7:15 AM to allow vendors to set up.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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HIDDENITE FESTIVAL ROAD RACE FORM

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Name (please print) _____ Age race day _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Running Club _____

Sex _____ Date of Birth _____ Shirt size (circle one) M L XL XXL

Race Entry (select only one race): _____ Half-Marathon _____ 10K

Best Half-Marathon _____

Best 10K _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone _____

Email Address _____

Waiver and release: I agree to save, release, and keep harmless Alexander County, organizers of the half-marathon and 10K, officials, participating sponsors, volunteers, and any other groups, agencies, or individuals involved with this event from all liability, claims, or demands for damages incurred by my participation in the Hiddenite Half-Marathon and/or 10K or any of its related parts. I realize that participating in a half-marathon is a sometimes risky and potentially hazardous endeavor and I assume all responsibilities for my participating. I certify that I am properly trained, mentally fit, and medically able to participate in this event. I will not litter and I promise to have fun. I realize that the race director has the right to refuse any entry and that decisions rendered by the race director whether in participation or finish results will be final.

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

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