

TO: ALL PATCH SPRINT PARTICIPANTS

FINAL NOTICE FOR THE PATCH SPRINT

NOTE: For 2019, registration, check-in and meals have been moved from Robinson Hall, to the Pok-O Queen at Camp MacCready:

1391 Reber Road, Willsboro, NY 12996

PRE-RACE

CHECK-IN: If you have not already done so, payment must be made prior to the race. Friday evening is preferred; a registration booth will be set up at the race expo. Cash and personal checks are accepted. At that time you will receive your race packet, consisting of your number, T-shirt, safety pins, complimentary raffle ticket and more. T-shirts, extra raffle tickets, and meals for guests may be for sale, if availability remains.

CHECK IN DEADLINES: In order to receive your packet, with race number (required to be on course), you should check-in **NO LATER THAN:**

- Trekkers and self-starters: by 9:00 Friday evening
- 8:00 Starters & Half-Sprinters: by 7:30 Saturday morning
- 9:00 Starters: by 8:30 Saturday morning
- Kindersprint: by 9:45 Saturday morning at Pok-O Mt.

(If you cannot make the deadline, please have someone pick up your packet)

WAIVER FORM: The Patch Sprint is staged on both private and public land. The event can be dangerous; in the past, some people have gotten lost. **All racers and trekkers must sign a “liability and photo release” waiver.**

DOGS: are permitted but must be under yours, or someone’s care and behavioral control at all times. *Please honor another guest’s request to have your dog on a leash.* Please pick-up after your pet.

LODGING: being provided by Pok-O-MacCready camps is for ***REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ONLY.***

Accommodations have been assigned for requesting registrants, who have received a separate policy letter. Lodging is available for the evening of Sunday (5/26), **only if you are planning to take part in Sunday's Alumni Work project** (see below).

If you are not assigned housing, but wish to stay at camp, please [CONTACT](#) us immediately.

In accordance with camp regulations, alcohol will not be permitted at Pok-O-MacCready. Children under 17 are not permitted to be unsupervised.

EXPO / PRE-RACE MEAL: A free pasta dinner will be held on **Friday at 7:00pm** at Camp MacCready's *Pok-O Queen*, along with a Race Expo, beginning at 6:00. This is also a good time to pay outstanding fees, and check the information board featuring course maps, photos, products, past results and last minute notices.

Weigh-In for Clydesdale Racers will take place Friday evening. If you fail to exceed 200 pounds, you may be switched to another division.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: Complimentary bagels, cream cheese, coffee, juice and fruit will be served in the Pok-O Queen from 6:45-8:30am.

VOLUNTEERS: Have been contacted regarding specific duties. A poster, located on the bulletin board, will display the full volunteer schedule (also see schedule [HERE](#)). Please join us on **Friday evening at 8:00pm** for a volunteer meeting or, at the very latest, check in with volunteer coordinator **Sean Holmes** by Saturday morning, 7:30am.

MEDIA: Please be alerted that a reporter for national public radio will be at the event, reporting on adventure racing in the Adirondacks. Should you be approached and not wish to answer questions, please politely decline, or steer him to the race directors.

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THE RACE

SELF-STARTERS - for Trekkers: Please check in Friday night. Participants are responsible for their own race timing. Summit splits and some early aid station provisions may not be offered. **There will be an organized trekker start at precisely 7:15am!.**

-8:00am - for Runners: Please be at the start no later than 7:45am. **The start will be at precisely 8:00am!**

-9:00am - for Racers: Please be at the start no later than 8:45am. **The start will be at precisely 9:00am!**

- **“KINDER-SPRINT”:** Will be at **10:00am** at the base of Mt. Pok-O-Moonshine. Please report 15 minutes prior to start time for **a group photograph**. Packet pickup and Late Registration will take place Saturday morning at the Patch Sprint start, or at approx. 9:30am at the base of Pok-O. All Kindersprinters must arrive with a designated chaperone (although chaperones are welcome to supervise multiple racers).

AID STATIONS: Along the course will feature water; KobakathonRX2K19®; cookies; energy gels (GU); fruit.

Dropout runners/trekkers: Those choosing to retire from the course are asked to report to the **homestead aid station, the base of Pok-O-Moonshine, The registration desk (Pok-O Queen), or tell a summit timer**. This will allow race officials to have an accurate accounting of anyone who fails to arrive at the finish of the course, or the top of each mountain.

ALL PARTICIPANTS:

Must pay their fees and sign the waiver form prior to receiving a race number... **Must have their RACE NUMBERS visible** (This is essential for timing and private property access).

Please make your own arrangements to have personal gear brought to the finish, on the summit of Pok-O-Moonshine. **Remember** to either carry all empty food and beverage containers, or dispose of them at the next garbage bag along the course... It is advised that you **wear a watch** and keep track of your own summit splits in the event of a race-timing breakdown. Check with us for the official race time.

-WE STRONGLY ADVISE PARTICIPANTS NOT INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH THE ENTIRE COURSE TO CARRY DETAILED DIRECTIONS (download [HERE](#)).

- Race number assignments are based on most recent Patch Sprint placing.

DIRECTIONS: 1391 N. Reber Road, Willsboro, NY.

PARKING: Please use the large lot (CPL) at the start of the race course, rather than parking on the street. **For anyone planning to bring a vehicle to the base of Mt. Pok-O-Moonshine:** Park your car on the road.

SPECTATORS, et al: All guests, spectators, and volunteers relieved of their duties are welcome to watch the race at any number of key locations (Homestead, base of Pok-O), although we are discouraging large groups from climbing to the Pok-O finish (see below)

POST-RACE

After you finish: In agreement with the state environmental agency, finishers are asked to not spend more than 15 minutes on the summit of Pok-O. Race directors will be on top to insure we uphold our contract with the DEC. **ALSO**, we ask that racers and trekkers descend via the alternate south trail. This path is longer, but much easier, the first of many finish parties will be held at the trailhead, and shuttles will be waiting to take you back to camp.

RETURN TO CAMP: Courtesy vans will depart from the SOUTH TRAILHEAD of Mt. Pok-O-Moonshine, returning to Pok-O-MacCready. Shuttle will run approximately every 30 minutes between 12:30-2:30pm.

Awards Dinner: An event celebratory barbecue will start at 4:30pm at the *Pok-O Queen*. There will be a \$7 charge for unregistered guests. **Featured events** include a chicken dinner, raffle, awards, giveaways and photo displays. This will be an alcohol-free event. **Please bring a blanket** as this will be an outdoor picnic (weather permitting)

After hours: Please consider joining us at the [Ausable Brewing Company](#) for an evening of music, beverages, socializing, and post-race wind-down.

PROTESTS and COMPLAINTS: Must be brought to our attention no later than 3:00pm on Saturday. The race committee will try and resolve all issues as soon as possible.

POK-O-MacCREADY ALUMNI WORK DAY will be held Sunday, May 26, following a 8:30 complimentary breakfast. This annual event has been purposely scheduled and cross-promoted in conjunction with the Patch Sprint. The camp maintenance crew will lead in a selection of group projects. Our thanks, in advance, to the over 15 people who have signed up. As Pok-O-Macready is generously offering its facilities and services for our race, your support- if even only for a few hours- would be greatly appreciated by both camp, and the Patch Sprint committee. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

IN CASE OF RAIN: The Race/Trek will go on as scheduled. Lightning/thunder may compel the postponement or cancellation of the race.

OFFICIAL RESULTS: Will be posted on the Patch Sprint web site by Tuesday, May 28, if not sooner.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: We urge you to check the web site and click on “EVENT INFO”, “FAQ” and “NEWS”.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: patchsprint@gmail.com

CONTACTS:

Event Directors: Tim Singer, Brian DeGroat

Race Starters: Jody Edwards, Willow Herz

Volunteers, Race support, and Housing: Sean Holmes

Registration & Payment: Spencer Aronstein, Amy Turosak

Course Info: Jason Fiegl, John Rayburn, Katie Moffett, Tom Moffett

Pok-O-MacCready Camps: Kat Moser

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL 2019 PATCH SPRINT
PARTICIPANTS!**