

Dear Patch Sprint Parent or Guardian,

You are receiving this if you have a son or daughter, or someone under your supervision, under the age of 18, who is registered to take part in the Patch Sprint, May 24, 2014.

It is a matter of great concern to many event participants, and friends, that children are allowed to cover some, or all, of the course without a chaperone. (The N.Y. State Dept. of Health doesn't even let campers go from one class to another unsupervised!)

All of you have already signed a registration liability waiver. Additionally, many of you- in the past- have acted as, or designated, a chaperone to be with your child during the event.

***However, for the purpose of emphasizing our concerns, safeguarding your child, and clarifying that a minor's participation is the full responsibility of the parent or guardian, we implore you to adhere to the following policies:***

- If the minor(s) plans to begin the Patch Sprint at the 10:00am start, he/she **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT** who is knowledgeable of the Patch Sprint route, as well as the dangers and challenges associated with on-road and off-road racing and trekking, **FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE COURSE.**
- If the minor(s) plans to begin the Patch Sprint at the 8:00 or 9:00am start, or the KinderSprint course, he/she will have a designated adult chaperone that is knowledgeable of the Patch Sprint route, as well as the dangers and challenges associated with on-road and off-road racing and trekking. The chaperone should know the approximate plan and whereabouts of the participating minor under his/her supervision.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for educating the minor participant about event and course description, dangers and challenges. While the Patch Sprint will do everything possible to grant assistance, it is not accountable for acting in response to a lost or injured participant.
- Members of the Patch Sprint committee reserve the right to request that an under-18 participant change start times; or ask an unaccompanied minor to exit the course.

Thank you for your understanding, and cooperation in respecting our policies. Kids are, and have long been, an integral part of the Patch Sprint, and we are trying our best to insure the continued safety to them, and success for the event.

Sincerely,

Greg Henderson & Tim Singer  
Event Organizers