



RUNNER GUIDE

Thank you for joining us for the 2026 Coldwater Rumble!
This is the 16th year of the event, and the 3rd year at the new venue.
I'm excited for everyone to tackle our "new" courses. Desert running
at its finest!

The weather is looking ideal... maybe even a little warm during the
daytime. You've trained hard and the work is done. Now it's go time!

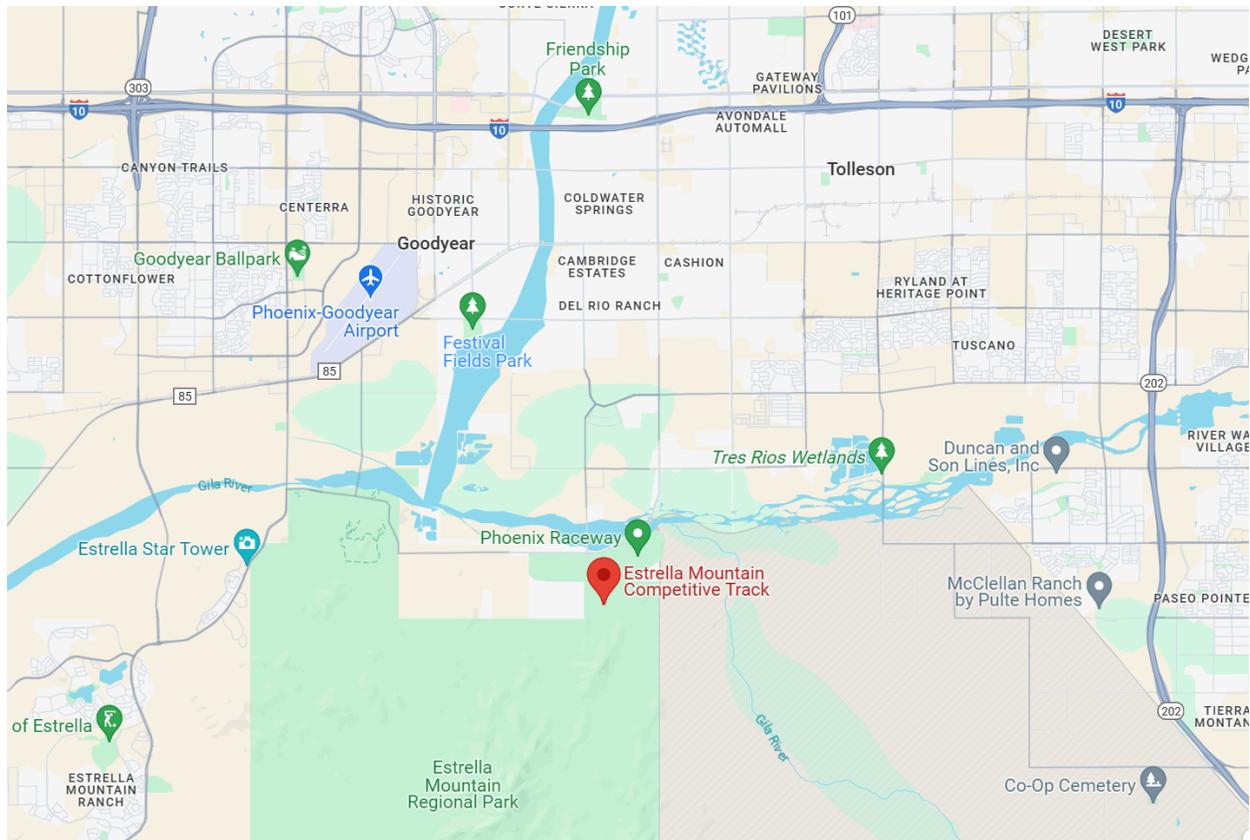
-Aaron Barber, Race Director

Location

Estrella Mountain Regional Park- Competitive Track

It's very important that you navigate to this pin.

DO NOT NAVIGATE TO "ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK"



Start Times

7:00 AM – 100 Mile

7:15 AM – 100K

7:30 AM – 60K

8:00 AM – 40K

8:30 AM – 10 Mile

8:45 AM – 5 Mile

Courses

To export a route via CalTopo, make sure you change the file type in the drop-down menu. CalTopo's default file-type is .json and you'll want to export as .gpx

[100 Mile CalTopo](#)

[100K CalTopo](#)

[60K CalTopo](#)

[40K CalTopo](#)

[10 Mile CalTopo](#)

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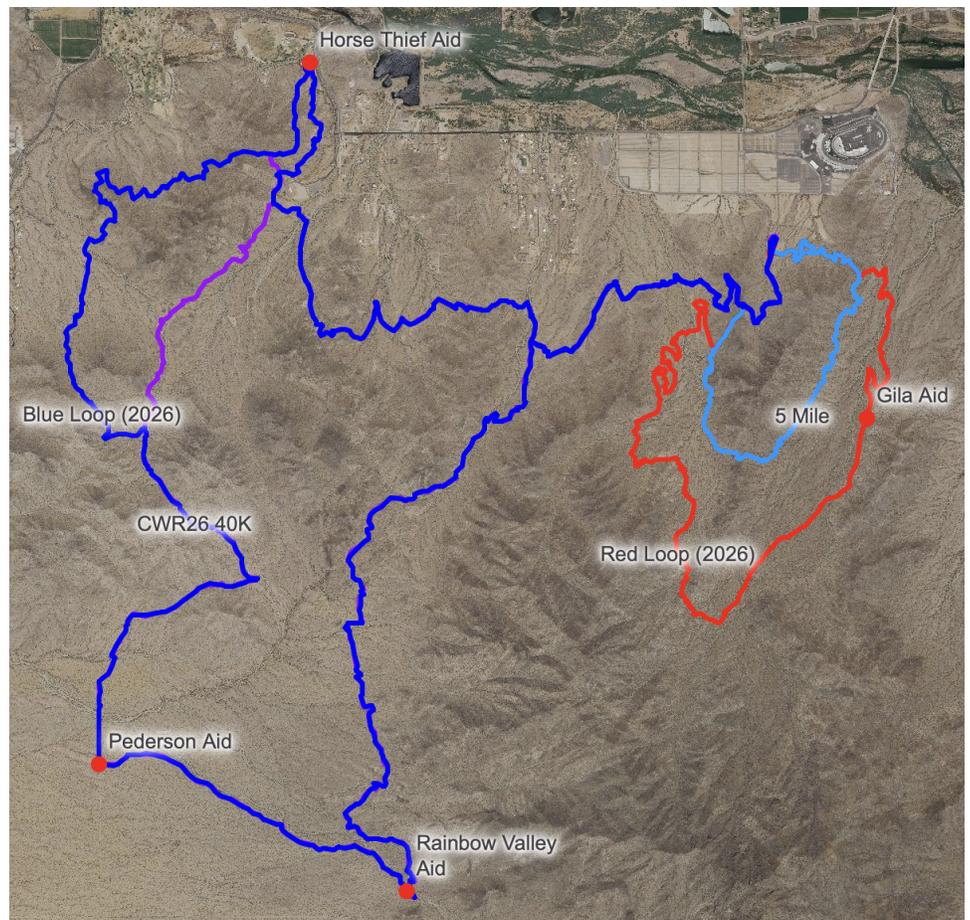
The race consists of a shorter “Red Loop” and a longer “Blue Loop”.

100 Mile: Red, Red, Blue, Blue, Blue

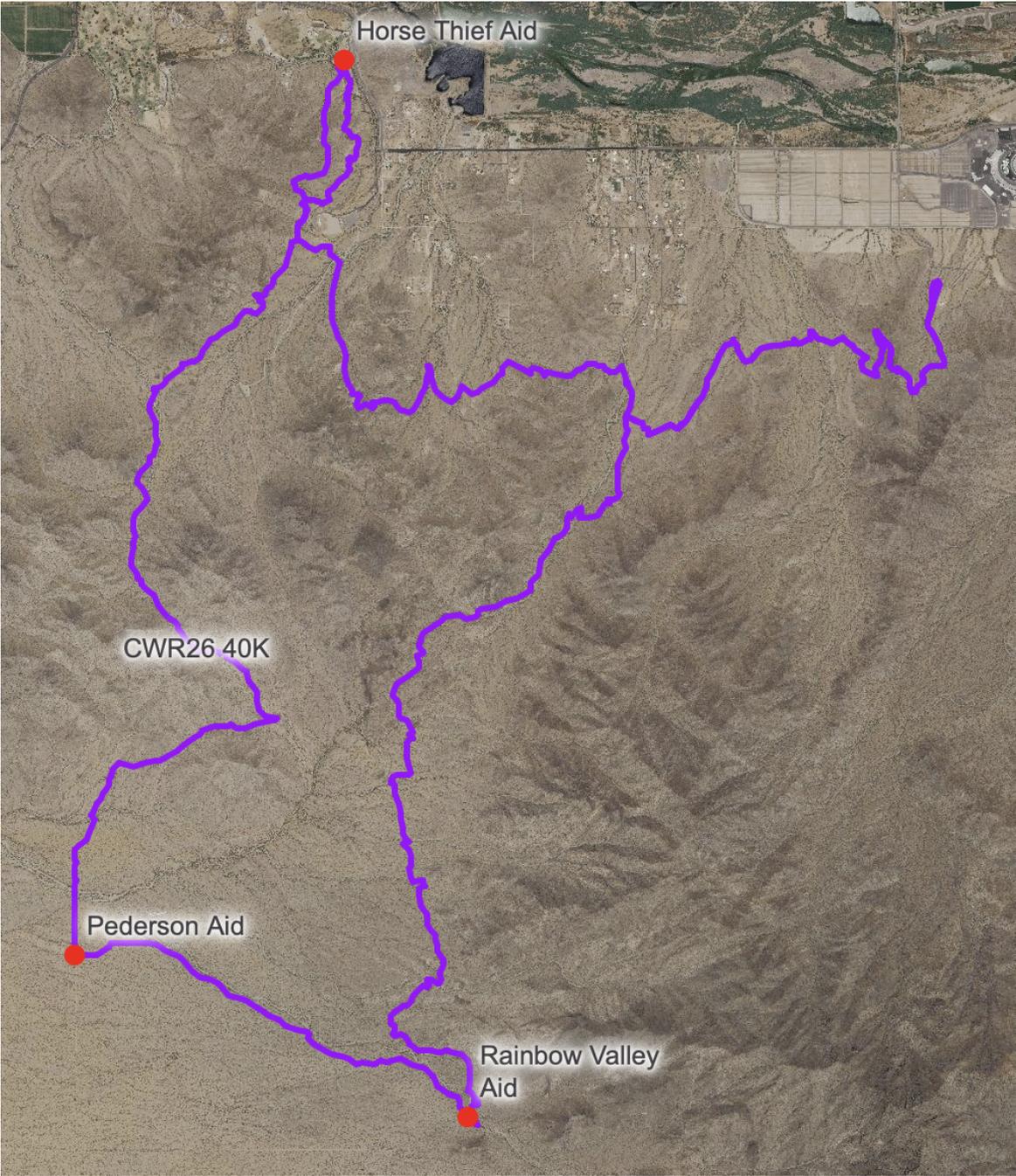
100K : Red, Blue, Blue

60K : Red, Blue

10 Mile: Red



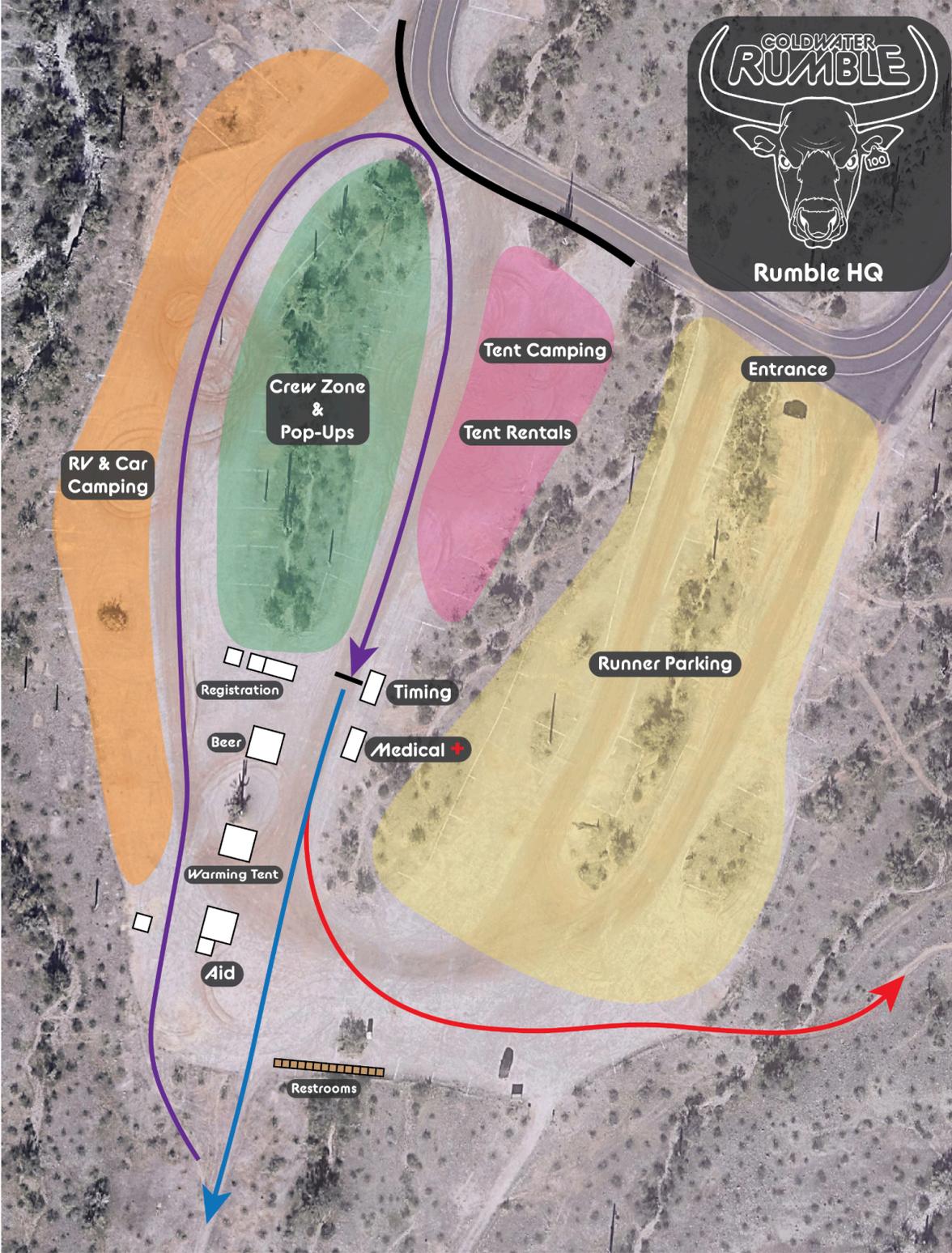
The 40K is a single Blue Loop with a more direct route from Pederson Aid to Rodeo Ranch Aid.



The 5 Mile starts on the Red Loop for the first mile. Then continues on trails that are specific for the 5 Mile race (clockwise).



All courses will finish with a loop through Rumble HQ. And the longer distances will come through Rumble HQ after each individual loop. This gives runners a chance to access their crew or crew zone without leaving the course.



The courses will be marked with ORANGE & BLACK ribbon, ORANGE pin flags, and ORANGE reflective ribbon where necessary. BLUE & WHITE ribbon denotes WRONG WAY as well as white “WRONG WAY” signs.

In addition to these markings, there will be distance specific signs at major trail junctions.

40K Runners: You’ll be following signage for the “BLUE LOOP” except for a small stretch between Pedersen Aid and Horse Thief Aid. You’ll follow pink 40K signs for that.



Cutoffs

100 Mile Runners need to maintain an elapsed pace of **18:59 min/mile** to make the final cutoff (101.2 miles).

Intermediate cutoffs are based on this pace.

Some sections are tougher than others, but there is no *significant* difference in difficulty from one section to the next.

The 100 Mile has one cutoff on Saturday (2x Red Loops), the rest are for the final Blue Loop on Sunday.

Must be clear of the Red Loop (2) by 1:30pm (20.1 miles)

Must begin final Blue Loop by 6:30am Sunday (74.1 miles)

Must leave Horse Thief Aid by 12:30pm Sunday (93.3 miles)

In addition to the hard cutoffs, soft cutoffs *may* be enforced at the backcountry aid stations if a runner is significantly behind pace at RD discretion.

Must leave Rainbow Valley Aid by 9:15am Sunday (82.7 miles)

Must leave Pedersen Aid by 10:00am Sunday (85.1 miles)

***The cutoff TIMES are the same for the shorter distances**

Crews & Pacers

Crews are welcome to support runners near the start/finish line located at the Competitive Track. This will serve as the “Rumble HQ” for the duration of the 32 hour event! Crew canopies and pop-ups are welcome along the interior of the loop, where the runners come through every lap.

Crews will also be allowed at Horse Thief Aid, but structures cannot be set up, and there is no camping.

There is no “muling” allowed (pacer carrying gear/equipment for runner).

Only one pacer per runner at any given time. Pacers must be human and on foot.

Aravaipa does not provide shuttles/transportation for pacers.

Pacers do not need a bib, nor do they need to sign in/out. Pacers are welcome to all offerings at Aid Stations.

Pacers may join 100 Mile runners after mile 47.1 (last two Blue Loops). They can enter/exit the course at Rumble HQ and Horse Thief Aid.

Pacers may join 100K runners for their final Blue Loop. They can enter/exit the course at Rumble HQ and/or Horse Thief Aid.

There are no pacers allowed for any other distance.

The small loop at Rumble HQ is a “neutral zone” for pacers and crews. This is approximately .2 miles and leads up to the start/finish line. Crews, pacers, family members, and dogs are allowed to run with their runner as soon as they come off the singletrack and into the open lot.

If you plan on finishing your race with your crew/family (I'd recommend it!), please be courteous of other runners finishing their loops/race.

Driving Directions

Rumble HQ/Start Area

[Google Pin](#)

The start/finish is located at the Competitive Track at Estrella Mountain Regional Park. The entrance is located near Phoenix International Raceway. You'll turn off Indian Springs and onto Old Baseline. This will lead you through the pay station and into the Competitive Track.

Horse Thief Aid Station

[Google Pin](#)

Leaving Rumble HQ, take a left onto Indian Springs, then a right onto 143rd, and a left onto Vineyard Ave. You'll then enter through the main entrance of Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Follow Casey Abbott Drive through the park until you reach the aid station on your right.

Packet Pickup

Friday, January 17 - 2:00PM – 6:00PM

Rumble HQ

[Estrella Mountain Regional Park- Competitive Track](#)

Saturday, January 18 - 6:00AM – 8:45AM

Rumble HQ

[Estrella Mountain Regional Park- Competitive Track](#)

Drop Bags

You can drop off your Drop Bags at Rumble HQ on Friday during packet pickup or on race morning. We will have designated spots for Drop Bags going to Horse Thief and Drop Bags staying at the Start/Finish.

Camping

If you rented a tent, it will be set up for you and labeled. These will be available at 12:00pm on Friday.

For those camping in an RV, trailer, or car, you can enter Rumble HQ and begin setup on Friday at 1:00pm. Your camping pass must be displayed at all times and will be given to you on-site.

For those that are camping and bringing their own tent, you can enter Rumble HQ and begin setup on Friday at 1:00pm. Your camping pass must be displayed at all times and will be given to you on-site.

Crew Zones

The interior of the Rumble HQ Loop will be reserved for crew canopies and crew tents. These can be set up starting at 1:00pm on Friday. This will be first come, first serve for this year. But there's a lot of room.

Parking

Parking within the Rumble HQ area will be reserved for runners. If you're spectating, please use the satellite lots across the road.



Menu

Here's the general plan for food offerings for this year. Please note that there are NOT specific times where the menu changes. Dig in!

COLDWATER RUMBLE MENU 2026						
	Main Aid Finish	Main Aid Thru	Gila Aid	Rainbow Valley Aid	Pederson Aid	Horse Thief Aid
Saturday						
Daytime	Grilled Cheese	Traditional offerings	Traditional offerings	Chicken Salad Sandwich	Turkey & Cheese Rollup	Pinwheels
	Quesadillas			Chickpea Salad Sandwich	Hummus & Avo. Rollup	
Dinner	Pasta	Pasta		Chili & Rice	Grilled Cheese	Beef Sloppy Joes
					Quesadillas	Vegan Lentil Sloppy Joes
Overnight	Potato Soup	Potato Soup		Potato Soup	Tomato Soup	Potato Soup
	Mashed Potato Bar	Mashed Potato Bar				
Sunday						
Morning	Pancakes	Pancakes		Pancakes	Pancakes	Pancakes
Late morning	Breakfast Burritos	Breakfast Burritos				
Daytime	Hot Dogs	Hot Dogs		Chicken Salad Sandwich	Turkey & Cheese Rollup	Pinwheels
				Chickpea Salad Sandwich	Hummus & Avo. Rollup	

Weather (NOAA Forecast)

We are looking good for the weekend if not a little warmer than usual! Mid to high 40s are forecasted for the overnight with the high around 75. It'd be best to prepare for both warm weather during the day (ice bandana, sun hoodie, hat, sunglasses, etc.), and warmer clothes for the overnight (light jacket, gloves, etc.)

Other things to consider...

A couple other points to consider with this race (more specifically 100M and 100K runners):

Keep in mind that we can have some pretty dramatic temperature swings from day to night (30-40 degrees). You may be running through the day with a headwrap on to protect yourself from the heat (see: zero shade cover) and then bundling up to stay warm through the late parts of the night. I know, 40 degrees is nice where you're coming from this time of year. Trust me, it's a cold 40 degrees here and running in and out of the washes on course you'll understand.

As it is the middle of winter, there will be a long period of night time running. Do not get caught out on the trail between aid stations without a headlamp! Bring an extra and be prepared to run through the night from 6pm until after 7am. You will begin your race just as civil twilight hits the horizon so it's possible to start your race sans headlamp but it's your call- you'll be on a trail 100 yards into the race.

For those of you joining us after running the Javelina Jundred 100 miler in October, you'll see there are two additional hours to finish for Coldwater. The terrain is more technical, the night longer, and we want you to finish this thing. Keep Going!

Hiking/trekking poles are not super useful on this course, but are definitely allowed.

If you have any other questions that weren't covered, feel free to email me at aaronbarber@aravaiparunning.com

Can't wait to see you all out there!

You've got this!

-Aaron Barber, Race Director