

2026 AGGIE OPENER

*Watts Cross Country Course
Bryan - College Station, TX
Friday, September 4, 2026*



TEXAS A&M CROSS COUNTRY

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TEAMS ATTENDING:

MEET SCHEDULE: **TENTATIVE**

Aggie Opener

6:45pm

Women's 2 mile

7:15pm

Men's 5k

Note: Updated meet information will be posted under cross country at www.12thman.com

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Entries close at NOON on Tuesday, September 1st

FACILITY RULES:

Please note that **dogs are not allowed** at the Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM '56 Equine Complex, nor are they allowed at the Dale Watts '71 Cross Country Course. Please make alternate arrangements for your pets before visiting the complex. Please have athletes inform their parents

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ENTRY FEE: \$300 per team per gender (Online Payment through Direct Athletics ONLY)

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

- Unlimited per team
- This meet is available for Open and Unattached athletes based on availability. Please contact Wendel McRaven at wmcraven@athletics.tamu.edu / 217.714.4061

ENTRY PROCEDURE:

All entries will be done online through Direct Athletics. Please see the attached document with entry procedures.

College / Post-Collegiate Athletes:

Open and unattached athletes please contact Wendel McRaven at wmcraven@athletics.tamu.edu / 217.714.4061

PACKET PICK-UP:

Packet pick-up is located near the finish line.

MEET RULES:

To comply with new NCAA rules regarding result reporting; report all scratches, including turning in the athlete's chips, no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the race. Otherwise, any athlete without a finishing time will be listed a DNF.

TEAM AREA:

Please see course maps for location of Team Area. All tents and team camps need to be setup in this area.

TENT RENTAL INFORMATION:

Tent Rental Information on the last page.

TIMING:

The meet will be timed by Flash Results.
Results can be found at www.flashresults.com
All races will utilize bibs with disposable timing chip.

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FACILITY AVAILABILITY:

Please contact Nate Collins (ncollins@athletics.tamu.edu) if your team desires to get on the course on Wednesday. The Watts Cross Country Course will be open for warmups and inspection at 3pm to 6 pm Thursday, September 3, weather permitting.

FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

- Versatility of course enables races in range from 2 km to 10 km distances.
- Wide starting area combined with ample racing room during first 800m of course enable it to host championship-level events.
- Course paths are at a minimum 10m wide.
- Scenic course features tree-lined areas as well as sections that are heavily wooded.
- Berm along the wide-open finish area offers views to majority of the venue during races.
- Fast course which provides good footing throughout races of any distance.

TRAINING ROOM FACILITIES:

Please contact Saul Luna, ATC, 979-845-3121

DRESSING/SHOWER FACILITIES:

Not Available

PARENT AND SPECTATOR TICKETS:

There will be two points of entry into the facility; our goal is to properly enforce taking attendance at our meets.

PARKING:

All Team Bus and vans: Parking will be available inside the complex close to the course. Please see attached maps for parking.

Spectator: Parking will be available just outside the complex. Please see attached maps for parking.

UPDATES:

Please continue to check www.12thman.com/homemeetinfo for any updates on meet information, parking and/or schedules.

If you have any questions, please email Coach Wendel McRaven at wmcraven@athletics.tamu.edu / 217.714.4061

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DIRECTIONS TO HILDEBRAND EQUINE COMPLEX/WATTS CROSS COUNTRY COURSE:

If you are using an internet map engine such as Google Maps or Yahoo! Maps, you can use 3240 F&B Road, College Station, Texas, 77843 as an entry address. That will place you at the front of the Hildebrand Equine Complex. The Watts Cross Country Course is located behind this complex.

from Houston (George Bush Intercontinental Airport):

- Follow airport exit to Beltway 8
- Right (west) on Beltway 8 -will become Sam Houston Tollway
- Right (west) on U.S. 290 (Austin exit)
- Right (north) on Texas 6 (College Station/Bryan exit)
- Left Exit on S Farm to Market Rd 2818/Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S
- Continue west on Harvey Mitchell Pkwy. approximately 5.3 miles to F&B Road
- Right on F&B Road
- The parking lot entry to the Hildebrand Equine Complex will be .5 miles ahead on your left

from Houston (William P. Hobby Airport):

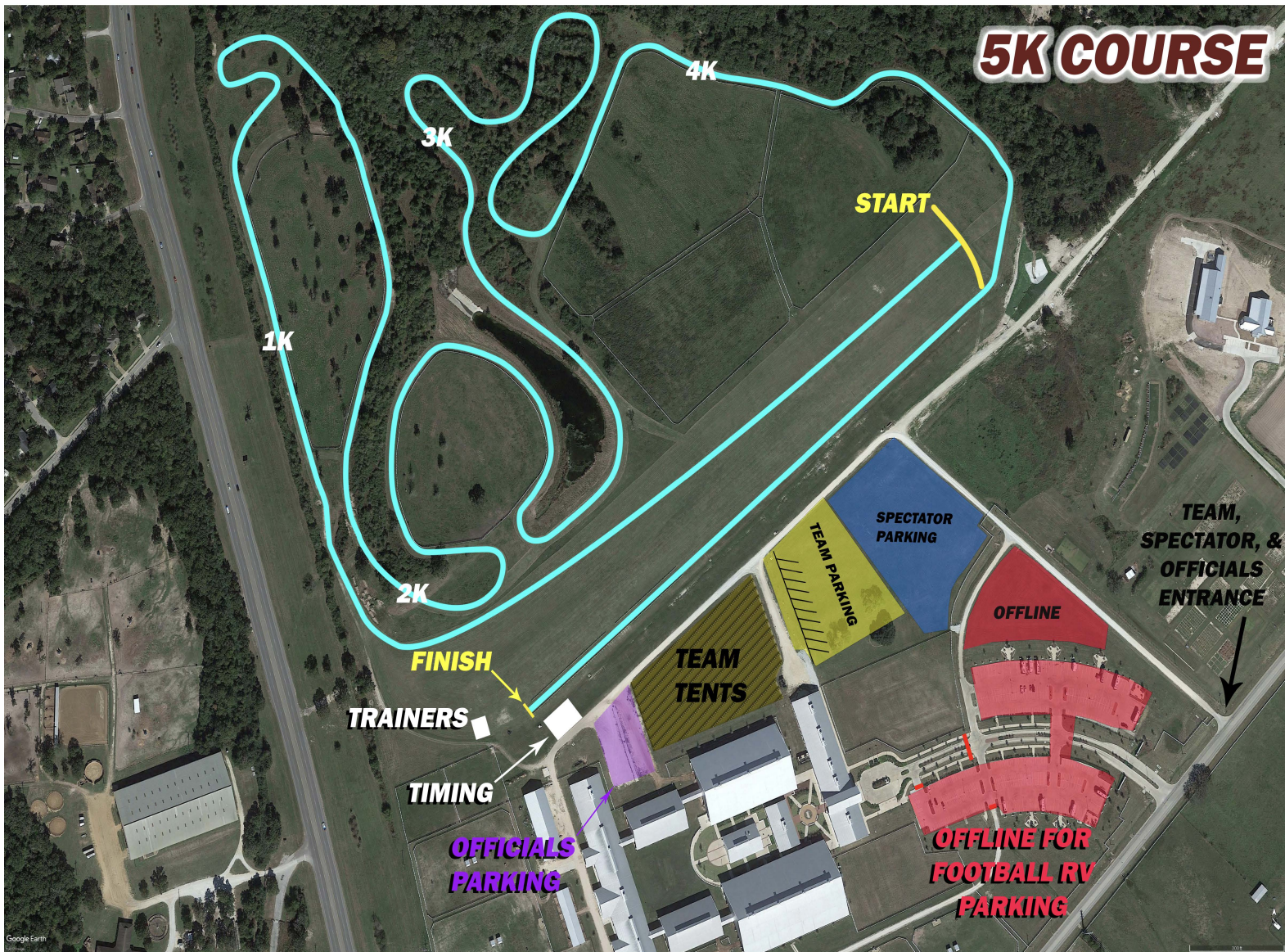
- Follow airport exit signs to 1-45
- North on 1-45 for approximately 15 minutes through downtown Houston
- Take Exit #51 -1-610 West
- Right (west) on U.S. 290 (Austin exit)
- Right (north) on Texas 6 (College Station/Bryan exit)
- Left Exit on S Farm to Market Rd 2818/Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S
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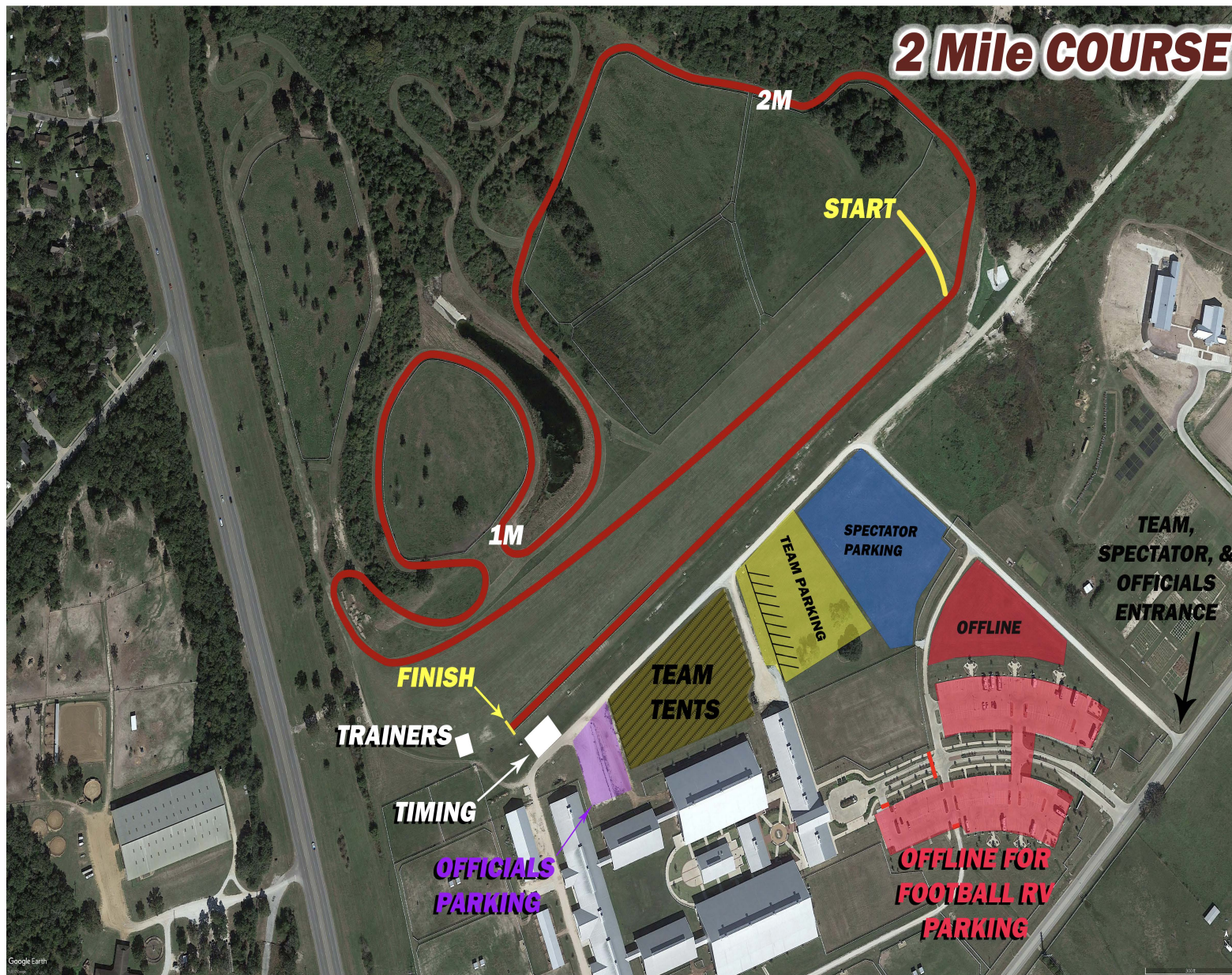
from Dallas:

- South on 1-35 to Waco
- Take Exit #339 in Waco (Loop 340)
- Left (east) on Loop 340
- Continue on Loop 340 until intersection with Texas 6
- Left (east) on Texas 6 to Bryan/College Station
- At College Station, Right at N Farm to Market Rd 2818/N Harvey Mitchell Pkwy
- Continue straight onto S Farm to Market Rd 2818/N Harvey Mitchell Pkwy for 1.8 miles to F&B Road
- Left on F&B Road
- The parking lot entry to the Hildebrand Equine Complex will be .5 miles ahead on your left

from Austin Bergstrom Airport:

- South on U.S. 71 towards Bastrop.
- Continue on US 71 for approximately 20 miles.
- Left on 71/21. Follow signs to Bryan, Texas. Then, quick right on HWY 21. (travel approx. 70 miles)
- Near Bryan, right exit on Texas 47 [College Station/Texas A&M University exit]
- Continue south on Texas 47 until you reach F.M. 60 [University Drive/Raymond Statzer Pkwy]
- Turn left onto the Farm to Market Road 2818 N ramp
- Merge onto S Farm to Market Rd 2818/Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S
- Right on F&B Road
- The parking lot entry to the Hildebrand Equine Complex will be .5 miles ahead on your left







How to Submit Online Entries

NOTE: After all of your athletes have been added to your online roster (Step 2), you must submit your roster/entries to the meet by clicking the green "Register" link. (Step 3 below) Your rosters/entries are not submitted until you complete Step 3.

STEP 1—Access your DirectAthletics Account

Each coach must have a DirectAthletics username and password for his/her school. If you don't know your username and password, you will be able to create one or retrieve your existing account by following the instructions below.

If you already have a DirectAthletics account for your Cross Country team, and know your username and password....	If you do NOT know your username and password....
1) Go to www.directathletics.com 2) In the login box, enter your username and password and click Login. (Remember that your password is case-sensitive)	1) Go to www.directathletics.com 2) Click on the link "New User? Click HERE". 3) Follow onscreen instructions. You will be able to create an account online or retrieve forgotten information for an existing account.

NOTE ABOUT ACCOUNTS: Most coach accounts control a school's Men's AND Women's team. You control only one gender at time, so you will complete the below steps for your Men, and then switch to your Women's team and repeat the process (or vice versa). The team you are controlling is listed on the blue navigation bar across the top of your account, for example:

Sport: Track and Field

Team: Trinity College School (M)

This indicates that you are controlling the Trinity College School MEN'S team (M=MEN). To switch to your Women's team, you would select "Trinity College School (W)".

STEP 2—Edit/Set up Your Online Roster

Before entering an athlete into a meet, you must add all attending athletes to your roster. If an athlete is already on your roster (from previous seasons) you do not need to add him/her again. Most schools will just need to add new athletes and delete athletes no longer on the roster.

- 1) Upon logging in, click the TEAM tab.
- 2) If you have used DirectAthletics before, you will see last year's roster. School years have automatically been moved forward one year. You can click "Import Track Roster" which is listed on the left. You will be able to add athletes from your Track roster to your Cross Country roster. If you do not see this link or you are new to DirectAthletics, skip this step.
- 3) Click the green "Add Athletes" link under the Team Roster header. Select an approximate number of athletes you would like to add (you can add more at any time).
- 4) Enter your athletes First Name, Last Name and School Year and click "Submit"
- 5) You may add, edit or delete athletes on your Team Roster at anytime by click the TEAM tab.

STEP 3--Submit Your Roster/Entries

Once your athletes are added to your roster, you must submit your roster to the meet.

- 1) In the HOME tab (under Upcoming Meets) or in the SCHEDULE tab, click the green Register button next to the meet you wish to enter.
- 2) Check off the box for each athlete you wish to enter. You can check the "All" box to select (or un-select) your entire roster.
- 3) When you have completed your entries, click "Submit". You MUST click "Submit" to submit your entries.
- 4) You will see your current, submitted entries on the "View Entries" page. At any time before the entry deadline, you may edit your entries by clicking the "Edit Entries" link.
- 5) For entry confirmation, simply print the "View Entries" page or click the Email Confirmation link at the top of the "View Entries" page. An Email Confirmation will be sent to the email address in your account.

TEXAS A&M CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TENT RENTAL



Please review the package options and email your selection to College Station Tent & Event. Only tents reserved through College Station Tent & Event are allowed in the team tent area—no pop-up tents permitted.



\$425

Includes walls, (1) 6' table, (10) tailgate chairs



\$600

Includes walls, (2) 6' tables, (15) tailgate chairs



\$750

Includes walls, (2) 6' tables, (20) tailgate chairs



\$1500

Includes walls, (4) 6' tables, (40) tailgate chairs

18" mounted high velocity fans available to add on for \$50/each

**Please email your selection & questions to
daren@cstattent.com & jansen@cstattent.com.**