

25th ANNUAL OTSEGO BULLDOG INVITATIONAL 2026

~~HOME OF MT. BULLDOG!!!~~

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

COURSE: Located across from the high school (550 Washington St. Otsego, MI 49078) – Very flat and fast (EXCEPT FOR MT. BULLDOG), no concrete, spectator friendly, run through open fields and shaded trails. High school runners – two lap course (accurate 5k). Middle school runners – two lap course (accurate 2 miles). Pups race (elementary kids will be one loop this year - 1.2 miles).

RACE SCHEDULE:

8:00AM	D1 Men's Varsity
8:25AM	D1 Women's Varsity
8:55AM	D1 Men's JV
9:25AM	D1 Women's JV
10:00AM	D2 Men's Varsity
10:30AM	D2 Women's Varsity
11:00AM	D2 Men's JV
11:30AM	D2 Women's JV
12:05AM	D3/D4 Men's combined Varsity & JV combined
12:40PM	D3/D4 Women's combined Varsity & JV combined
1:15PM	Big schools – Boys' Middle School
1:40PM	Big schools – Girls' Middle School
2:40PM	Small schools – Boys' Middle School
3:10PM	Small schools – Girls' Middle School
3:40PM	Pups Race (All 3-5 graders)

- Please note that we are on a tight schedule. If an athlete will take significantly more time that is allotted for that race, he/she may be pulled from the course.
- Seven athletes will run varsity unless otherwise communicated. If a coach runs more than seven athletes without prior approval, the school will be charged for running a B team and/or the team will be disqualified.

AWARDS:

High School:

Trophies to the top two teams in each high school division.

D3 & D4 will run together, but team scores will be divided by division. To be clear, medals will be awarded to the top 30 in the race, but trophies will be awarded by division.

Medals to the top 30 individuals in each D1&D2 varsity race.

Middle School:

This year, we will have two divisions for MS.

Big Schools Division will be feeder schools for HS's **larger than 765**.

Small Schools Division will be feeder schools for HS's **smaller than 765**.

Trophies to the top two middle school teams per division.

Medals to the top 30 in the middle school race.

Elementary School:

Medals to the top 30 boys and top 30 girls in the Pups Race (elementary) – there will be an awards ceremony for the Pups Race at 4:15pm.

PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER ANY ELEMENTARY KIDS IN THE PUPS RACE:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Otsego/OtsegoBulldogInvitationalPupsRaceRdThGrade>

Hungry Dawgs:

One "Hungry Dawg" Medal per team to the runner who had a memorable performance. Coaches choose who gets the Hungry Dawg medal for their team based on a special performance.

No Hungry Dawg medal for the Pups race.

TSHIRTS:

Tshirts will be available again this year at a cost of \$20.

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PARKING: Parking passes will be sold for \$10 per car online only at
<https://www.otsegops.org/athletics/tickets>
Please share this with any potential spectator, so we can avoid long lines.

SCORING: Scoring will be done by Michianatiming

ENTRY: \$200 per high school team/\$350 for both Men's & Women's
 B team is an additional \$150 per gender
 \$150 per middle school team/ \$250 for both Boys' & Girls'
 \$30 per individual if under 5 runners per team, 3rd, 4th & 5th graders are \$20 each
Register Pups (elementary kids) here:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Otsego/OtsegoBulldogInvitationalPupsRaceRdThGrade>

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS:

Michigan - Division 1 – Box Assignments

Caledonia A	1	Byron Center	12
Zeeland East	2	Kalamazoo Central	13
Holland West Ottawa	3	Fraser	14
Jenison	4	Mattawan	15
Battle Creek Lakeview	5	GR Northview	16
Ann Arbor Pioneer	6	Woodhaven Brownstone	17
Saline	7	Hudsonville	18
GR Forest Hills Central	8	Zeeland West	19
Lowell	9	Mason	20
Portage Central	10	Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	21
Gull lake	11		

Michigan - Division 2 – Box Assignments

Battle Creek Harper Creek	1	Tri County	15
Allegan	2	Spring Lake	16
Hudsonville Unity Christian	3	Hastings	17
Otsego	4	Coopersville	18
GR Christian	5	Ludington	19
Paw Paw	6	GR South Christian	20
Vicksburg	7	Three Rivers	21
Hopkins	8	Middleville Thornapple Kellogg	22
Dearborn Divine Child	9	Holland Christian	23
Plainwell	10	Sturgis	24
South Bend Washington	11	Adrian	25
South Haven	12	Muskegon Oakridge	26
Cedar Springs	13	Dowagiac	27
Forest Hills Eastern	14	Freeland	28

Michigan - Division 3/4

School	Div	Box	School	Div	Box
Fennville	3	1	Lawton	3	13
Mendon	4	2	Comstock	3	14
Decatur	4	3	Minster, OH	3	15
Martin	4	4	Quincy	3	16
Parchment	3	5	Heritage Christian Academy	4	17
Delton Kellogg	3	6	St. Philip Catholic Central	4	18
Bloomingtondale	3	7	Vermontville Maple Valley	4	19
Union City	3	8	Bangor	3	20
Centreville	3	9	Kalamazoo Hackett	4	21
Bronson	3	10	Schoolcraft	3	22
Covert	4	11	Tekonsha	4	23
Gobles	4	12	Whitmore Lake	4	24

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MIDDLE SCHOOL – Big School Division:

School	Box	School	Box
Portage Central	1&2	West Ottawa	15&16
Richland Gull Lake	3&4	Plainwell	17&18
Portage North	5&6	Mattawan	19&20
Sturgis	7&8	Portage West	21&22
Zeeland Cityside	9&10		
Harper Creek	11&12		
Maple Street Magnet School	13&14		

MIDDLE SCHOOL – Small School Division:

School	Box	School	Box
Holland Christian	1	Decatur	16
Bronson	2	Heritage Christian Academy	17
Hopkins	3	Delton	18
Quincy	4	GR Christian	19
Hackett	5	Martin	20
Bangor	6	Lawton	21
Fennville	7	L. E. White (Allegan)	22
Parchment	8	Otsego	23
Gobles	9	Marshall	24
Bloomingtondale	10	Centreville	25
Schoolcraft	11	Maple Valley	26
Catholic United	12	Three Rivers	27
South Haven Baseline	13	Vicksburg	28
Mendon	14	Minster, OH	29
Paw Paw	15		30

BUS DROPOFF/PARKING: Buses will need to drop off and park in the designated parking lot. Do NOT drop off directly in front of the course as this backs up traffic significantly. Please pass this along to your transportation department. Instructions are attached.

Rosters are due by 9:00pm on September 24th.

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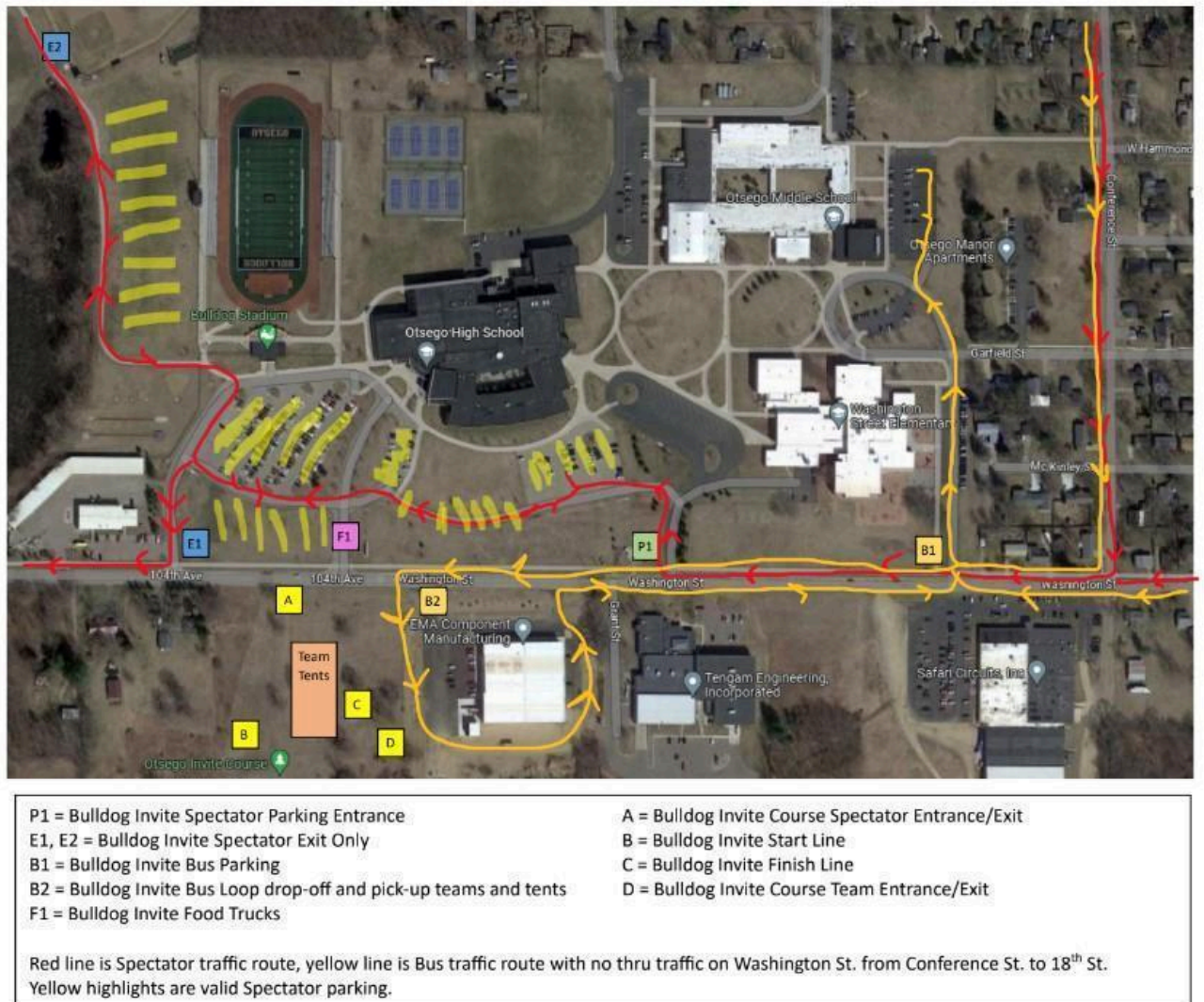
DIRECTIONS FROM US-131 (NORTH, SOUTH, EAST): NOTE: ALL TRAFFIC MUST ENTER OTSEGO HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE EAST. Take US-131 exit 49b (M-89 West) toward Otsego. Go through 3 lights and just after the carwash, turn left onto Dix Street. Follow Dix Street until it turns into Washington Street at Memorial Park. Continue straight until you come to Otsego High School. All traffic must enter from the East. If you want a GPS address, please use 550 Washington St., Otsego, MI 49078

DIRECTIONS FROM M-89 (WEST): NOTE: ALL TRAFFIC MUST ENTER OTSEGO HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE EAST. As you come in the west side of town on M89 from Allegan, turn right on Sherwood Street. Go down three blocks and turn left onto Morrell Street. Go down one block and turn right onto Conference Street. Take that all the way down until you T at Washington Street. Turn right.

EAST BOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE CLOSED ON WASHINGTON STREET FROM 18TH STREET. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL EAST ON WASHINGTON STREET.

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PARKING MAP: ALL TRAFFIC MUST ENTER FROM THE EAST ON WASHINGTON STREET. PLEASE PLAN ON BEING EARLY, SO YOU DON'T MISS YOUR RACE! Please be aware of bus dropoff and parking to alleviate traffic issues! Please pass this info along to bus drivers digitally or with color photo to be aware to enter at "B2" and drop off there. After drop off, the bus will exit and head back East to "B1". There will be signs posted along Washington Street. Please also encourage carpooling. Follow our directions to get to the course closely.

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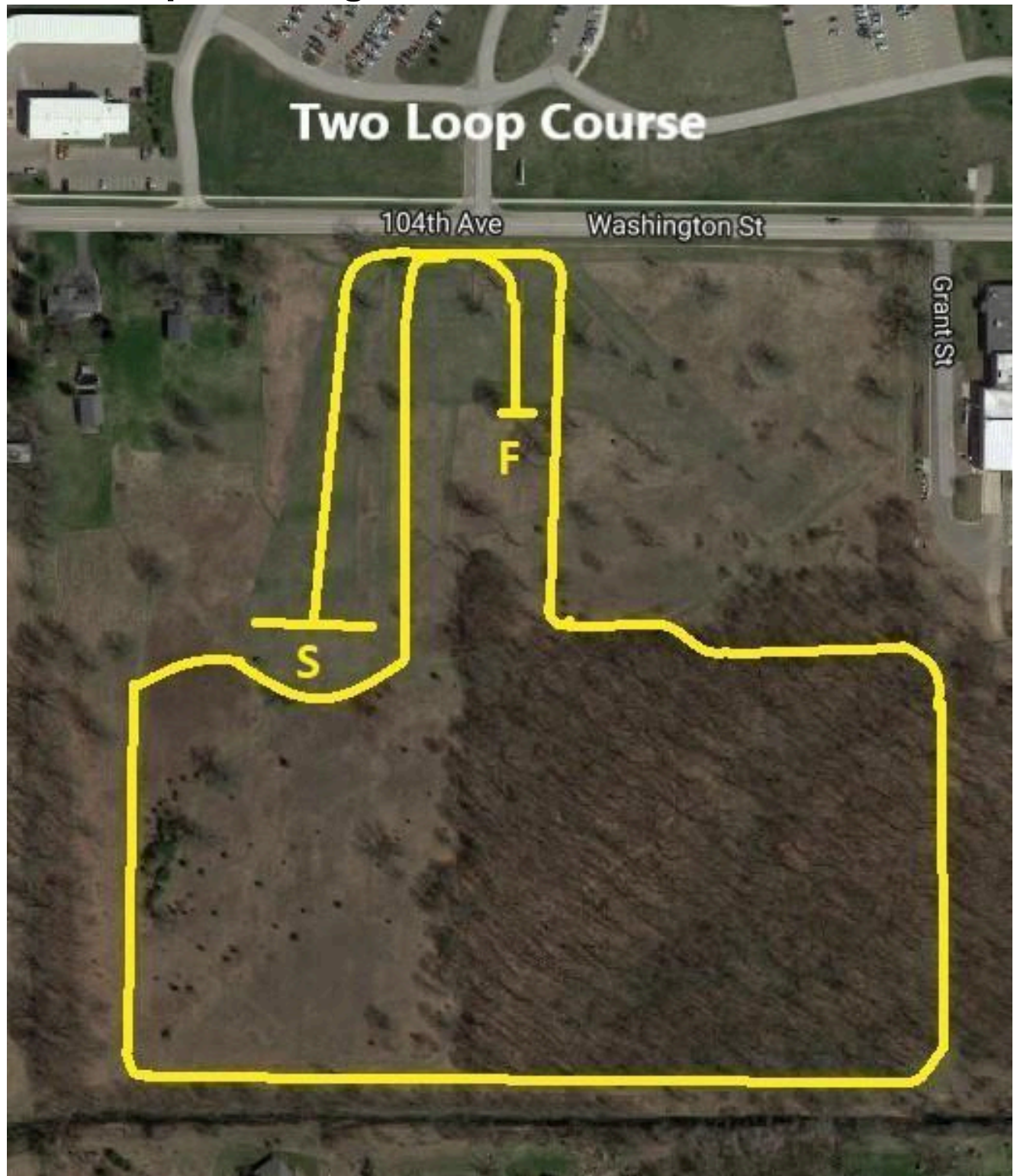
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Map of Otsego XC High School Course:



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Map of Otsego XC Middle School Course:



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The Legend of the Hungry Dawg:

As told by one of the lucky ones.

Many, many fall seasons before us, on these very same fields that you are about to run upon today, lived a pack of wild dawgs. These dawgs found shelter and safety in the woods while hunting upon the open fields before you. They preyed upon the slowest cross country runners that ran the loops of this course. At first, when the runners were many, it was easy to catch their food and the pack thrived. But one by one, as the slower runners were eaten, it became increasingly difficult to catch them as they ran by.

The pack of dawgs began developing traps and elaborate schemes to catch runners. Still, the runners became fewer and fewer. It was the duty of the pack, working together, to maintain the food supply – their livelihood. And now, nearly two months of the fall cross country season had gone by and not a runner was eaten. The pack grew weak and tired. The outcome wasn't looking good for this team of dawgs. Alas, another home meet, perhaps one final chance to eat and save this prideful group.

The runners zipped by on the first loop, much too quickly for the pack of tired dawgs. Only one lap left. The dawgs could hear the pounding feet of the cross country runners making their final trip around. The leaders rushed by, and the weary dawgs leapt from their hiding places and raced after. The pack ran as hard as they could, but only lost ground to the swift-footed cross country runners. Hope was lost. Then, from nowhere, ran a single dawg. He surged through the pack and quickly closed on the runners. With a final burst of energy, he leapt up and caught the jersey of the last cross country runner. That day, he found something deep down – the hunger. And he raced with that hunger. He made a difference for his team - his pack of weary dawgs.

Now a message for the runners about to race through this field... Everyone has the chance to make a difference for his or her team. Every day you are given an opportunity. What will you do with your opportunity? Will you make a difference for your team? Will you be a hungry dawg?

~Coach Long

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