

54th Annual “Patty Forgey” Rio Grande Cross Country Invitational

University of Rio Grande

Saturday, September 26, 2026

The University of Rio Grande Track & Field/Cross Country program would like to invite your team to the 2026 Patty Forgey Rio Grande Cross Country Invitational!

Last year’s meet included more than 1,000 athletes, and we are excited to continue growing this event into one of the *premier* cross country invitationals in Southeast Ohio. We also have an elementary 1600m race, which draws nearly 100 young runners.

Race Schedule

Time	Race	Distance
10:00 a.m.	Middle School Girls	3200m
10:30 a.m.	Middle School Boys	3200m
11:00 a.m.	High School Girls	5000m
11:45 a.m.	High School Boys	5000m
12:30 p.m.	Elementary Fun Run	1600m

Teams should report to the starting line 15 minutes before their scheduled race.

Team Acceptance

If you have not already done so, please email shier@rio.edu and terry@seotiming.com with your intent to bring athletes. Entries and course maps will be available through athletic.net

Teams must accept the Gallia Academy High School meet invitation link through DragonFly to complete the registration process and accept the contract.

Entry Deadline and Fees

Entries are due on athletic.net by **10:00 AM Thursday, September 24.**

Entry fee is \$10 per individual runner or \$50 per team for HS boys, HS girls, MS boys, and MS girls, with a maximum fee of \$200 per school.

Entry fees are due by mail and must be postmarked no later than **September 18, 2026**. A W9 is available on athletic.net if necessary.

Checks payable to: University of Rio Grande Cross Country

Mail to:

Samantha Hier
1105 Neighborhood Road
Gallipolis, OH 45631

Awards

An awards ceremony will follow each race.

- Top 20 individuals in each race will receive medals.
- Top 3 teams in each race will receive team trophies.

Elementary Race Information

The elementary race is a 1600m fun run. All elementary runners must be registered by **10:00 AM Thursday, September 24th**. There is **no race-day registration**.

[Elementary Fun Run Registration Link](#) The waiver form link is included at the bottom of the registration form, as well as here, [Fun Run Waiver](#), so that parents/coaches can print out and bring with them if they so choose to do so.

Elementary runners should report to the packet pickup table to receive a waiver if one is not brought with them. The waiver must be turned into the registration tent for the athlete to receive their bib. The bib must be worn on the front of their shirt.

Results

Results will be posted near the registration tent and will also be available online at:

<https://seotiming.com/>

Course Maps

Course maps will be available online at athletic.net and two printed course maps will also be included in each team packet.

Ticket Information

Admission is \$8 for spectators and free for kids under 6 years of age, you must pre-purchase your tickets here: [Patty Forgey High School Cross Country Meet | riogrande Box Office](#). Tickets MUST be purchased online.

Additional Information

T-Shirts: Meet T-shirts will be available for purchase at the event.

Concessions: A full concession stand, coffee trailer, and snowcone trailer will be available.

We look forward to hosting your team at the 2026 Patty Forgey Rio Grande Cross Country Invitational.

Please feel free to reach out to Meet Manager, Samantha Hier at shier@rio.edu with any additional questions. We look forward to hosting your team!