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6:00 AM - Course Opens
7:45 AM - Course Closed (warm ups/practice)
8:00 AM - Women's Gold Invitational 6k Race
8:45 AM - Men's Gold Invitational 8k Race
9:15 AM - Awards
9:45 AM - Women's Black Open 6k Race
10:30 AM - Men's Black Open 8k Race

RACE DISTANCES
Men - 8k (2k/3k/3k loops)
Women - 6k (3k/3k loops)

**Due to weather there will be a 30 minute window to move the race up or back in the interest of the safety of the student athletes*

COURSE INFORMATION

Gans Creek Cross Country Course - 3350 E Gans Road Columbia, MO 65201

ENTRY INFORMATION

Teams can pay online by credit card via Direct Athletics ONLY. The entry deadline is Monday, September 21st, 2026 at 12:00 PM (CST). The entry fee is \$600 per gender team, allowing for a maximum of 15 runners. **For the Invitational races, each team is permitted 10 runners**, while additional runners will compete in the open race. Invitational sections will be determined primarily by the current USTFCCA poll at the time. Unattached runners can enter the open races at a cost of \$35 per athlete.

PRACTICE TIME

The course will be open for practice on **Thursday, September 24th from 12:00pm - 5:00pm**. See course map attached and Philips Lake a 1.5 mile crushed gravel loop across the street.

PACKET PICK UP

Team packets will be available **Thursday September 24th during the course preview from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm** at the administrative building (H on Map). Teams arriving Friday morning can pick up their packets starting at **6:00 am**. Please send one staff member to pick up the packet.

CLERKING PROCESS

All athletes will pass through the clerking pavilion located behind the start line wearing their bib number and uniform. Once an athlete has crossed the switch mat, they will be automatically checked in and no further declaration is needed. There is a maximum of 10 runners in the Gold invitational section. There is a maximum of 15 runners in the Black Open section. All bib numbers that are not being used must be turned at packet pick up or at the clerking shelter no later than 20 minutes prior to the respective race start time. All remaining bibs will be automatically checked in registered as a DNS.

LIVE RESULTS

Live Results will be posted on PrimeTime Timing at Gans Creek Classic (College) www.pttiming.com

LIVE STREAM

Races will be streamed live on the SEC Network +

PARKING/TEAM DROP OFF

Team vehicles/buses will Enter and Exit from the west by Bearfield road to Gans Road. Busses can drop off at the traffic circle (C on Map) and proceed to the southeast corner of the field on the edge of the traffic circle. Team vans and SUVs (2 max per team) are permitted to park on-site at the cross country course. Team buses are **not** permitted to park on-site. Bus parking and additional parking is located North of the Course at the **Columbia Sports Fieldhouse - 4251 Phillips Farm Rd., Columbia, MO 65201**.

TEAM AREA /ATHLETE VILLAGE

All tents and team areas are north of the Start/Finish area. Team tents are **ONLY** available for purchase through Rockin Rents info@rockinrents.com. All teams with personal tents must set up in a designated area adjacent to the fence near bus drop off.

MEDICAL

There will be EMS on site and water stations provided at start/finish area. For any additional needs, please contact Jake Coffman, ATC (573-823-0195)



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COMPETITION AREA

The competition area begins at the start line and includes the area between the white lines on the entire course. Athletes are not permitted to warm up and cooldown on the course. The course will close at 7:45 AM for competition.

WARM UP AREA

Athletes may warm up or cool down on the soccer fields near concessions or across Gans Creek Road at Phillips Lake. We are asking that student-athletes wishing to utilize Phillips Lake as a warm-up area to cross Gans Creek Road only at the crosswalk at the park's main entrance. The crosswalk will be the ONLY access point to cross Gans Creek Road. Gans Creek will be very busy with traffic, we ask that your student-athletes follow the direction of the Police when crossing the road.

AWARDS

The awards ceremony is scheduled for 9:15 am. The top fifteen individuals and the top two teams in the Gold invitational section will be recognized.

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GANS CREEK RECREATION AREA CROSS COUNTRY COURSE COURSE MAP

CORE RACE CONFIGURATIONS

2k LOOP 3k LOOP

6k: 3k / 3k
8k: 2k / 3k / 3k

**FINISH LINE/ TIMING TOWER/
ATHLETE PAVILION/
RACE HEADQUARTERS**

STARTING LINE

STARTING CHUTE
670 METERS

**ATHLETE
VILLAGE**

CONCESSIONS / RESTROOMS

**GREG HALL
CHAMPIONS PLAZA**

SPECTATOR

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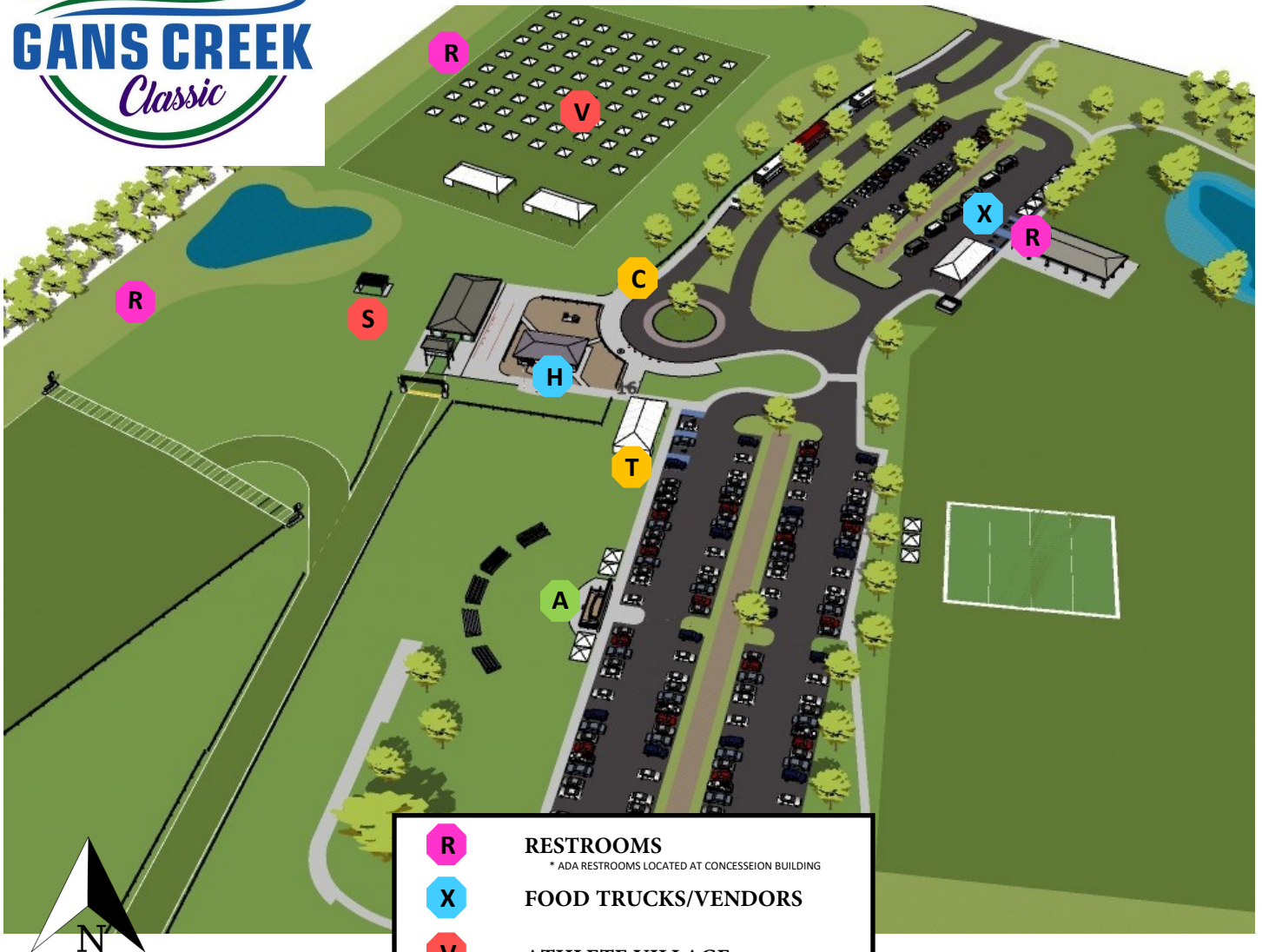
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**PARK MAINTENANCE
FACILITY**



EVENT MAP



R	RESTROOMS * ADA RESTROOMS LOCATED AT CONCESSION BUILDING
X	FOOD TRUCKS/VENDORS
V	ATHLETE VILLAGE
C	BUS DROP OFF * COACHES, OFFICIALS, AND EVENT STAFF ONLY
A	AWARDS AREA * GREG HALL CHAMPIONS PLAZA
H	PACKET PICK UP * RACE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
S	CLERKING PAVILLION
T	MERCHANDISE

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PARKING MAP



GRINDSTONE PARKWAY

NEW HAVEN ROAD

NIFONG ROAD

BEARFIELD ROAD

GANS ROAD

PERRY
PHILIPS PARK

GANS CREEK
RECREATION
AREA

P

R

T

PUBLIC PARKING

* SPECTATORS / STAFF / COACHES

RESTRICTED PARKING

* ADA PARKING / STAFF / OFFICIALS

TEAM BUS PARKING

* COLUMBIA SPORTS FIELDHOUSE (4251 PILIPS FARM ROAD)

TEAM BUS ROUTE

SPECTATOR ROUTE

US 63

DISCOVERY PARKWAY

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