



KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE

Invitation to run with KCXC Elite – 3 TIME National Champions

AAU National Cross-Country Championship in Tallahassee, Fl on Saturday, December 5th, 2026.

(We leave on Wednesday, December 2nd and return December 6th).

We've taken over 750 kids to various AAU and USATF National Championships and the kids have won 905 medals

Qualifications

Non-High School Qualifications: Must have (3) verifiable Top 5 Finished at different local races. For FULL Scholarship, you must attend Free Spirit Invitational (location to be announced) Club Race on Sunday, October 11, 2026. Discounted hotel scholarship rates for those that qualify may be available. Must pay \$65 (half of registration deposit) before the October 11th race (per child). Must attend AAU District Qualifier on Sunday, November 15, 2026. Fundraising is available.

High School Qualifications: Girls must have (2) verifiable times on Woodward Park or equivalent course of 22:15 or below, boys must be 18:45 or below. Top 20 qualify, first come, first serve.

Mandatory Nationals Meeting

Mandatory National Meeting Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 4:30 pm. Meeting usually goes from about 4:30 to 6:45 (pizza and drinks). Please only take child athletes and up to 2 guests.

Any more than 2 guest please pay \$10 per person. Meeting location to be determined.

Total Registration Fee is \$129, must pay half or \$65 before the Free Spirit Invitational Race (October 10th)

Plane ticket deposit must be paid before November 3, 2026 (strict deadline because we have to buy tickets between November 7th and November 10th).

Deposits and Fundraising

All registration fees and deposits are NON-Refundable

1. Registration \$130 - \$65 must be paid by October 10th for those who attend the Free Spirit Invitational to qualify for maximum scholarship allowance. If you're a high school athlete, then you do not have to attend the Free Spirit Invitational, but half of registration is still due by October 10th.
2. Plane ticket deposit per athlete is \$260, adult guest/chaperone is \$440 up to 2 guests, all other guests (3 or more) are \$550 (coaches and volunteers traveling with the team are \$390)
3. Minimum of 4-5 guest per room (room share is required). So, if you want your own entirely separate room to yourself, the cost is \$450.
4. **Except for common meals, and breakfasts at the hotel, no food, entertainment, souvenirs, snacks, or miscellaneous is paid for by KCXC Elite**
5. **Exception:** if you are under full scholarship and are chaperoned by KCXC Elite coaching staff food deposit will be communicated about fundraising by November 5th (generally we ask you to send a minimum of \$150 per athlete).
6. Important Note: Although you are free to take your own flight or rent your own car or even stay at your own hotel facility, please remember that **KCXC Elite does not reimburse any separate travel costs, except those which are made through individual fundraising account deposits.**
7. All individual fundraising, such as business or personal donations or sponsorships car wash tickets, raffle tickets, Condor night tickets are credited to your personal fundraising account at 80% of the value of the sales. We will also have (6) Sunday early evening group fundraising to help with the cost. Sunday Fundraising will start October 4th (typically 4:45 pm to 7:15 pm).
8. For more information or to sign up, please log onto our website: www.kcxcelite.com or contact Coach Ryan at (661) 747-1603 or Team Mom (661) 219-3421

Special High School Contingencies

High School Athletes are not required to attend any functions or practices except Nationals Meeting on Sunday, October 18th until AFTER CIF regular season is over! It is highly encouraged for those who are economically challenged to attend Sunday Fundraising starting October 4th.

1. For those who do not qualify for Valley you will probably have about 8-10 practices (without good excuse, they are mandatory).

2. For those who regular season ends at the Valley Championship you will probably have 7-8 practices.
3. State Qualifiers will probably only have 2 mandatory practices.
4. Practice is extremely important because it builds community and comradery with your fellow teammates. Without this essential component of unity and fellowship the success of the team will diminish greatly.
5. High school coaches please try to avoid scheduling your awards assembly the Monday or Tuesday after the state meet being that we barely have any time for them to come together as a team and taking away 1 or 2 mandatory practices could take away the success at the Nationals that your athletes have worked so hard for. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Most practices will be at either Riverwalk Park or Almondale Park.

Cost Breakdown (This is just an Estimate)

Cost breakdown is based on the past 3 years of actual expenses for the National Championship;
the total cost has averaged \$1265 per person without optional expenses *

How it breaks down

Registration for Regionals \$25 (high school athletes excluded) *

Registration for National Championships \$60

AAU Card/Insurance \$35

Uniform Lease \$40 (Must return uniform)

T-shirt (yours to keep), Nationals Hat (optional) \$25 *

Plane ticket straight from Burbank to Tallahassee (No 3 – 4-hour van trip from alternative airport) \$585

Breakdown for transportation is \$92 per person

Costs that are common to the team, such as gazebo or sheltered tent, tables, chairs, shipping, pep rally, props, refreshments, Nationals Awards, and Sponsor Plaques is \$79 per person

Hotel (Homewood Suites) is \$204 per person

All of their food, miscellaneous associated with common meals or hotel breakfast, is approximately \$185 per person.

Miscellaneous snacks, souvenirs average about \$105 per person

(These are all estimates and do not include any entertainment)

Total Cost Per Person \$1455

Additional personal hotel room is \$450 per room

Possible Airport Bus Fee of \$42 per person (round trip)

As of now, this is supposed to be paid for by the sponsor

Please keep in mind that these are estimate. There might be small, minor additional costs that we can't plan for our account for at this time that you may be responsible for paying. This is why we fundraise. That not only helps with the costs of going, but also those unplanned expenses that might come up unexpectedly.

Please keep in mind that we might need volunteer drivers, if so you might be responsible for paying your van on valid credit card, however the team will reimburse this expense by paying the balance with the team American Express upon the return of the vehicle.

Also, please remember that if you go on your own personal travel, except through your fundraising account is not reimbursed unless authorized by our advisory committee in advance.

Also, please remember even if you go separately there are **(3) MANDATORY EVENTS** to qualify for full scholarship, reimbursement or grant reimbursement.

1. Team courses walk through with light workout and pictures (Thursday before the race at 11 am)
2. Mandatory practice Friday morning followed by a team lunch. Usually from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
3. Attend the race and support your teammates (especially the Team Awards Ceremony) if we win the National Championship Again, typically about 15 minutes after the last race.
4. There is usually some type of victory or championship community catering dinner at the hotel on Saturday Evening. This is highly recommended, but it is not mandatory because we realize some people must come back on Saturday afternoon/evening.