



High School Athletes

“Making Dreams Come True with Teamwork”

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Attention all Kern County Cross Country Runners. Kern County is trying to organize several all-star squads through the KCXC Elite to travel, participate in and hopefully win the National AAU Cross-Country Title in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The event is to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at Victor Ashe Park in Knoxville, Tennessee. If Kern County High School Athletes and Coaches cooperate for the benefit of our community, then we might fulfill our goal of winning Kern County's first overall team title in the history of this area. In 2016, the KCXC Elite won the High School Division with only 38 points. Even though they were only ranked 7 of 17 teams going into the event, the kids worked hard and competed together as a team and won the national title. That year we had representatives from Arvin, North, Independence, Wasco and South. The Last 2 years, KCXC Elite High School squad placed third in both the 2023 Tallahassee, and 2024 Charlotte, NC championships, respectively. We've also had girls team finishing 3rd in Alabama, and 2nd in Charlotte. In Charlotte meet, the girls missed first place by 1 point, having athletes compete from Stockdale, Centennial, Frontier, Highland and Liberty.

It is very important to keep in mind that this chance to run and represent Kern County on Scholarship does not interfere with your normal High School Season.

The National meet does not take place until the week after the California State Meet, and 16 days after the Valley Championships. We only require 2 to 5 practices depending upon how far you make it in High School postseason either individually or as part of your current High School Team.

To qualify, you must get permission from your parents, sign up through our website at www.kcxcelite.com, and attend the National Pizza Party on Sunday, October 19 (place and time tba). Please refer to the website for more information on the date of the meeting.

The cost of going to the National Championship 5-day trip is 1150.00 (not counting snacks, entertainment or souvenirs), however because of our numerous donors and sponsors, your cost is 350.00, and if parents want to come or chaperone, then it's an additional 500.00. Please keep in mind that having separate room is slightly more (80.00 per person and this must be requested ahead of time). In addition, the offer covers 6 meals, including 4 hotel breakfasts, and both a team spirit lunch, and celebration catered meal. If the athlete or his/her guest(s) want the other 6 additional meals paid over and above-mentioned group meals and hotel breakfast there would be an upcharge of 100.00 for athletes, and 150.00 per guest.

As mentioned above, the trip is approximately 5 days and leaves early Wednesday morning from Airport Bus to Burbank and will fly straight to Knoxville (1 stop). Passenger Vans will be rented to taxi athletes for the event and other activities. And we plan to stay at the Homewood Suites in Knoxville. Race is on Saturday. Sunday is return travel day. Please remember you'll have to work with your teachers either for independent study or to get assignments to complete while on trip, so you keep up with your schoolwork. Uniforms and T-shirts will be supplied by lease (uniforms must be returned, but T-shirts can be kept).

Please, remember that the scholarship offer first comes first serve, so if desire to keep with this year all-star squad we highly recommend that you do not procrastinate, but state your intent by call Coach Ryan personally at 661-747-1603. Or filling out our application online, sign and send along with 75.00 registration fees (registration fees are donation and therefore not refundable). Or attending the Nationals Pizza Part on Oct 19th (date and place tba). We will be buying plane tickets by November 6th, so it's important to jump on board, ask questions, fundraise if needed, attend the pizza party, get parent permission, pay deposits and secure your spot for a once in a lifetime experience. With your help, we don't only plan on attending, but we plan on winning and putting Kern County and Bakersfield on the athletic map. Please call with any questions or concerns, Coach Ryan and his wife have been doing this for 23 years, and they are also waiting and ready to selflessly serve. God bless everyone!

Go KCXC go!!

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