



The High Desert Runners present...

The 2011 Antelope Valley Summer Cross-Country Series

The High Desert Runners club is again sponsoring its annual summer series of all-comers cross-country meets for Antelope Valley area runners. This year's series will run for seven weeks from June 23 through Aug. 6, 2011. The first six preliminary meets will be on Thursday evenings, with the final meet on Saturday morning, Aug. 6. All meets feature a 3-mile race and a 1-mile non-competitive fun run except for the sixth meet July 28, which will be our annual coed relay fun run (details below). Although primarily oriented toward conditioning and training for youth runners who plan to compete with their school cross-country teams this fall, these are **ALL-COMERS** meets, and children and adults of all ages and abilities are welcome. Participants may run both the one and three-mile races if they wish. Parents are encouraged to run with their children.

LOCATION: This year's meets will again be held at Pelona Vista Park, on Tierra Subida Road at Rayburn Road in Palmdale. Each course is accurately measured, and will be clearly marked. Start and finish is on the north side of the north soccer field complex. The courses are essentially the same as last year, although the three-mile course may be modified slightly for the first two meets. The park has restrooms, paved parking and a grassy staging area.

DATES: Thursday June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 (coed relay), Saturday Aug. 6 (finals)

TIME: Prelims: Registration at 6 p.m., 1-mile run at 6:30 p.m.; 3-mile race starts about at 6:50 p.m.

Finals: Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., 1-mile run at 8 a.m., 3-mile race at 8:30 a.m. **Don't be late!**

COED RELAY: By popular demand, we will run the sixth meet July 28 as a single three-leg **COED RELAY** on the three-mile course (no one-mile run). At least one male and female must be on each two- or three-person team. Each segment is roughly one mile long.

AWARDS: We anticipate awarding medals by age group at the finals. Winners must have run in a minimum of three preliminary meets (coed relay also counts) to be eligible for awards at the finals, and must place in their age group. Age groups are 12 & under, 13-15, 16-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70-up male and female, as applicable. At least one medal will be awarded in each age group, with most going two or three deep.

USATF SoCal MASTERS GRAND PRIX: For the first time, the AV Summer XC Series' final meet will be part of USA Track & Field's Southern California Masters Cross-Country Grand Prix Series. Details pending.

DONATIONS ENCOURAGED: We ask a minimum \$1 donation per meet (includes both races) from all participants to defray expenses and to support the HDR "AAA" awards. These awards are presented annually at the end of the fall X-C season to cross-country runners at local high schools who demonstrate outstanding accomplishment in academics, athletics and attitude. The High Desert Runners is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation, all donations are tax-deductible.

MISCELLANEOUS: Water and a sports drink will be available at the finish. Watermelon at the finals!

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