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BreakAway Info

FRI. AUG. 19, FAMILY SPLASH & DASH • SAT. AUG. 20, KIDS-ONLY TRIATHLON

(Both events at Elm Creek Park Reserve Swimming Pond)

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WHAT IS THE BREAKAWAY KIDS TRI?

It's Minnesota's favorite triathlon for kids of all athletic abilities, ages 7-17. The course includes: 100-yard swim, 5-mile bike on paved trails, 1-mile run with obstacles.

WHAT IS THE BREAKAWAY SPLASH & DASH?

It's the perfect introduction to multi-sport. The S&D takes place on the same course as the triathlon - minus the bike portion - and opens up the race weekend to younger kids ages 4-6 years old who may race alongside a registered older sibling, parent or grandparent.

HOW TO CHOOSE BETWEEN S & D and TRI?

Choose S&D IF	Ready for the TRI
Age 6 or Under	Age 7-17
Still Riding Training Wheels	Is Confident on 2-Wheeler
Rides 2-Wheeler but a Little Wobbly on Hills and Turns	Rides Smoothly on Hills and through Turns
Prefers to Stay w/ Parents	Loves to Race Ahead
Needs Extra Help to Finish	Is Self-Determined to Finish
Is Nervous to Race	Is Excited to Race

WILL THE RACE BE TIMED?

No. We want kids to love racing. By inspiring them to race with passion and joy - not pressure to win - we see more kids choose to race again and again. That's our goal... to spark a love for lifelong racing and adventure.

MY CHILD IS NOT A CONFIDENT SWIMMER. CAN HE/SHE STILL DO THE RACE?

Yes. The swim course is in the Elm Creek swimming pond and will be lined by instructors from Foss Swim School and certified lifeguards. The **TRI** swim has a max water depth of 48" so kids can touch feet down all the way. The **SPLASH** swim is in even shallower water than the **TRI**.

IS THERE A MASS START?

No. The **TRI** is staged so that kids race by age group. One age group at a time will be brought to the swim start where kids line up and start a few seconds apart to create a nice flow of racers spread out on the course.

WHAT KIND OF OBSTACLES ARE ON THE COURSE?

Bear crawl, climb-over, balance, slip-n-slide, bubble machine and more... all to make it more fun to run.

WHAT IS THE TRANSITION ZONE (T-ZONE)?

The T-Zone is where kids stage their gear to make the changeover from swim to bike and bike to run. After check-in, kids get assigned their own spot in the T-Zone to rack their bike and helmet, put down a towel, race shirt, socks & shoes, and gear bag. Kids then take only what they are swimming with to the pond to start. After swimming, they'll run back to their spot in the T-Zone and dress for the bike and go. When finished with the bike, they'll re-rack in the same spot and start the run. After finishing, there's time for medals and pictures. Once all kids have finished riding, it's safe to head for home so the T-Zone re-opens for you to retrieve your gear.

CAN I HELP MY CHILD DURING THE RACE?

S&D: YES! Just register and you can race together.

Kids Tri: Parents may help kids set-up and retrieve gear in the T-Zone BEFORE and AFTER the tri. During the **TRI**, kids are on their own to navigate and finish. The course is safe, clearly marked, and well staffed by our excellent volunteers who will direct kids and help those who need a hand in the T-Zone. We find most kids are determined to finish all on their own power and smarts and that's what makes the finisher's medal so meaningful to them.

HOW DOES COVID-19 IMPACT THE EVENTS?

The good news is that both the Tri and Splash & Dash are 100% outdoor events. As such, our events meet state guidelines for safety. Of course, we will keep in place a readiness to enact greater measures if needed.

IS IT EASY TO BE A SPECTATOR AT THE EVENTS?

Absolutely! The course covers lots of ground, so you'll log some steps for best vantage points. Cheer: YES. Pacing: NO. Biking along: NO. Plan to reunite at the finish line for finish and post race photos.

HOW SHOULD OUR KID/S TRAIN FOR THE TRI?

Just be active all summer. Get creative with the type of outdoor games and adventures we enjoyed as kids. Talk to your kids about what's safe for them to explore on their own. For the tri, try to complete at least one bike adventure every week all summer to be ready to BreakAway in August! Summer is the best time to learn to swim. Consider lessons at your local Y or with our friends at Foss Swim School.

CAN KIDS RACE IN BOTH THE S&D AND KIDS TRI?

Absolutely. A number of older kids (ages 7-17) race with parents and/or younger siblings in the **S&D** on Friday night, then double-up at the **Kids Tri** on Saturday. Of course, to race in both, kids must be registered in both.

WHAT IS THE RACE LOCATION?

The **S&D** and **Kids Tri** are both held at the swimming pond inside beautiful **Elm Creek Park Reserve** in Maple Grove. Special thanks to **Three Rivers Park District** for hosting all of our adventure events. [LINK TO MAP](#).

MY CHILD HAS A DISABILITY, CAN HE OR SHE STILL PARTICIPATE?

YES! We have a long track record of accommodating kids with a variety of special needs, often. This is the one case where we allow a parent or family member to be your child's race buddy. If you have questions or would like to

discuss it further, please email our race director, Ashlee Mueller, at ashlee.mueller@ymcamn.org.

I CAN'T CURRENTLY AFFORD TO PAY THE FULL ENTRY FEE. DO YOU HAVE ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes. Although we keep entry fees as low as possible, we don't want finances to stop anyone from joining in on the fun. If you need scholarship support, click [here to apply](#).

GEAR CHECKLIST FOR BOTH EVENTS

REQUIRED:

- Swim wear (ranges from 1-piece, 2-piece, trunks, bike shorts, sun-shirt, etc).
- Race Shirt (provided at check-in, or wear your own)
- Name Bib (provided at check-in, pin to front of shirt)
- Swim Cap (provided at check-in)
- Athletic Shoes for bike/run (no flip-flops)

Tri Only

- Bike (please bring your own well maintained bike)
- Helmet

OPTIONAL:

- Towel for T-Zone
- Socks, dry clothes for after race
- Goggles
- Nose / Ear plugs
- Water Bottle
- Shorts (for swim or to pull on for run)
- Sunglasses



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READY FOR A BREAKAWAY ADVENTURE?

REGISTER TODAY

www.ymcamn.org/kid_teen_activities/cyclehealth_adventure_racing

ALL REGISTRANTS RECEIVE:

- Race Shirt
- Custom Name Bib
- Swim Cap
- Finisher's Medal
- Refreshments at finish line
- Bragging Rights that you crossed summer's Best Finish Line

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SPLASH & DASH COURSE MAP

ELM CREEK PARK RESERVE
SWIMMING POND AREA

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SWIM COURSE

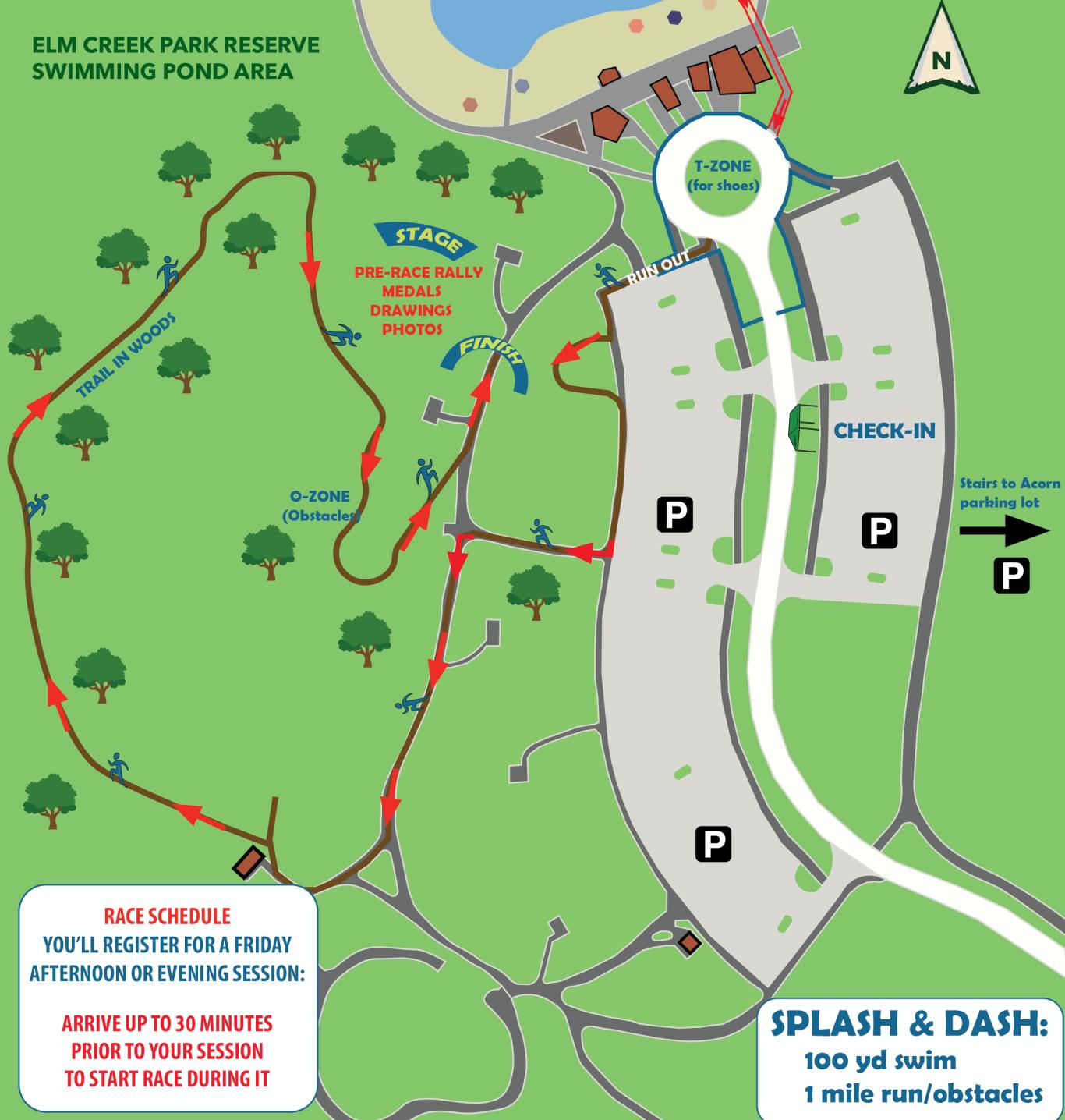


RUN COURSE



RACER CHECK-IN

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RACE SCHEDULE

YOU'LL REGISTER FOR A FRIDAY
AFTERNOON OR EVENING SESSION:

ARRIVE UP TO 30 MINUTES
PRIOR TO YOUR SESSION
TO START RACE DURING IT

SPLASH & DASH:
100 yd swim
1 mile run/obstacles

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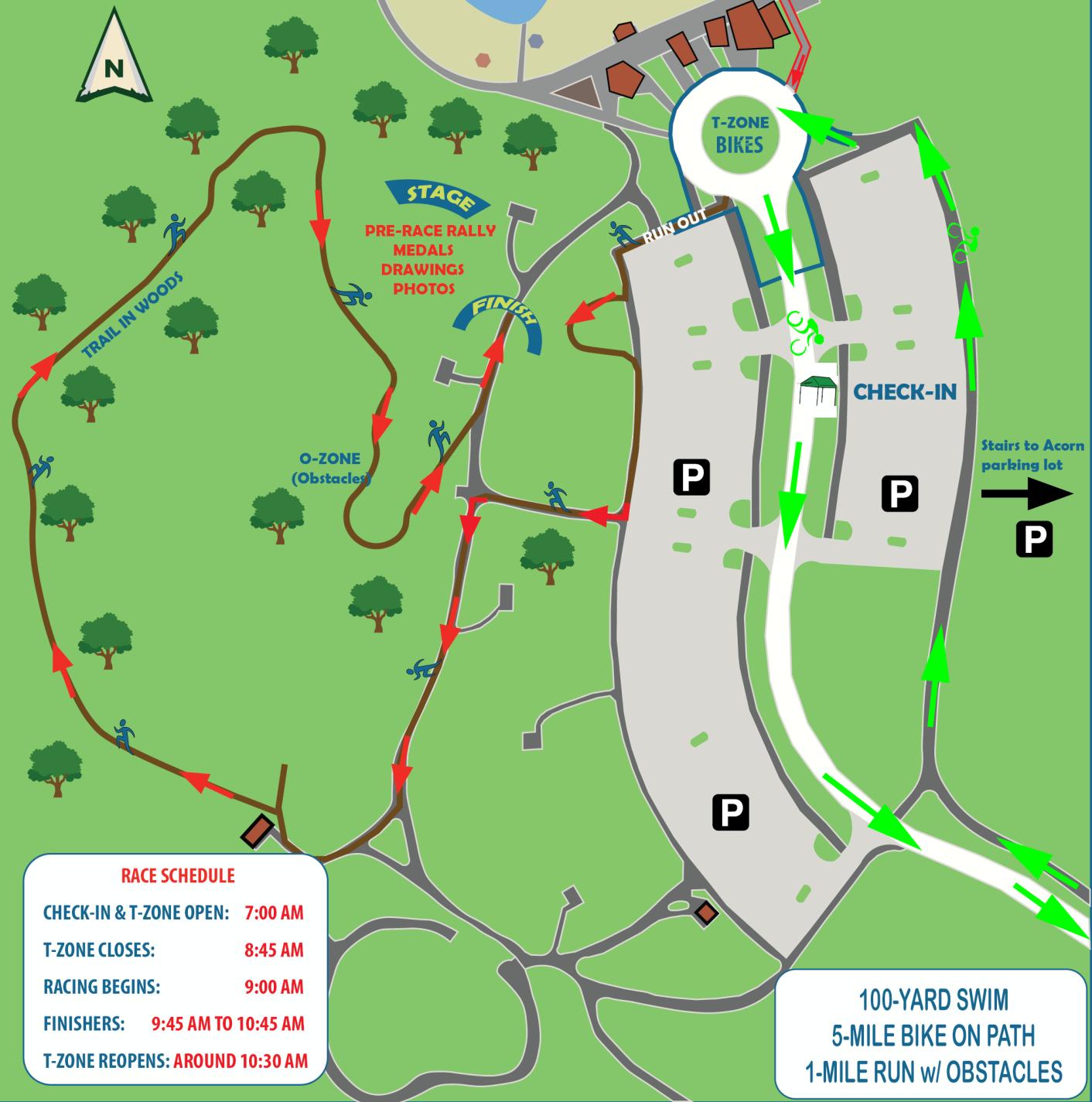


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COURSE MAP

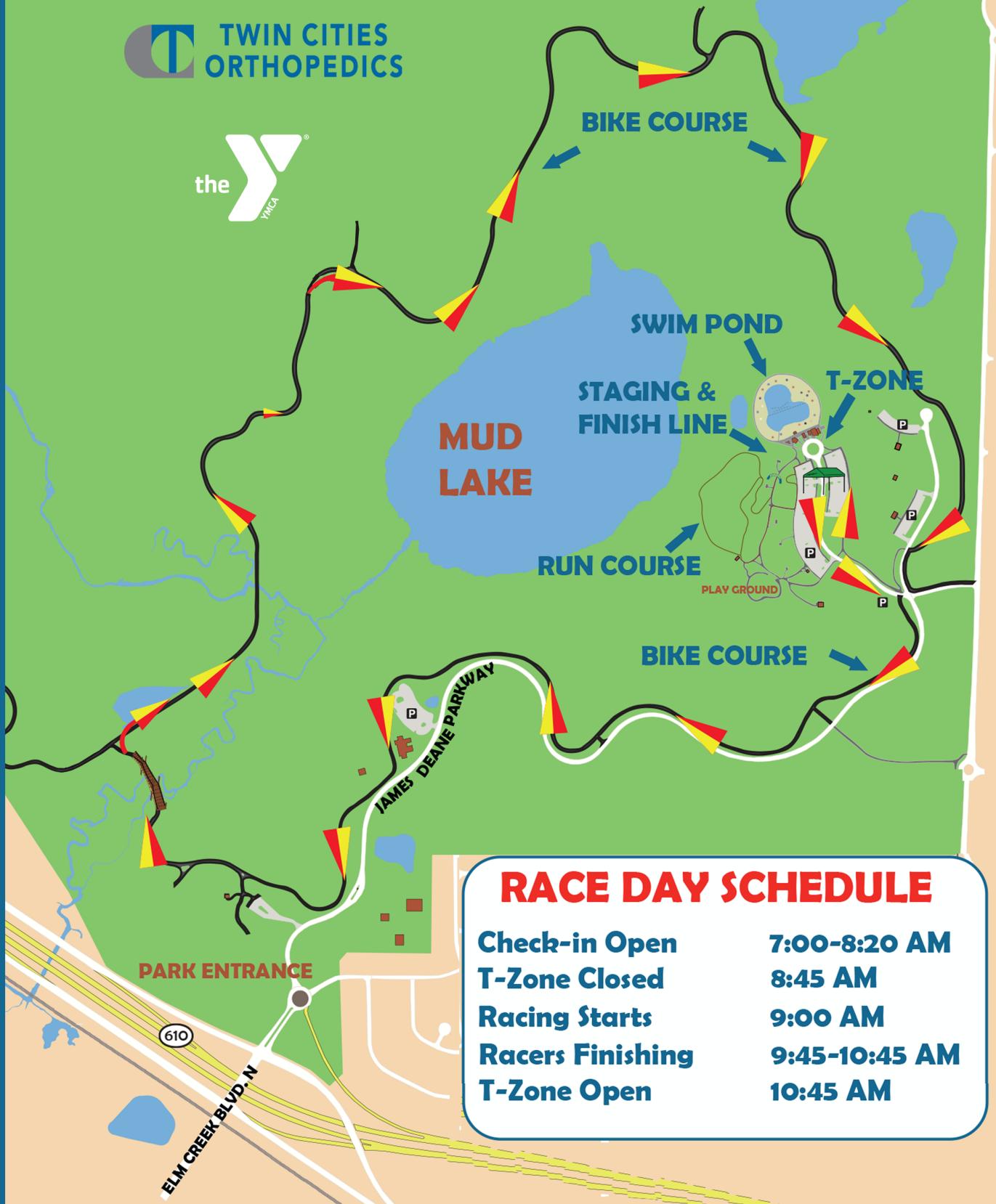
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RACE DAY SCHEDULE

Check-in Open	7:00-8:20 AM
T-Zone Closed	8:45 AM
Racing Starts	9:00 AM
Racers Finishing	9:45-10:45 AM
T-Zone Open	10:45 AM