

Memo

To: Mayor JB Lawrence & Town Council
CC: Scott Fogleman
From: Jennifer Brown, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: May 10, 2016
Re: High Country Half Marathon – Saturday, August 27, 2016

Attached please find a request from the High Country Half Marathon, to hold their 6th annual road race on Saturday, August 27, 2016 beginning at 7:30 from Kidd Brewer Stadium at ASU. The route through Blowing Rock will go from 221 to Clark Street, then on to Laurel Lane, up Wonderland Trail, and end at the Blowing Rock Equestrian Preserve. Also attached is a complete description and map of the race route which is the same route that has been used for the past 5 years.

Dear Blowing Rock Town Council,

The High Country Triple Crown has very much appreciated and enjoyed a long relationship with the Towns of Boone and Blowing Rock and the Valle Crucis community. Our series, which consists of 3 races of varying difficulty and terrain, attracts runners from all over the southeast. All of the proceeds from the races support Girls on the Run (GOTR) of the High Country which is a life-changing, experiential learning program for 3rd-5th graders. GOTR has had six very successful years at the Blowing Rock Elementary School!

For the past five years, High Country Half Marathon participants have started the run in Boone and ended 13.1 miles later in Blowing Rock. For 2016, we would like to keep the same route which begins at the ASU Football stadium at 7:30am. We respectfully request that the last 3 miles of the race is allowed to again run through Blowing Rock, finishing at the BR Equestrian Preserve. At approximately 8:45am, runners will enter BR by taking a left on 221 coming from Shulls Mill Road. The route will take a right onto Clark St., a left on Laurel Lane, a right on Wonderland Trail and then finish the race in the Equestrian Center from Laurel Lane. All turns will be staffed by race volunteers who will serve as safety and clean up personnel as well. While we are not requesting any road closures, we would like to request law enforcement presence at the busy intersection of Hwy 221 and Shulls Mill Road just to insure safe traffic flow and participant safety.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our event. We're excited about our 2016 race and the possibility of all of our runners getting to experience the beauty of Blowing Rock once again. We will happily comply with any requests that the Town Council may have and look forward to meeting with you if necessary to discuss this event.

Sincerely,

Mary Sheryl Horine
Associate Director, ASU Institute for Health and Human Services
Council Director, Girls on the Run of the High Country

The Triple Crown Half Marathon Race Route/Map

Start at Kidd Brewer Stadium

Left out of the Stadium onto Stadium Drive - One lane of traffic stopped (ASU PD helps control this)

Right onto Rivers Street – One lane of traffic stopped (ASU PD helps control this)

Right onto Hardin Street – One lane of traffic stopped (Boone PD helps control this)

Right at Bojangles onto Winklers Creek Road (Boone PD helps control Mall intersection)

*Right onto Russ Cornett Road

Left onto Diamond Ranch Road

Left onto Popular Grove Road

Left onto Shulls Mill Road

Left onto 221N (Blowing Rock PD helps monitor intersection)

Right onto Clark Street

Left onto Laurel Lane

Right onto Wonderland Trail

Left onto Laurel Lane

Right into the Blowing Rock Equestrian Preserve

*Traffic is not stopped, detoured or detained from this point forward during the race. A lead vehicle leads the race and a sweep vehicle follows the last runner to insure safety of all participants. Various vehicles and bicycles

