



Elkbones Adventure Racing's Chasin' The Bone Race 2014 Update #1

Thank you for registering for the Chasin' The Bone Race! We have a few race updates for you and we look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Start/Finish: The race is a loop course and will start and finish at the Greenbush Trail parking lot shelter. Driving directions are given on our [website](#), you will see the shelter building at the southwest corner of the parking lot. **Please note: you will need a 2014 Wisconsin State Vehicle Sticker to enter the lot. We will have envelopes for purchase, rates are \$7 daily for WI residents, \$10 for out of state license plates.**

Lodging: We have not set aside a block of rooms but the nearest hotel to the race start/finish is the [Baymont Inn & Suites in Plymouth](#). Rooms are approximately \$90/night plus taxes. If you'd like to camp, [Mauthe Lake Campground](#) is the only campground open in the Northern Kettles as of the race date and it is approximately 20 miles south of the race start location.

The Course: Race distances are approximate: Road Biking - 25 miles, Path/Mountain Biking* - 12-17 miles, Paddling - 5 miles, Orienteering/Trekking/Running - 4-9 miles.

***Biking:** We are continuing to hope you will be mountain biking on singletrack trails, but we have learned from the WI DNR this week that while the mountain bike trails are generally open by the date of our race, so far the melting and frost dispersal is putting trail opening dates behind schedule. We will continue to update you on the conditions of the trail and we do still recommend a mountain bike or similar, as you will be on gravel for a portion of the bike section. **If the singletrack trails are open, you will need a Wisconsin State Trail Pass to race, passes will be available to purchase for \$4 each at check-in.**

Race Check-In: Saturday, April 26 from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. Before receiving any race materials we will need one [signed waiver per racer](#). Waivers can be found on our website or can be filled out at check-in.

- Mandatory pre-race meeting will be held from 7:15 - 7:30 a.m.
- Race will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Teams: The list of teams can be found [here](#). Please notify us at elkbonesracing@gmail.com if your team configuration has changed.

Gear Staging: Teams will not be allowed to stage any gear out on the course. However, each team will be allowed one (1) gear bag that will be transported to the paddle section for you. Paddles and PFD's will be provided, but if you wish to use your own, you must place them in this bag. Other suggested items: a change of clothing, extra food, water. Instructions on where to place your gear bag will be provided at race check-in.

Paddles & PFD's: All racers are required to use the canoes and/or kayaks (for solo racers) provided. You will also be provided with paddles and PFD's, but may bring your own if you wish. See the "Gear Staging" information, above. If you are a solo racer, you will receive a kayak. Two-person and three-

person teams will receive one (1) canoe per team. Four-person teams will receive two (2) canoes per team. Racers may not sit on the thwarts of the canoes, so if you are a three-person team please bring a cushion or similar for your third teammate to sit on - this must be placed with your gear bag & will be transported for you, again see "Gear Staging" update, above.

Gear List: The [gear list](#) is posted on our website.

Water on the Course: Water may or may not be turned on in the Forest by the date of our race so please plan accordingly. As mentioned in the "Gear Staging" update above, you may wish to put an extra water bottle or similar to have at the paddle section. We will also attempt to provide water at the TA's if possible, but please be prepared to race for 8 hours without access to additional water.

Navigation Clinic: By request, morning of race, email elkbonesracing@gmail.com if you are interested in a 15 minute navigation refresher course.

Post-Race Party: We will have a great post-race meal with plenty of food and drinks, so plan to stick around afterwards. We will have food prepared by the time teams start to roll into the finish and will announce results and give out awards at approximately 4:30 p.m. If you have friends or family out watching you race, we'd love to have them join us afterwards, please just plan to pay an additional \$5 per person to cover their food/drink costs (this can be done in person post-race).