

31st Annual Tram Road Challenge 6K Run/Walk Confirmation
October 22, 2016
PLEASE READ, IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Dear Participant,

Thank you for your entry into the 31st Annual Palm Springs Aerial Tram Road Challenge 6K. We appreciate your support of the United Way of the Desert. We look forward to seeing you on October 22nd.

6:30am Walker Start - We will be offering a 6:30am walker start for those who need the extra time to get up the hill. This start time is for walkers only or anyone who will take longer than 1 1/2 hours to finish the 6K. **If you start at 6:30, you will not be eligible for awards in your age group**, so please take this into consideration before starting at 6:30am.

The Run/Walk starts at 7:00am sharp, please arrive early!! We expect a large crowd. There is still time for your family or friends to register for this fun event. Go to www.kleinclarksports.com, online registration is open until Thursday, Oct 20.

KMIR TV (Local NBC Affiliate) 2 Hour Live Television Broadcast - We are so proud to have KMIR TV broadcasting the Tram Road Challenge 6k live from 6:00am - 8:00am. Please set your DVR's, and smile for the cameras. (Please note that smiling while running up the tram road can be very difficult for some).

Packet Pick Up & Registration - There will be t-shirt and packet pick up on Thursday, October 20th, from 2pm-6pm and Friday, October 21st, from 10:00am-5:00pm at the Palm Springs Running Wild Store located at 611 South Palm Canyon Drive Suite 10, in the Sun Center - 760 322-9453. We will be taking registrations as well inside the store. Packets can also be picked up on race morning starting at 5:15am at the bottom of the Tram Road. There will be a late registration desk on race morning for those who haven't signed up. Participants picking up their packet race morning will receive their race number at the bottom and will get their t-shirt upon finishing at the top. If you can pick up your packet on Thursday or Friday that would be best.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PICK UP THEIR OWN RACE PACKET AND SIGN THE WAIVER. YOU MAY NOT PICK UP SOMEONE ELSE'S PACKET. No Exceptions!!

Chip Timing - Your Timing Device for this event is a disposable ChronoTrack B-Tag which is affixed to the back of your bib number. In order to receive an accurate time, please make sure your bib is, clearly visible on the front of the torso, unaltered and unmodified (Do not fold or wrinkle), pinned in all four corners, and not covered by jackets, runner belts, water bottles, etc. Timberline Timing will be timing this event.

Directions To Running Wild - To get to the Running Wild Store from downtown Palm Springs, take Palm Canyon Drive south, one block past Ramon Rd and turn right into the Sun Center.

Running Wild 15% Discount - The Running Wild store will be offering a 15% discount off any regular priced merchandise storewide for all Tram Road Challenge participants. Just show your bib/race number to receive the discount. This discount will be available through October 31st, 2016.

Directions to Tram Road - To get to the Tram Road from I-10 east, take the Hwy 111 exit into Palm Springs and you will see the Tram road on your right just as you enter Palm Springs city limits. From I-10 west take Palm Drive exit and go left to Vista Chino and turn right to Palm Canyon Dr and go right to Tram Road. The address is 1 Tram Way. www.pstramway.com

United Way of the Desert - The Tram Road Challenge will once again benefit the United Way of the Desert. You are encouraged to make a difference in the life of others by asking your family and friends to sponsor your participation in the race. For more information about the United Way of the Desert and to make a donation go to: <http://www.unitedwayofthedesert.org/>

Palm Springs Aerial Tram - *If this is your first visit to the PS Tram, we encourage you either the day before, or after the event, to take a ride up this magnificent tram car through beautiful Chino Canyon into the San Jacinto Mountains. Mt. San Jacinto State Park awaits you at an elevation of 8,500 feet. There are miles and miles of beautiful hiking and running trails. www.pstramway.com*

Tram Road Course - The Tram Road Challenge is just that, A CHALLENGE!! Starting at the bottom of the road by the gate, you will climb over 2000 feet in elevation in 3.7 miles. Just a hint, start out easy as the bottom is the most

gradual part, and know that the steepest part is at the top. It averages a 12% grade but the top is at 16%. Please note, the road will be closed from 6:00am to 9:00am. No cars will be allowed on the Tram road during that time.

Water Stations - There will be three water stations, one at each mile along the course, and water, gatorade and light food at the finish line. There will also be a large water bowl at each water station for those of you running or walking with your dog.

Parking - Parking will take place in the Carls Jr. and Del Taco parking lots on the corner of N. Palm Canyon Drive and Racquet Club Dr. This is about 1/4 mile south of the Tram Road start area and we suggest using this as a warm up, however First Student busses will be shuttling from the Carls Jr lot to the start area from 5:30am to 6:30am.

No parking will be allowed at the bottom of the Tram Road. If you park there you will be subject to being towed at your expense. Cars and/or spectators wishing to park on top at the finish area, must do so by 6:00am. NO CARS or BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED UP THE TRAM ROAD AFTER 6:00AM AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BACK DOWN UNTIL AFTER 9:00AM OR UNTIL ALL RUNNERS HAVE FINISHED. THIS IS FOR RUNNER SAFETY!!

Warm up clothes - You can drop your warm up clothes in the 3 trucks parked in front of the start line and marked as gear check. They will be brought to the top at the finish area. Please bring your own bag marked with your name and/or number for easy identification when you finish. It can be quite cool at the finish area.

Shuttles Down the Road - For the runners and walkers, First Student will provide shuttle busses at the top and will be available starting at 8:30am approximately to take you back down to the lower parking lot at Carls Jr./ Del Taco. **If you are planning on running back down the hill to your car, you must use the new paved runners path to your right. Please do not run on the road itself as we will have busses coming up and down constantly.**

Food and Refreshments - We will have fluids provided by Desert Water Agency, Gatorade, and some food, along with Raw Remedy Organic Juice and Raw Food Bar and Gorilla Cookie at the finish line to hold you over for the fantastic breakfast that awaits you at Desert Regional Medical Center.

Breakfast at Desert Regional Medical Center - Desert Regional Medical Center will host a full cooked pancake and turkey sausage breakfast starting at 9:00am, there will also be fruit, juice, coffee and other goodies. Awards ceremony will start at 10:00am at the Stergios Building and lawn area. This is free to all participants. You must have your wrist band which you will pick up at the finish line. If you have family or friends who want to join you for breakfast they can purchase a wristband at the breakfast for \$5. All money collected goes to the United Way of the Desert.

Health Expo - In addition to the breakfast there will also be a health expo with booths at Desert Regional Medical Center.

Parking for the Breakfast - Parking at Desert Regional Medical Center will take place in the underground parking area at the main entrance off Indian Canyon Dr. From the Carls Jr or Del Taco parking lot, exit onto Racquet Club Drive and go east to the first light which is Indian Canyon Dr, go right on Indian Canyon approximately one mile to the main entrance to Desert Regional Medical Center and turn left. The underground parking lot is just up on your left.

Finisher Medals - All finishers will receive a beautiful custom Tram Road Challenge finisher medal, presented by the **Palm Springs Aerial Tram**. You don't want to miss this awesome medal.

Awards - Awards will be given to the top three in each age category male and female. The awards for top three in each age group are very unique and were created by Matt Naylor at Architectural Blue. The awards will take place at 10:00am at the Desert Regional Medical Center in conjunction with the breakfast. PLEASE NOTE AWARDS MUST BE PICKED UP AS WE CANNOT MAIL THEM OUT. IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE EARLY PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE PICK IT UP FOR YOU. Unclaimed awards will be brought to the Running Wild Store in Palm Springs and can be picked up there for three weeks after the event.

Racing for an Award or Course Record? - If you are racing this event with hopes of placing in your age group or at setting a course record, we encourage you to be upfront by the start line when the gun goes off to be assured you get the correct time. To be eligible for an age group award you must start at 7:00am. Anyone starting at 6:30am will not be eligible for any awards or course records. Even though we have chip timing start mats, due to the remoteness of the Tram Road, transferring that data the morning of the event sometimes is hindered. All

times will eventually be updated correctly based on you crossing start line, we may just not be able to get that in time for the awards.

A special thanks to all our amazing major sponsors who make this event possible and successful. **Palm Springs Aerial Tram, Desert Regional Medical Center, Gannett Foundation, Desert Sun.com, KMIR TV, Univision Palm Springs, PS Running Wild, Kiner Communications, Walter Clark Legal Group, Jessup Auto Plaza, First Student, Desert Water, Water Counts, Lamar Advertising, Architectural Blue, and Avid Physical Therapy, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, The Bull 98.5, Jammin 99.5, Orange Theory Fitness, MLS Magic Laundry Services**

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