



2017 SERIES OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The Kids Adventure Games is an adventure challenge course designed and run especially for kids in teams of two, ages 6 – 14, involving a range of obstacles & challenges in an outdoor environment.

REGISTRATION

- Kids must register in teams of two.
- The age group is determined by the age of the oldest member of the team.
- The race categories are boys, girls, and coed in each age bracket.
- Age brackets are 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-14.
- Registration closes one week prior to the race date or earlier if race is sold out.

THE COURSE

- Course will be marked on a 'kid friendly' map.
- Course description and route will be printed on the map.
- Kids will travel the course by mountain bike, on foot, on land or on water.
- If there is a water element at the race, personal flotation devices are supplied by race organizers.
- Course can be a circle, a figure eight or a cloverleaf format.
- Transition Area is where kids will change disciplines and pick up or drop gear.
- There are a number of different obstacles and challenges located around the marked course, all are designed for children and are supervised by staff and /or volunteers. The tasks will not cause children any great difficulty.
- Each obstacle is a checkpoint. Volunteers will stamp the map as proof that the team passed by.
- Teams have to follow the course in checkpoint order.
- The course is approximately 3 miles long. This will take between 40 minutes and 90 minutes to finish.
- Teams will be timed.
- All kids will wear a helmet, back pack, (bike) gloves and a climbing harness the entire course. The climbing harness will be supplied by race organizers.



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• OPTIONAL SKILLS CLINIC

- 2017 Adventure racers can participate in four optional clinics on the day before the race, to sharpen their skills and increase their (and their parents') confidence prior to the race.
- Local experts will teach clinics and will last approximately four hours and take place from 1.00pm until 5.00pm and or from 8am – 12 pm. (may vary per event).
- All clinics will meet at the check in area.
- Cost is \$60 per child for all four clinics.
- Space is limited and pre-registration is required.
- Skills clinics will include:
 - Mountain Biking
 - Climbing/Ropes
 - Teamwork
 - Adventure Racing 101

RACE CHECK IN

- 1-5 pm (**may vary per event site**); one day before race day
- One (set of) waivers per child (even siblings); available on website or made available by email in advance.
- Parents present waivers to staff; staff checks name against start-registration list/checks waivers for signatures etc.
- Race Bib will be provided (needs to be pinned to the front of the racer)
- Race schedule of events will be provided.
- Maps will be provided
- Important phone numbers will be provided.

RACE DAY: PRE – RACE

- Teams will be assigned wave times, (i.e., 9 am/10.30 am/12 pm)
- Each team will be assigned a start time, within their wave. (i.e., 9.05 – 9.10 etc.)
- Start times will be announced one week before race day via email.
- Kids have to be onsite 1 hour before their WAVE START (not start time)
- The team meeting will take place a ½ hour before the WAVE start; maps are handed out and course will be revealed at the meeting by Race Director, Billy Mattison.
- After the meeting, teams go to line up at the start, in bib order.



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THE START/FINISH

- Teams will start according to their age group with the oldest kids going off first; in bib order.
- 2/3 Teams (4 kids) start in 1-2 minute intervals.
- At the finish line, teams will present their stamped maps to staff and have their harnesses taken off by volunteers.

GEAR LIST:

- Per team member: all items to be provided by participants and carried the entire race.
- A bike helmet
- Bike gloves
- (Bike) shorts, rain jacket, socks, sturdy athletic shoes
- Water (Minimum of 10 oz.)
- Small back pack or hydration pack
- Small snack
- First Aid Kit: small Ziploc bag with some wet wipes, band aids, white tape, Neosporin
- You must bring your own Mountain Bike with gears and hand brakes. Must be in good shape. (Please check tire pressure, brakes, adjust saddle)
- Climbing harness is provided by race organizers

FOR SPECTATORS

- Spectators can watch from anywhere along the course.
- Cheering on- is welcome, but aid is not allowed

AFTER THE RACE

- After the race we will have a Celebration Party with food for competitors plus the awards ceremony.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 1

Q: Can kids compete with a teammate that is a different age?

A: Yes. The age group will be determined by the age of the oldest teammate

Q: Can teams be co-ed?

A: Yes.

Q: My child does not have a teammate. Can he/she still register? Will you find them a teammate?

A: No, unfortunately this is a team event and you must register with a partner.

Q: If my child does not have a partner can I sign my child up to save a spot and then find a partner?

A: No, we ask that you submit your registration as a team. Registration forms will not be confirmed until both teammates' information is complete and payment is received.

Q: What is included in the entry fee?

A: Your child's entry fee includes an Athlete shirt, a goodie bag with treats from race sponsors, pre-race training tips from Adventure Racer and course designer, Billy Mattison, a medal of completion upon finishing the race, an after party with post-race refreshments and raffle for all participants.

Q: What happens if there is bad weather on race day?

A: The race will take place rain or shine. In the event there is lightning in the area, the Race Director will make the appropriate call to delay or cancel the race. No refunds will be given if the race is cancelled due to weather

Q: I signed up in March but something has come up and I need to cancel. Can I receive a refund?

A: All cancelations received one weeks prior to race day will receive a refund minus a \$15 handling fee. Any cancelations received after that date will not receive a refund. For questions, contact helene@kidsadventuregames.com or call (970) 401-3804



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONT./

Q: My child's partner cannot compete anymore. Can they race with a different partner?

A: Yes, race registrations are transferable.

Q: Can I accompany my child during the race?

A: Yes, you can accompany your child throughout the race to watch them at the different challenges; however we ask that you refrain from helping/interfering with your child during the race. Course marshals will be on hand to assist if children have difficulty. The satisfaction your child will feel when finishing the race is in large part determined by the knowledge that they did it themselves.

Q: Does my child need any special clothing or footwear for this event?

A: We recommend kids wear moisture-wicking clothing as they will get wet & running shoes for footwear. They will be required to wear a helmet and bike gloves throughout the entire competition. Please NO JEANS.

Q: What special equipment does my child need?

A: Each child will need a geared mountain bike with hand brakes, a helmet and bike gloves. Additionally, each child will need to carry the following items with them during the event:

- First Aid Kit: small Ziploc bag with some wet wipes, band-aids, white tape, Neosporin. (1PER TEAM)
- Sunscreen
- 10 oz water
- Light snack
- Small back pack