

NE OHIO CROSS COUNTRY CAMP

Dear Runner,

Welcome to the NE Ohio Cross Country Camp. We hope that you are as excited about this summer's camp as we are. We apologize for the confusion about camp location for this summer. We were notified **after** over 500 runners were registered that Joseph Badger Meadows would not be available. So it has been a huge challenge to find a camp that would both meet our needs and be available for the dates that we had scheduled for camp... BUT WE DID!!!

This is your acceptance letter for Week I of camp that runs from July 26th - 31st. Also, important information regarding camp is provided to you in this letter along with information about the necessary forms that you need for the camp. If you have teammates attending camp, please alert them to read their email to receive this important information.

The first and most important of preparations is for you to make certain that you use the time before camp begins to get in distance training. By the week prior to camp, you should be running 5-7 days a week for at least 3-6 miles per day. Speed isn't as important as the distance at this time of year, but do work on increasing your weekly mileage. Coming to camp without the proper base of training will only set you up for disappointment and/or injury. SO RUN !!!

Prior to camp check-in, the following three forms must be completed and mailed to us:

1. Copy of current school physical form signed by doctor
2. Camp rules and precautions form signed by parents
3. Background information form

All of these forms are attached to this email and are also available on the camp web page <http://www.gopherarun.com/camp/>. Please mail all three forms in together and place your registration ID number on the top of the forms.

We also ask for you to pay the balance of the camp fee by July 15 so that registration at camp will flow faster. Please mail in the balance of the camp fee or pay it with the online app that we have added to that same web page by July 15. The balance of the fee can be determined by subtracting your deposit paid from \$285. For online payments, the fee is slightly higher due to the Paypal fee that we are charged for a secure transaction.

Please include your Camp ID# on all forms and checks. If you have forgotten your camp ID#, it can be found at this link - <http://gopherarun.com/camp/roster> The forms and payment should be mailed to my home address found following: Ted Rupe - 2533 Davis Peck Road - Cortland, OH 44410 (This is my home address, not the camp address - do not show up there for camp!)

You are asked to report to the camp for **check-in** between 2:30 and 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 26th. Please try not to arrive before 2:30, as we will be unavailable to assist you until that time. If for some reason you cannot arrive until after 4:00 PM, please contact us in advance to make arrangements for check-in.

The location of the camp is the Temple Hills Camp, 5734 Durbin Road, Bellville, Ohio 44813 (directions at bottom of this letter and on the camp website). When you arrive, park in the first parking area to the right of the long driveway, across from the picnic shelter. Car pooling is encouraged as there will be more cars than parking spaces at camp. Cabin assignments and other information will be given to you there. Also, any papers that need turned in will be collected at that time along with any money owed. You will then be instructed to drive to your cabin and unpack. Checks are to be made out to "Gopher Running". Even if you have mailed in all of your forms and fees, you **MUST** stop to check in at the registration site so that we know you have arrived!

Following is a list of items that you should bring for your stay:

- Running clothes, leisure clothes and some warmer clothes
- Sleeping bag and pillow or sheets, blanket and pillow
- Water Bottle with your name on it - we supply coolers with water and Gatorade but you will need to keep a water bottle with you.
- Bottled water if you think you may not like the camp water (I have not tasted it, but they say they have had no complaints).
- Swimsuit, shower sandals and towels
- Toiletries and sunscreen
- Flashlight (bring it to every evening meeting, it is dark when we leave!)
- Multiplug outlet - each cabin has only 1-2 outlets
- Spending money for snacks (\$10 - \$20)
- Optional: cards, frisbee, etc.

Camp dismissal will occur between 11:00 PM and 1:00 PM on Friday, July 31st. Parents can arrive any time during this interval to pick up their runners. Upon arrival on that day, parents can go straight to their runner's cabin and load up their gear. Each runner is responsible for informing their staff member when they leave. Special arrangements must be made with the camp directors prior to camp for anyone needing to depart prior to 1:00 PM on Friday. All athletes must be picked up by 3:00 PM.

In case of emergency, I can be reached on my cell at camp at 330-984-2081. This is your final notice before camp, so if you have any questions prior to camp please contact one of us at:

Ted - ted.rupe@gmail.com

Fred - fkieser@yahoo.com

Craig - crupe809@aol.com

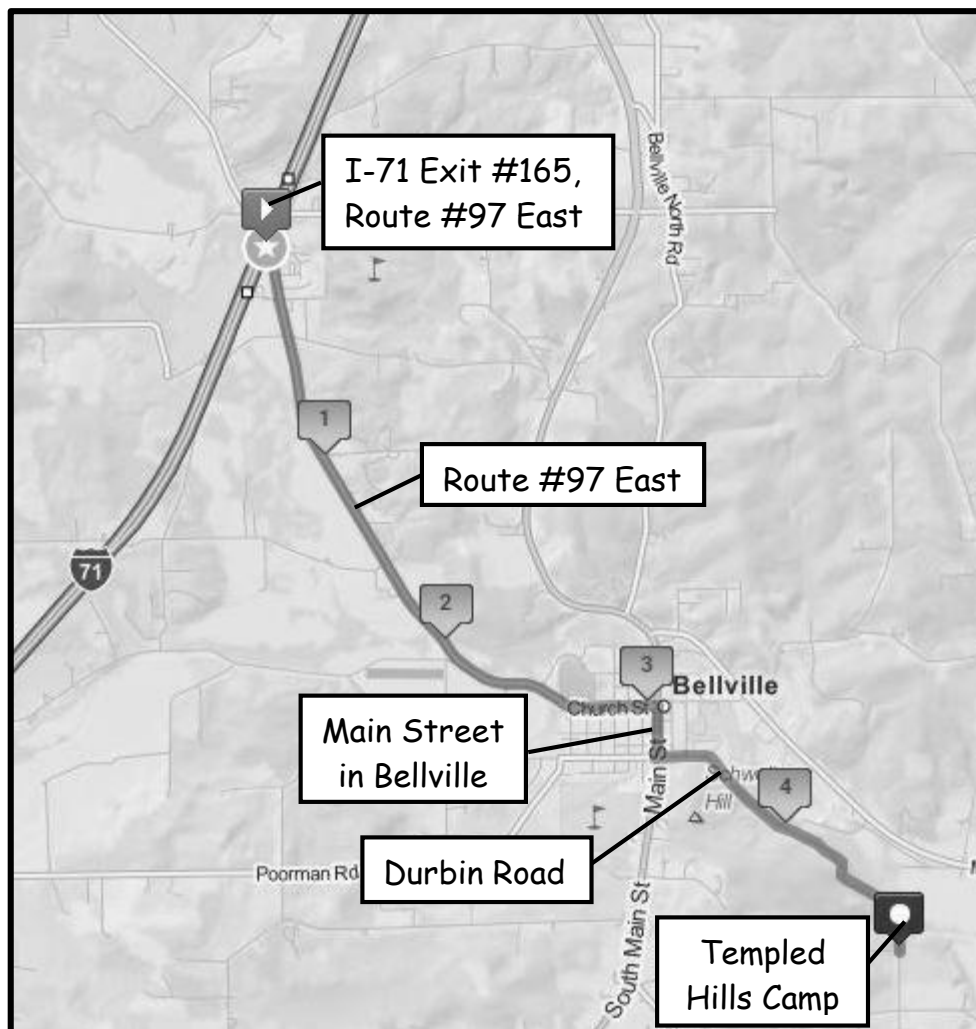
Eric - duhduhgopher@aim.com

Ted Rupe, Fred Kieser, Craig Rupe, Eric Rupe and Staff

PS - We will be going on a relaxed distance run Sunday afternoon at 4:30 PM. We will eat dinner at 6:30. Plan your Sunday eating schedule accordingly. Also, updates concerning camp, including tentative cabin assignments will be posted on www.gopherarun.com.

Getting To Templed Hills Camp:

1. Take I-71 to Exit #165 which is Route #97. This is the first exit south of Mansfield on I-71.
2. Route #97 east for 3 miles to Bellville.
3. Right on Main Street
4. Left on Durbin Road for 1.7 miles to camp on your right.



Or plug this address into your GPS:

Templed Hills Camp
5734 Durbin Road,
Bellville, OH 44813

(This is the camp address - do not send forms or payment here)