

Old Fashioned 4th of July Inaugural Turtle Trot



Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Time: Races start at 11 a.m.

Location: Swensson Park

Race: Three qualifying heats (more if needed), followed by one Championship Race.

Registration: Pre-registration available at Rendezvous Adventure Outfitters. The day of the race, registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Swensson Park.

Contest Rules:

- ☐ Participants must provide their own turtle.
- ☐ Turtle entered must be of the tortoise (hard shell, box turtle) land species variety.
- ☐ **No Snapping Turtles!**
- ☐ Turtles must NOT be painted or decorated.
- ☐ As turtles arrive for the race, tape will be attached to the top of the shell and numbered for identification purposes.
- ☐ No leaning across the track during races.
- ☐ No blowing, spitting, water squirting or touching the turtles in any way while racing.
- ☐ Each participant will be responsible for placing their own turtle in the starting circle.
- ☐ Time limit on each race will be 15 minutes maximum.
- ☐ Each turtle will race three times.
- ☐ Number of turtles in any one heat to be determined by the number of turtles that will comfortably fit inside the starting circle.
- ☐ Turtle must have ENTIRE body across the finish line to be declared the winner.
- ☐ Judges ruling is FINAL.
- ☐ Each race is based upon a point system:
 - ☐☐ 1st Place - 3 Points
 - ☐☐ 2nd Place - 2 Points
 - ☐☐ 3rd Place - 1 Point
- ☐ Points awarded for each qualifying heat will be averaged for a final score.
- ☐ Top 5 scoring turtles will compete in the Championship Race.
- ☐ Rendezvous Adventure Outfitters is not responsible for any injury or death that happens to any turtles.
- ☐ We encourage and expect proper treatment and care of all turtles.
- ☐☐ Each turtle should be returned to the site where it was collected as soon as possible after the race.
- ☐ Have a fun and SAFE 4th of July!