

# 2017 Teton Ogre Adventure Race, 24-hour

## Pre-Race Update

Dear 2017 Teton Ogre 24-hour racers,

Thanks for signing up for the 24-hour Teton Ogre Adventure Race! We have worked really hard all year to create an awesome course for you all! You will be covering lots of rugged, remote terrain, and while it won't be easy, we hope you will enjoy the journey and have a lot of fun out there.

This update is jam-packed with important information that will help you as you prepare for your race, including the latest schedule, awesome local discounts, and some last-minute suggestions!

Please read carefully and feel free to email us at [TetonAdventureRacers@gmail.com](mailto:TetonAdventureRacers@gmail.com) with any questions at all.

First of all, we want to let you know about a couple great opportunities thanks to our awesome local sponsors:



Between now and race day, all registered Ogre racers receive *20% off anything on the gear list* at [Peaked Sports in Driggs, ID!](#) They are also offering a discount on bike rentals for the race.



ALSO, all racers will receive *30% off energy bars and chews* for the race at [Barrels and Bins Community Market](#) from now until race day! Please consider buying your race fuel at this great local grocer. [CLICK HERE](#) to pull up the coupon you will use at check-out.

## SCHEDULE:

### Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at [Targhee Athletics in Driggs, ID](#)

**4:30-5:45pm:** *Check-in, map-pick-up, and packraft pick-up for those who rented rafts.*

At this time ALL TEAM MEMBERS will be required to sign a USARA waiver and pay your \$8.00 USARA day-use membership fee. Please come prepared with cash or check. (If you already have a year-membership, please bring your USARA ID card). You will not receive your race maps until this is completed!

Please note: There is ample floor space at Targhee Athletics, but limited chairs/tables. You may spread out on the floor, bring your own portable chairs/table, or even take your map elsewhere (as long as you're back for the meeting at 6pm).

**6:00-6:30pm:** *MANDATORY racer meeting.*

**6:30-8:00pm:** *Bike Loading.* Bikes must be race-ready and handed off to race officials no later than 8pm! Your bikes may be packed with whatever you need for the first bike leg *except* for your shoes, helmets, and backpacks which must be taken with you in the morning on the shuttle. (Please make sure everything is well-attached to your bikes, as race officials are not responsible if anything gets lost in transport).

### Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>... Race day! [Victor Depot Park in Victor, ID](#)

**5:45am:** *Team check-in, TA bag drop-off, paddle bag drop-off, and passport pick-up*

You will not receive your passport until your TA and paddle bags have been dropped off and all teammates are present. (See note about paddle/TA bags below)

**6:15am:** *Shuttle bus leaves for race start!*

**7:00-7:30am:** *Bathroom stop!*

We will be stopping approximately 10 minutes from the race start for a 30-minute bathroom break, since there are no bathrooms available at the race start other than the woods.

**8:00am:** *START!*

## Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> Victor Depot Park in Victor, ID

**8:00am:** *Finish Cut-off time.*

We will be providing bagels, juice, and coffee at the finish area.

Awards and raffle will commence shortly after 8am. Friends and family are encouraged to join us!

**\*\*Important note for those of you renting packrafts!\*\*** You are responsible for making sure your rafts are clean and dry after the race. We will be providing a hose and towels at the finish line for you to clean your rafts. We will not accept them back until this is done, and we must get them back before you leave the finish line...Thanks!

### A note about Paddle Bags and Transition Bags:

There will be NO BINS this year! Due to the tricky logistics of moving gear, you will be allowed the following gear/bags at the transition areas. We will go over this all in more detail at the pre-race meeting.

- Paddle Bags- when you transition to the packrafting leg, you will see your teams' paddle bags. Your team may have up to one paddle bag *per person* (not provided by us). These bags may contain the following:
  - Packrafts
  - PFDs
  - Wetsuit or Drysuit (recommended, see note below).
  - Food for paddle leg
  - Water for the paddle leg (Water will also be provided at the TA)
  - Any other gear that you need to keep you warm and safe during the paddle leg.
  - Extra backpack if you plan to use a different one to carry your packraft gear. (Please do not use your extra backpack as your paddle bag—put it inside your paddle bag). Mesh laundry bag or large duffel recommended.
  - Paddles can be stored in your bag, or can be strapped together separately.
- *\*Your mandatory gear must be with you while paddling, however anything else you do not want with you while paddling must go back into your empty paddle bag and will be transported to the end of the leg.*
- Transition Area Bags- At check-in, each racer will receive two 20.5in x 17in heavy duty ziplock bags that will serve as your TA bags at other locations throughout the course. They will be pre-labeled for you and should provide ample space for what you will need for each leg.

### A note about the Packrafting leg:

This winter was a big snow year here in the Teton region. As a result, all the reservoirs and rivers are very high if not at maximum capacity. You will be packrafting on a large fast-moving class I-II river, with strong eddy lines and many route options. It's super fun! Just be aware that it won't be a leisure float...you will need to be aware of hazards, pay attention to the map, and stay together as a team.

- *Wetsuits/Drysuits:* We do not anticipate anyone going for a swim, but if it happens, we want to make sure you are safe in the cold water. We recommend a dry or wetsuit for this reason, however there's a good chance it'll be in the high 70s on race day. At the least, we suggest a splash jacket, rain pants, and some extra layers stowed away just in case.
- *Towing:* If you plan to tow each other at all while paddling, make sure that the tow rope is boat-to-boat, i.e. not attached to a person unless you have a quick-release tow rope system. Also, in general it is good practice to carry a river knife anytime a rope is involved while boating.

We will talk about all of this in greater detail at the pre-race meeting!

### A note about Bear Spray:

Bear spray (and knowledge of its use) is part of your mandatory gear list, one per team. It is also required that it be carried on the outside of your pack so it's easily accessible. Bears are super cute and most of the time don't want anything to do with you, but our permit requires that you carry bear spray. Please note that you cannot fly in an airplane with bear spray, so plan accordingly.

## Important Locations:

We have put together a google map highlighting important locations as well as local sponsor locations. Check it out by clicking [HERE!](#)

## Race Rules:

- Final rankings will be as follows:
  - A) Teams will be ranked by total number of points acquired.
  - B) Teams will be ranked by fastest time.
  - C) Teams not obtaining all mandatory CPs will be unranked, regardless of time.
- Teammates must be within 50 meters of each other at all times.
- Bib numbers are to be pinned to backpacks and visible, one per person. Bike numbers should be attached to the front handlebars, one per bike.
- All CPs are worth 10 points each. There will be a combination of mandatory and optional CPs.
- Make sure you have all required gear at all times. Random gear checks may be performed throughout the course. Penalty for not providing required gear is 5 points per infraction.
- You will be traveling in bear country. Knowledge of bear safety and etiquette is required. Bear spray must be easily accessible on the outside of your pack. It is your responsibility to be informed and prepared in the event of a bear encounter. We do not anticipate this to be a problem, but please be aware and smart!
- Bikers must yield to horses and hikers. Please be courteous.
- We will be practicing Leave No Trace ethics. Pack out *everything* you bring in and bury all solid human waste. Please tread lightly and respect our wilderness.
- No navigation devices that utilize satellites are allowed! No GPS or using your cell phone for anything other than taking pictures or in an absolute emergency. Bike odometers, barometric altimeters, and compasses are ok.
- Racers must cross the finish line before the cut-off time or will be penalized by 3 points per minute for the first 20 minutes. Racers finishing more than 20 minutes late will be unranked.
- Penalty for a miss-punched CP (i.e., CP is punched in the wrong box) is 5 points per infraction. Pay attention when punching!
- If a team member must leave the course early, they must do so at a manned CP or TA and inform a race official. Please do not go home early without letting us know!

Please be sure to review the [Gear List](#) one more time!

Last but not least, thanks to all our amazing sponsors! We couldn't do it without the support of these great businesses!

