

2018 TETON OGRE ADVENTURE RACE, 24-HOUR

Pre-Race Update 1 of 2

Dear 2018 Teton Ogre 24-hour racers,

Thanks so much 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 beautiful, remote terrain in the heart of the Teton wilderness and while it won't be easy, we hope you will enjoy the journey and have a lot of fun out there. You are a small yet mighty group and we can't wait to set you loose on the course!

This is the *first of two* important updates that will be essential to your race preparation. This first one includes schedule details and some initial info about the course and gear. The second update will be sent closer to race weekend and will include a course outline that will help get you as ready as possible!

Please read carefully and feel free to email us at TetonAdventureRacers@gmail.com with any questions at all.

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



Between now and race day, all registered Ogre racers receive *20% off anything on the gear list* at [Peaked Sports in Driggs, ID!](#)



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.



[Out There USA](#) is offering 20% off all their awesome packs to registered Teton Ogre Racers! Email us to get your discount code.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 23rd at Ruby Carson Memorial Park in Teton, ID

12:00pm-2:00pm: *Check-in, map-pick-up, optional belay practice, 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!
- There is a small covered picnic area at the park, as well as some bleachers, but if you wish to do your map work inside, we recommend grabbing lunch or a snack at nearby [Badger Creek Cafe](#) and working there. Bring your highlighters and pens to mark up your map! Maps will be 1:24,000 scale, and all your points will be already plotted. See note below about pre-race prep.
- Parking: You may park your car anywhere surrounding the park, including in the Ashton-Tetonia Trail parking lot just west of the park.

2:00-2:30pm: *MANDATORY racer meeting.*

3:30pm: *Team paddle bag and all transition bags must be labeled and dropped off by this time. (updated info about paddle bag and transition bags located below)*

3:45pm: *Easy group bike ride to the start.*

4:00pm: *START!*

Sunday, June 24th at Ruby Carson Memorial Park in Teton, ID

4:00pm: *Finish Cut-off time.*

We will be providing snacks and beer/soda at the finish line thanks to [Barrels & Bins](#).

5:00pm: *Awards, raffle, and dinner at [Badger Creek Cafe](#).*

- The folks at Badger Creek are amazing and are opening the restaurant just for us! So please bring your

friends and family! Dinner for racers is free, but friends and family will be asked to please chip in for their meal. Bring some cash for drinks with dinner!

****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.

- Paddle Bag- when you transition to the packrafting leg, you will see your teams' paddle bag. Your team may have one paddle bag *per TEAM* (not provided by us). This bag may contain the following:
 - Packrafts
 - PFDs
 - Water for the paddle leg (Water will also be provided at the TA)
 - Any other gear or clothing 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 duffle recommended.
 - Paddles can be stored in your bag, or can be strapped together separately. Please label them.
 - **IMPORTANT:** NO Food or flavored drinks are allowed in your paddle bags!
- Transition Area Bags- One duffle or bag per person, no larger than 40L. OR, one big duffle per team, not totaling more than 40L per person. Please no bins. *Food is allowed*. You must be able to fit your bike shoes and helmet into this bag. It will become more clear what you might want to pack into this bag once we send out update #2.

A note about the Packrafting leg:

- Be prepared for fun, splashy, easy class I-II paddling! You could be paddling during the colder hours of the day, so please plan accordingly. We recommend a splash jacket and rain pants, and some extra layers stowed away in case you get cold. If you know you get cold easily, please bring extra stuff to keep yourself warm!
- You will be carrying all your paddling gear during sections of the packrafting leg! Please make sure you have a good way to carry it.

A note about the ropes challenge:

- One person on each team needs to know how to top-rope belay. If you want to brush up on your skills, we will have a practice station set up at race check-in. During the race there will be a climbing guide at the ropes site to make sure everyone is getting through the challenge safely. It is not mandatory, but isn't technical and is really fun so we hope you give it a try! Plus, it's worth good easy points!

A note about Bear Spray:

- Bear spray (and knowledge of its use) is part of your mandatory gear list, one per team. If bears make you nervous, bring two. It is also *required* that it be carried on the outside of your pack so it's easily accessible. Be prepared for a race official to ask to see your bear spray at any time. Bears are super cool and most of the time don't want anything to do with you, but our permit requires that you carry bear spray and know how to use it.
- Please note that you cannot fly in an airplane with bear spray, so plan accordingly. We have some extras to lend out – email us to reserve them.

A note about pre-race prep:

- You need to bring everything you will need for the race with you to check-in on Saturday! In order to help you be as ready as possible, we will be sending out a course outline next Saturday evening, June 16th. This will include course legs, distances, and estimated times, and at which spots you will see your paddle bag and transition bags. Saturday will fly by, so please spend some time organizing your gear well in advance! You are

welcome to come to the park anytime in the morning to work on race prep there. Potable water and bathrooms are available at the park.

Please be sure to review the updated [Gear List!](#)

This includes info on the ropes challenge as well as other important details about gear.

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. Bikes must be labeled with team number (supplies for this will be provided at check-in).
- All CPs are worth 10 points each unless otherwise specified. 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 2 points per minute for the first 20 minutes. Racers finishing more than 20 minutes late will be unranked. In otherwords, don't be late! :)
- 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!

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

