

Meet Sheet: Central Coast Section Championships
Crystal Springs, Belmont—Saturday, November 14, 2015

"The ultimate is not to win, but to reach within the depths of your capabilities and to compete against yourself to the greatest extent possible. When you do that, you have dignity. You have the pride. You can walk with character and pride no matter in what place you happen to finish."

—*Billy Mills*

- Both Boys and Girls teams have qualified for the CCS Championships, for the fifth year in a row you have earned the double qualification! That is so **cool!**
- Have a healthy dinner the night before—something that you have eaten in the past before a good race or workout! This is not the time to try something new for dinner. Get in bed early—by 10, I would guess! We want a good night's sleep (plan your homework accordingly).
- You are going to be racing in the morning, not too early. You can sleep in a little but not much. Depending on the person, it probably makes sense to get up by 7 or 8am, have a glass of water right away, and then breakfast. You want to be awake and moving around not still sleepy at 11am. Eat a breakfast that has worked for you before. For those of you that ran Varsity at Mt. SAC, or a junior or senior race at Earlybird, think about what you ate then—those races were similar times.
- Hydrate—start the day with a glass of water as soon as you wake up. Don't drink so much that you are sloshing around but you don't want to be thirsty either. The trick is to start hydrating the day before, and have a glass of water early in the morning, and your body will be well hydrated and you just need to sip off and on all day.
- **You are responsible for your own transportation to Crystal. Try to ride pool—offer to take teammates with you. It takes a bit less than 45 minutes to drive from Cupertino to Crystal.** Plan to arrive be at the park at noon, with your car parked, to have plenty of time in case traffic or parking is a problem. It's better to hang out at camp than be stressed out about being on time.
- **We hope that there are plenty of fans and supporters to join us!**
- Directions to Crystal Springs (I swiped a nice set of directions posted by St. Francis ☺) <http://apps.sfhs.com/athletics/teams/boys-x-country/DrivingDirection-CS.PDF>
- All team members in uniform will be admitted free (so team supporters wear your uniform and get in free). General admission is \$8, senior citizens are \$4, students with ASB cards (!!!) are \$4 and children under 12 (future MV runners!) are admitted for \$4.
- NO PETS and NO BICYCLES allowed.
- Don't forget your entire uniform, this includes your warm ups, and your **racing shoes** if you have them!
- Bring a dry t-shirt and other clothing—something MV and purple is good!—for after your race.
- CAMP: The usual spot at Crystal, I'm planning to get there early and set up for us.
- TAGS/BIBS: Get them from your coaches and pin them on your uniform immediately!
- WARM UP: Stick together as a team! Report to the starting line at least 10 minutes before the start of your race. Get in a few more striders so you don't cool off, but you won't need to do a whole lot if you are warm.
- STARTING BOXES: Starting boxes will be assigned randomly. Three runners line up on the front line, the remaining team members on the second line.
- WEATHER: Right now the prediction is high in the low 60s, so maybe we will have perfect weather! Bring some trash bags for wet and muddy gear.

RACE	TIME
Varsity Girls D1	11:10am
Varsity Boys D1	11:45am

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COACHES: SECTIONALS

Race day is a gift, race day is a celebration, race day is the goal and it's the payoff for all the training and all the work you have done. That is never more true than when the season starts to wind down. Embrace the day and use everything you have learned and all the training that you have put into making this race special! You know how you feel when you sit down to take a test, prepared, rested, confident that you can ace the test because you know the subject? Feel prepared, rested and confident you can ace this race! Your coaches believe in all of you, believe in yourselves!

No one needs to be a hero on Saturday...but everyone can be a hero to themselves. What I mean is, you don't have to have a miracle race to be a hero. What I hope is that you all feel like you got the best out of yourself on Saturday. That's what Billy is talking about in the quote at the top of this meet sheet. If you do your best, you should be proud! Your coaches are proud of everyone who competes to the extent that they can compete.

"I have met my hero, and he is me."

—*George Sheehan*

Everyone should:

- Come to the meet with a positive mental attitude, and share your positivity and happiness and excitement about the day with everyone around you (especially your teammates!).
- Say good luck to your teammates and at least one competitor.
- Congratulate the runners in front of you and behind you at the finish.
- Thank at least one volunteer at the meet. The CCS championship is a big undertaking, let the volunteers know that they are appreciated!
- Thank the parent who drives you to and from the race, ESPECIALLY if this is your own parent; how else would you get there?
- When you get home, please thank your parents for supporting you during the MVXC season. Please take a few minutes to tell them a couple stories about the season that are memorable to you and meant a lot, but maybe you just never mentioned the stories to your parents. What you did after school at MVXC for two hours each day is a little bit of a mystery to them, so let them know a little bit more. There are lots of parents at Monta Vista that don't let their kids participate in sports. Your parents not only let you join, the team they supported you on your journey to the Championships. Please let your parents know that you don't take their support for granted.

"It's very hard in the beginning to understand that the whole idea is not to beat the other runners. Eventually you learn that the competition is against the little voice inside you that wants you to quit."

--*George Sheehan*