# Meet Sheet: California State Meet Woodward Park, Fresno—Saturday, November 29, 2014

"It's rude to count people as you pass them. Out loud."

### **Transportation and Logistics for Friday**

Everyone is responsible for their own transportation, there are several families going down and I'm sure we can work out rides. Let me know if there are any issues and I'll help coordinate. The email tree we have started should work, too.

Here is the schedule. I'd like everyone to plan on leaving Cupertino early, no later than 10am for an arrival at Woodward Park at 1pm, where the team will get together for a shake-out run. I know that this is a holiday weekend and if you have any family commitments or other conflicts that make this an issue, please let me know, we can work something out. I would like the team to be together as much as possible but I do realize it's a holiday and we need to honor our family obligations, too. So talk to me!

We don't have to caravan the cars together, let's just all get going and meet in Fresno. Everyone (except Christina and Namrata I think) have been to Woodward Park for the Clovis Invitational or a prior state meet. We will meet up where we camped last year, which is near the start of the race course on the right.

| Time      | What                                       | Address (use GoogleMaps early and often! 🕲 )       |
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| 9am-      | Depart from Cupertino to Fresno, you       | Have a good breakfast first.                       |
| 10am      | are responsible for travel; leave early to | Bring a snack/light lunch to eat on the way.       |
|           | allow time for possible 'black Friday'     |  |
|           | traffic at Gilroy outlets!                 |  |
| ~1pm      | Arrive at Woodward Park, meet near         | Woodward Park, 7775 North Friant Road, Fresno,     |
|           | our camp site from last year (most of      | CA 93720   |
|           | you know where this is, on the right       |  |
|           | side of the barrier about 200m from the    |  |
|           | start line)                                |  |
| ~1-       | Shakeout run and stretching at             | Bring a snack to eat after and hold you to dinner. |
| 2:30pm    | Woodward Park course, buy your             | Enjoy the atmosphere of CA's best runners!         |
|           | souvenirs ©                                |  |
| ~2:30pm   | Depart for Hotel                           | Garden Inn and Suites                              |
|           |  | 4949 N. Forestiere Ave                             |
|           |  | Fresno, California 93722 (559) 277-3888            |
| 3:00-     | Check in to hotel, hang out, start the     |  |
| 4:45pm    | process of freaking out!                   |  |
| 4:45pm    | Depart hotel and drive to an 5pm           | Di Cicco's   |
| (don't be | dinner at a restaurant, that is a classic  | 2221 W Shaw Ave                                    |
| late!)    | for dinner before big races in Fresno.     | Fresno, CA 93705 (559) 221-6338                    |
|           | We are on a schedule—we have to be         |  |
|           | out of the restaurant by 6:15 for the      |  |
|           | next team having dinner there. We will     |  |
|           | have a menu in advance, please be          |  |

|         | ready to sit down and order your dinner quickly! |  |
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| ~6:30pm | Return to hotel from dinner, team                |  |
|         | meeting, relax.                                  |  |
| 11pm    | Lights out!                                      |  |

# Race Day! (Saturday)

Here is our schedule for Saturday.

| Time                 | What   | Notes  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| 8:00am               | Wake up  |  |
| 8:30am               | Breakfast  | Bring your own if you have something specific that you want. The hotel has a GREAT breakfast set up however this is not the time to try anything new. Do what has worked best for you this season! |
| 10am                 | Drive to Woodward Park (it's about 20 minutes and there can be congestion at the park entrance). | We will have set up our campsite the day before so you will know where it is.  |
| ~10:45am/<br>12:20pm | Start Warming Up   | Exactly the same way you have warmed up all season—this works for you. This is NOT the day to change anything!   |
| 11:45am              | California D1 Boys Championship Race!  |  |
| 1:20pm               | California D1 Girls Championship Race!   |  |
| After                | Head home happy!   |  |

#### **MESSAGE FROM YOUR COACHES: STATE MEET**

After another fabulous season there is not much more I can add. You are all well trained distance runners and you know what to do. It never hurts to review though...

- Get a good night's sleep on Thursday night (the whole week, really, but Thursday in particular).
- It's easy to make a mistake when packing your uniform. Get dressed like you are ready to race, from shoes and socks to hair ribbon. Rohan usually forgets his hair ribbon, for instance. Look in the mirror, are you ready to go? If yes, then take off everything and put it directly into your racing bag and you will have everything you need for a great race.
- Don't forget to pack what you want for breakfast if you don't think this will be at the hotel.
- Bring dry clothes for after, and something to wear for dinner; pack light but have all you want. Check the weather report.

## Everyone should:

- Embrace the day. This is a great experience. You earned it. Enjoy it, think about it, file your memories away for always.
- Tell your teammates how proud you are of them.
- 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.
- When you are done, stand tall, you are one of the few people that has ever competed at the California State Cross Country meet. Be proud, I am proud of you. Embrace your teammates, thank your parents, and think about what you have accomplished. You are amazing.

