

2026 Highlander Cross Country Invitational



DATE: Saturday, October 17, 2026

SITE: UCR Agricultural Operations Course

RACE TIME: 8:00am: Men's 8,000m Invitational
8:40am: Women's 6000m Invitational
9:10am: Men's 8000m Open
9:50am: Women's 6000m Open

COURSE: The UC Riverside course is mostly flat with a few rolling hills, and hard packed dirt with pre-competition watering to reduce dust. It is run through agricultural operations center which features 100-year-old citrus trees.

PARTICIPANT ENTRY FEE: **\$900** - Combined Team (men and women)
\$450 - Per Gender (men only or women only.)
\$50 - Individual/unattached entry (*for individual athletes or teams w/ less than 5 athletes*)

Teams & Individuals must pay online on [Athletic.net](https://www.athletic.net)

ENTRIES: **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED & PAID FOR AT <https://www.athletic.net> BY 6PM MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
All scoring teams (5 athletes or more) must pay the team rate. No more than 20 will be allowed to run per team.

Unattached athletes: must enter and pay online.

AWARDS: There will be an award for the team champion in each of the 2 races.

CHECK-IN: **Teams/Clubs:** All teams must check-in and pick-up race numbers no later than 30 minutes before their event. Numbers will be available by 7:00am on race day at the [check-in table adjacent to the finish chute](#). Please do not give an unused number to another athlete. Each number is pre-assigned to an individual by the timer.

Unattached Athletes: You will need to park in Lot 30 – Show proof of registration (screenshot) at the gate for entry. Check-in and pick-up race numbers no later than 30 minutes before their event. Numbers will be available by 7:00am on race day at the [check-in table adjacent to the finish chute](#).

TEAM SCORING: The races will be scored according to NCAA Division I scoring guidelines.

TIMING/RESULTS: Results will be available online at www.finishedresults.com, or on the Finished Results app for iPhone or Android.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION: **[Tickets](#)**
Tickets only available for online purchase. There will be no sales at the entrance gate.
Ticket Questions: highlandertickets@ucr.edu
Spectator access begins at 7:00am and representatives will be on site to answer questions.
\$12 – General Admission
FREE – Children under age 3 and UCR Undergraduate students with a current UCR ID

COURSE AVAILABILITY: The Cross Country course will be open for team preview on Friday, October 13th from 2pm-5pm and on meet day beginning at 6:30am.

DIRECTIONS/PARKING: From the 215/60 freeway, exit Martin Luther King Boulevard and go west. Turn left at the Canyon Crest Drive traffic light and travel approximately 300 meters to the course entrance (across from Saint Andrew's church). Please check in with gate personnel upon arrival for instructions.

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Team Vans:	<u>LIMIT 1 vehicles per INSTITUTION. All additional team vehicles will need to park in Lot 30. This update is an attempt to maintain good relations with the agricultural operations staff by limiting vehicle acces.</u>
Team Buses:	Team Bus drop off will be in UCR Lot 30. Buses may NOT drop off at the entrance on Canyon Crest Drive due to recently installed bike lane delineators. Buses will stay in Lot 30 for duration of the meet.
Spectators:	General parking IS NOT available in Agricultural Operations or on nearby neighborhood streets. From the 215/60 freeway, exit Martin Luther King and go west. Pass through the Canyon Crest Driver traffic light and make a right into UCR Lot 30. Parking in Lot 30 is FREE on weekends and no permit is required. Persons with disabilities that have designated license plates or placards may follow the Team Vans directions above to park at the course.
FACILITIES/TEAM CAMP:	Team camp will be located near the start/finish area located by the Hammer Cage . Portable restrooms will be available in the same area. The pavilion area across from the course is reserved for spectators only and will have portable restrooms available. There are NO dressing or shower facilities on site.
CONTACT INFO:	For further information, please visit our Visitor's Guide located on our website or contact Eric Fremd (eric.fremd@ucr.edu).

PREFERRED HOTELS

Hampton Inn Riverside Downtown
3505 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501
Contact – Jennifer Ortega
jennifer.ortega@greens.com
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/raldohx-hampton-riverside-downtown/>
(951) 788-5000

Quality Inn Riverside
1590 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507
Contact – Mohammad Haque
mhaque@qualityinnriverside.com
<https://www.qualityinnriverside.com>
(951) 683-6000

RESTAURANT PARTNERS

<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>
Chick Fil A		951-300-2029	3640 Central Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506
Flame Broiler	Clare Chung	951-228-9303	1201 University Avenue #109A, Riverside, CA 92507
In-N-Out Burger			7467 Indiana Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504
Old Spaghetti Factory	Ryan Durrett	909-784-4417	3191 Mission Inn Ave Riverside, CA 92507