

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY
"Back to the Nature Preserve" Invitational

- Date: Friday, September 1, 2017
- Races Times: Women's 5k race @ 6:00 p.m.
Men's 6k race @ 6:45 p.m.
- Entry Fee: One hundred fifty (\$150) will cover both teams, men & women, to help defray costs of Porta Johns and t-shirts. Cash or checks payable to Bluffton University. Please pay day of race when picking up race packet.
- Entries Due: No later than Monday, August 28th by noon. Please send a men's and a women's roster, with class level, in an Excel document to Coach Jared Krout at kroutj@bluffton.edu.
- Awards: T-shirts to the top 15 finishers in each race.
- Bib #: Bib # with pull tab on the front; 4 pins provided; no pins in the pull tab please.
- Scoring: Hy-Tek scoring/results. No chips; advise your athletes to carefully adhere to this procedure. As each athlete enters the chute, their bib # will be recorded. They will move to the next person where their tab will be removed and placed in order on a hanger. Please stress to your athletes to do both steps of this process before they leave the chute or they will not appear in the results.
- Results: Results will be available as soon as possible following the meet; results will be forwarded to your school's SID.
- Sports
Medicine: Athletic trainers will be positioned at the finish area to assist distressed runners. Ice water and injury ice will be available.
- Course: Bluffton University Nature Preserve off Augsburger Road. The course is a combination of grass paths, wooded trails and dirt roads. Miles will be marked and splits read. A lead vehicle will be used; a distress vehicle will follow. Course will be marshaled as well as directionally flagged (Red flag = left turn; Yellow flag = right turn; Blue flag = straight ahead). Footing is characterized as demanding. 3/8" to 1/2" spikes are recommended. There are no hills, gentle rises at best, and no pavement crossings. Porta Johns and team tent set-up near the starting area.
- Parking: Parking is NOT available inside the Preserve. You may drop your runners/tents at the entrance to the Preserve (only a short walk to the start line/tent area) then park in college lots. The dirt road is used as part of the course; parking at the small lot along the road would cause congestion; additionally there is no ease of maneuverability for charter buses as some drivers have discovered who have not followed our instructions.