

Spring Fury Beginner/Intermediate Adventure Race Update #1
3/19/08

Greetings Racers!

This is the first update for the 2008 Spring Fury Adventure Race. You can expect a second update prior to the race with additional and final details. Please be sure all your teammates have received this. It is also available as a PDF file on the website: <http://www.infiterrasports.com/08fury.htm>

We encourage all of you to visit our message board <http://www.infiterrasports.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=12> to check out the FAQ section and other discussions. Please feel free to post any questions you have on our message board for all to see or you may contact us via e-mail.

Also, please read this, all subsequent updates, and main Fury page thoroughly to be sure you have all the information you need. The basic information and general description of the Spring Fury is located on the [Fury Page](#) of our website.

The race day timeline is as follows:

Sunday April 13th, 2008

Registration: 5:00am to 6:30am

Race Briefing: 6:45am

Race Start: 8:00am

Race Cutoff: 4:00pm

Post Race Food with Prizes: 4:15pm

Sponsors at the Race: REI will again have a tent set up on site. There is also a good chance reps from Salomon, Suunto and potentially other sponsors will be in attendance. Make sure to stop by and say hello!

Registration/Race Start:

The start and finish will take place at the Long Lake Outdoor Center in Yankee Springs State Park. For a park map visit http://www.michigandnr.com/Publications/PDFS/RecreationCamping/yankee_springs_map.pdf

You should arrive at check-in by 6:00am at the latest in order to have everyone through registration so the briefing can begin on time. You need to arrive at registration with all your teammates and go through the process together.

If you are bringing your own canoe/kayak, there will be a boat drop. It is not a long distance from the check in location, so just bring it with you on race morning and you will get more information there.

You will need either a day pass or an annual Michigan State Parks sticker for your vehicle. Day passes will be available for \$6 if you are a Michigan Resident or \$8 if you are out of state.

Please be sure that if you are a minor and will be racing that you have a parent or guardian with you. You may also arrange for your parent or guardian to have

signed the waiver and then just bring that to the race. To get such a waiver contact Zac@infiterrasports.com.

Accommodations:

The Long Lake Outdoor Center has many cabin options. All the cabin options are rustic. Meaning there are no bathrooms, water facilities, or electricity in the cabins. The cabins do have heat should it be cold. All the cabins (and the campers) will share a common bath house that has modern showers and toilets. Visit <http://www.infiterrasports.com/pdf/longlakemap.pdf> for a layout map for the cabins and the outdoor center. All camping options are in the north end of the field area noted as the “event green” on the layout map. All camping is essentially pitching a tent in the open field area. Location is on first come first serve basis. There are no designated camp sites.

All onsite accommodations for the event weekend are handled through Infitererra Sports, not through the Long Lake Outdoor Center. To make a reservation for either a cabin or a camping location, please contact [Luke](mailto:Luke@infiterrasports.com) – luke@infiterrasports.com to see what is still available. Payment options will be arranged when you contact Luke. Cabins will be rented out on a first come first serve basis.

Complete listing of onsite Options are:

- » **Camping Charge:** \$20 per night per tent, \$30 for two nights per tent.
- » **Cabin Charges:**
 - » 16 small one room cabins noted as the [Lake & Hill cabins](#) on the map, 2-4 people - \$45.00 per night
 - » [Roadhouse cabin](#) - accommodates 12 people - \$80.00 per night. Get a group of teams together and rent this one out.
 - » [Stage house cabin](#) - accommodates 8 people - \$65.00 per night. Get a group of teams together and rent this one out.
 - » [Mansion cabin](#) - accommodates 20 people – This will be an “open” bunkhouse. You can rent a bed in it for \$15.00 per night.

Don't wait as many of these options are filling up quickly. Contact [Luke](mailto:Luke@infiterrasports.com) to make your reservation today!

Paddling:

If you are racing as a two or four person team, you **must** use a canoe. (Kayak paddles are fine to use with a canoe.) Infitererra Sports is handling the boat rental for this race. The option to rent a canoe was provided as you registered for this race. If something has changed and you did not reserve a canoe, but now need to, please contact Zac (zac@infiterrasports.com) immediately. Rental fee is \$30 per canoe. If you are bringing your own canoe, please remember to check the

equipment rules <http://www.infiterrasports.com/articles.htm#15> to make sure your canoe meets requirements. Basically, we are just outlawing true racing canoes.

Kayaks are permitted for solo racers only. Solo racers will be allowed to bring their own kayak as long as it meets certain requirements. The basic requirements for a kayak are that it be a closed cockpit, not inflatable, and not a sit-on-top. Standard sea kayaks, usually around 12-17 feet, with closed cockpits are fine. Check with race staff if you still have questions about your boat being acceptable. As with canoes, rental kayaks are being handled through Infiterra Sports. Kayak rental fee is \$25.

Two person teams will paddle in one canoe, while four person teams will paddle in two canoes. Total paddling will be between 4 and 8 miles.

Trekking/Orienteering:

The trekking for this race will take place in an area with some briars and thorny bushes. There will also be a good chance of going through some marshes and wet ground; although full on water crossings are not planned. You can be sure to find lots of off trail sections and opportunities to get partially wet. Trekking distance will range anywhere from 4 to 10 miles depending on chosen routes and amount of the course completed. All maps will be standard 1:24,000 USGS based and pre-marked (**no** UTM plotting).

Biking:

Biking will take place on a combination of roads (various surface types) and trails. There is some good single track, but you must also be ready for some miles. Total distance will hit between 10 and 15 miles.

Ropes:

Unfortunately, there will not be a fixed ropes section in this race.

Gear List:

The gear list for the Spring Fury was updated on 2/21/08. Please make sure you have gone through the list recently. There will be gear checks in the race.

Registered Teams List:

We have posted a registered teams list on the website, so check it to make sure your team is listed properly. Also listed on the teams list is your shirt sizes and canoe option. If your team's information is not listed correctly, please email Zac with that corrected info. We need to have correct information by 4/5/08!

If you should have questions, please pass them on to Zac@infiterrasports.com.

Good Luck!

Infiterra Sports Race Staff