



Greetings Rage Racers:

This is the first racer update for the 2008 Adventure Rage 30 hour Race. We hope that all of you are as excited as we are about the 7th running of the Rage. Please take the time to read ALL the information below and share it with your teammates. The last items in this update deal with some exciting leaderboard coverage and the NEW option to have live GPS tracking for this race. Be sure to check it out!

We have made every effort to design another great racecourse that will be both challenging for elite teams and attainable by less experienced, well-prepared racers. The 2008 Adventure Rage promises to be a challenging, exciting race set in some of the most beautiful scenery in Michigan. We hope you are prepared and ready to enjoy this race!!! Can you handle the RAGE!!!

Registration & Gear Check:

Thursday July 10th - 6:00pm to Midnight located in a conference room at Caberfae Peaks Resort. Please allow at least one hour for your team to go through gear check and registration. Your support crew does not need to be present for gear check, but it is recommended. We encourage all teams to try and make the Thursday night check in, but if you absolutely need some special arrangements for Friday morning check in, please contact us.

Map Handout:

Course maps and UTM points will be given out to teams when they complete racer check-in. This will allow teams to get a jump on plotting points and encourage early arrivals. We do not want teams going through these maps at the briefing though. It will be too cumbersome and distracting while we are discussing the course to have everyone going through multiple large maps.

Mandatory Race Briefing:

Friday July 11th - 8:30am, located in the Blackmore Lodge at Caberfae Peaks Resort. Instructions will be handed out at the Race Briefing. ALL RACERS MUST ATTEND! It is recommended that support crew attend the briefing, but not mandatory.

Race Start:

Friday July 11th - 1:00pm, Undisclosed Location.

Location & Directions:

The Resort is conveniently located just off M-55 about 20 miles west of Cadillac. Access via I-75 or the US 131 artery can be accomplished from Chicago and most Michigan cities and towns within a half-days travel. Visit www.caberfaepeaks.com/ for more directions and information.

Caberfae Peaks Resort
Caberfae Road
Cadillac, MI 49601

The race will start at an undisclosed location. All post race activities, including lots of food and the awards, will take place at the Blackmore Lodge at Caberfae Peaks Resort.

Accommodations:

The closest and easiest place to stay will be right at Caberfae Peaks Resort. Call 231-862-3000 for reservations. Special room rates for racers have been quoted to Infiterra as follows:

- Special rate for staying all three nights (July 10, 11, & 12) is \$149 per room plus tax with a maximum of 4 per room.
- Rate for one room per night is \$69 per night plus tax of single or double occupancy, \$74 for triple occupancy, and \$79 for quadruple occupancy.
- Racers should let the resort know they are with Infiterra Sports Adventure Rage when they call to make reservations to get these special room rates.

The best place to camp is at the Pine River Paddlesports campground located about 8 miles from the resort. Visit www.thepineriver.com or call 231-862-3471 for details and directions.

Pre Race Breakfast:

Caberfae Peaks Resort will be providing a perfect pre-race buffet breakfast on Friday morning from 7:00am to 9:00am in conjunction with the pre-race briefing. This breakfast will be served right at the Blackmore Lodge and is free to all racers and support crews. More information on this breakfast to come in the next update.

Post Race Banquet and Awards Ceremony:

Caberfae Peaks Resort will be providing a great post race banquet. The food will be served at 7:30pm Saturday evening and is free to all racers and support crew. The Banquet will take place at the Blackmore Lodge at Caberfae Peaks Resort and will also include the awards ceremony for the event.

Post-Race Banquet Headcount:

The banquet is going to be great! We hope and assume that all racers and support crew will be sticking around for the food and festivities. However, if you know for certain now that you will leave as soon as your race is done, please contact Luke – luke@infiterrasports.com so that we know not to count you in for the banquet. The food will be served promptly at 7:30pm on Saturday. We hope this helps encourage you all to stay and have some fun. We would hate to let food and drink go to waste. This banquet is included in the cost of your race.

Maps:

Standard USGS based with a scale of 1:24,000. You will have to plot the control points using the UTM grid system for many points, but you will also receive some pre-plotted maps as well. You may also receive other supplemental trail or information maps for this race. You may only use provided maps on the race course. No outside maps are allowed on the course. Following the briefing, teams will be allowed to stay at the Blackmore Lodge for a couple of hours to use the tables for map preparation.

Paddle:

All boats are provided for this race. Teams will be paddling 25-35 miles depending on their routes. Teams should expect some beautiful river paddling as one of the highlights of the course. Canoes are provided for teams, 1 canoe for 2 person teams and 2 canoes for 4 person teams. Kayaks will be provided for solos. Standard livery paddles and PFDs are available. You may opt to bring your own PFDs and paddles, either standard or kayak paddles. Be prepared for fast moving water as well as still water paddling and also be ready for a twist ☺

Trekking / Orienteering:

You should expect anything from dense brush to open forest to low wetlands. Trekking will be on roads, trails, and significant sections of off trail bush whacking. Navigation will be key. Mileage will be in the range of 15-25 miles. And you can expect at least one segment of more detailed orienteering in which teams will be in search of unmanned orienteering flags with a punch. There will also be at least one section of our standard Score-O style section in which teams can obtain points in any order and may not be required to get all the checkpoints.

Mountain Bike:

Biking mileage will be in the 50-65 mile range. Biking will be on all road types including some awesome single track riding. Be prepared for some great rides although some northern Michigan sand is inevitable, but we'll do our best to keep the sand down. You should have good working bike lights and a good backup headlamp if your bike light batteries should fail. Some significant biking is expected at night.

Fixed Ropes:

Unfortunately there will not be a ropes section in this race. You will not need any of the mandatory gear required for a fixed rope section.

Mandatory Gear:

The Mandatory Gear list is posted on our website. Be sure to review it thoroughly and be prepared for a full gear check before the race and for spot gear checks during the race.

Unsupported option:

There is a limited unsupported option. The cost is \$35/person. Each person is allowed a 24gallon bin (standard action packer size or approximate equivalent) plus one additional bin of same size per team, i.e. 3 bins for a 2 person team and 5 bins for a 4 person team. Paddles and PFDs do not need to fit in bins. We will provide water for unsupported teams.

Support Vehicle:

Limited rough roads may be encountered for the support vehicle. Cars and RV's are NOT advised, but could work if you have skilled driver. Race staff recommends that trucks and SUV be used for the support vehicle if possible.

Support Crew Briefing:

There will be a mandatory briefing for all support personnel immediately following the race start at the race start location. This will be a 15 minute meeting to ensure all support personnel understand what they need to do and how to get from place to place.

Race Cut-Off:

The race cut-off time will be 7:00pm Saturday for all racers. We feel confident that 30 hours should allow everyone time to finish this great course. We will, however, leave the course open until 7:30pm to allow racers who are almost there time to finish. They would be unranked, but they can still have the satisfaction of completing the course. After 7:30pm, any racers still on the course will be pulled off the course.

Water at TA's:

You should not rely on water being provided at TAs. That means that support crew will need to arrive at TAs with the water you team will need for the next section of the race.

Race Communication / Cell Phone Coverage:

Cell phone service in the Caberfae area is mixed. Most areas are fine or at the very least you can travel ½ mile and pick up a signal. This is a 30 hour race in some remote area at times be without any communication to the outside world. If a serious incident should occur, your team needs to be prepared to deal accordingly until they can reach an area that will allow communication with race staff or 911 to alert local authorities. You must be prepared and understand the risk of not having communication just as anyone that would travel in these remote areas.

Infiterra Sports Race Rules:

Infiterra Sports has gone through extensive work to create what feel are some of the most comprehensive rules in adventure racing. Some slight revisions have been made to these rules in 2007. To ensure all teams are aware of our policies and rules, a PDF copy of them has been sent in the e-mail with this update. Please take the time to look them over so you are fully aware should there be any issues come race day.

Race Leaderboard & Coverage:

Infiterra Sports is happy to be using the CheckPoint Tracker Leaderboard system to provide live coverage of the 2008 Adventure Race. The leaderboard is already acting as a team list. Be sure to tell your friends and family they will be able to follow the race live! Other great features of the CheckPoint Tracker software include: the competitor map, shout box, and the course overview. Visit www.checkpointtracker.com



GPS Tracking:

In conjunction with Checkpoint Tracker and TrackMe360 we are happy to offer the option of GPS tracking. As an option for your team, you can rent a SPOT GPS transmitter unit through Infiterra Sports for use during the race. The technology is being integrated into the Checkpoint Tracker leaderboard and has now been used at two events. This added feature will allow your friends and family to better see your progress on the course. The SPOT GPS tracking combined with the information on the leaderboard and the blog should make a for a fan friendly experience.

The rental fee for the SPOT unit for this race is \$35.00. If your team would like to take advantage of this option, please e-mail Luke – luke@infiterrasports.com and he will provide details and get you additional information.

Unfortunately if you already own a SPOT device, you can not use it. Because of the way the tracking is integrated at this time, we must use devices with serial numbers registered through TrackMe360.

This should be a really fun and interesting use of the leaderboard with the tracking. We hope that many teams try out this opportunity. We also highly encourage solo's to rent one as it will be an additional safety device that can be used to call for help should something happen in an area without cell phone coverage.

Close

Hopefully everyone is looking forward to the race as much as we are. Be sure to follow the message board, as any new news will be sure to get there first. We have taken great care to make this update as inclusive as possible. Due to that, we do not anticipate another race update until we get much closer to the race.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Good Luck & Happy Racing!

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