

Saddleback Marathon

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3 Week Countdown!



Not familiar with the area?

There's lots to see out here (too much to list) as the race is on a mountain between 2 large California counties, Riverside and Orange.

In Riverside County:

10 miles from Blue Jay Campground:

[Lake Elsinore](#)

21 miles:

[Canyon Lake](#)

In Orange County:

25 miles from Blue Jay Campground:

[Mission San Juan Capistrano](#)

[Los Rios Historic District](#)

30 miles:

[Dana Point Harbor](#)

It is not a quick drive up the mountain. Please drive with caution and allow plenty of time to arrive at the campground safely Saturday morning.




Just 3 more weeks! There's a good chance we'll see a cool down trend in the weather as we head into November. Cooler weather always means less gnats, which is always a wonderful thing (though less protein for the run!)

Even with a cool down trend, be sure to keep hydrated during the race. Some of the trails are quite exposed, especially as you head down toward the Candy Store. If you think this race will take you longer than 4 ½ hours to finish, we highly recommend a hydration pack, as opposed to handhelds, so that you have enough fluids to last the longer stretches between aid.



Embrace the Gnats!

Race Day Raffle

We have a few items to raffle for this race. We've got an Elite  Sports Gym Duffle Bag and more! We'll hold the raffle while you're off running through the mountains. Winners will be able to pick up their prize after they cross the finish line.

Athlete looking for a Host

Anderson Kipyator Chepkwony is trying to travel here to run the Saddleback Marathon. But he is looking for assistance and has humbly requested that we post a few words on his behalf.



Anderson is a humble man, a father of four, and a lifelong athlete. He will be travelling from Njoro, a rural town a little over 10 miles south west of Nakuru, Kenya. To help offset some of the costs entailed from training around the world, he is looking for a family or individual who is able to host his short visit here. Anderson is also currently raising money for his flight but is still shy around a hundred dollars and would be very grateful for any donations, no matter how small, to help finalize that.

If you'd like to talk more with Anderson, please email us at info@otrraces.com and we can give you his contact information. Thank you in advance!