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Greetings Blue Moon Trail Run Series participants and supporters,

It was great to see all of you last month at the series kickoff. As we prepare for the second leg this coming Friday, here are a few items to pass along:

- After a much wetter than usual May to mid-June, which has greened up the city, reduced fire risk and propagated the growth of native flowers, amongst other benefits, the more typical weather patterns is set to return on race day, with a forecast of 79 degrees, partly cloudy and only a 10% chance of storms. But this is Colorado and should a sudden shift in weather occur that may feature wind, hail and/or lightning, we may need to impose a delay until it is considered safe to return. Listen for the sounding of an airhorn, which signals first a delay and then a 15-minute warning of the return to activity. Safe passage in your personal vehicle or under the park pavilion is advised in this situation. If unable to safely return due to conditions or darkness, the series will be based on the first and third races in May and July.
- Bib pickup and race day registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Piñon Valley Park pavilion. Kids races are first and will run concurrently at 5:30 p.m., with the ¼ mile and ½ mile distances running north in a clockwise loop and the 1.3 mile trail run heading south along the 5K course. There is no fee to participate but day of registration is required. This will be followed by the 8K trail run at 6 p.m. and 5K trail run at 6:15 p.m.
- The 5K course will be the same course as last month. The 8K course includes the 5K course and then a new second, smaller loop within Ute Valley Park which can be found on the race site or here: <https://www.mapmyrun.com/workout/7221886528>. The course will be marked with orange flagging along the 5K route and green flagging along the 8K loop.

Marshals will along the course in critical turn areas to guide you. Water stations will be placed atop the service road at M0.25/M2.9/M4.75 and at the Ute Valley trailhead along Vindicator Drive at M1.8.

- Race results can be found on the Pikes Peak Road Runners site ([www.pprun.org](http://www.pprun.org)).
- Online registration closes 5 p.m. Wednesday. Thursday 10 a.m.-Friday noon onsite registration is available at Meadows Park Community Center, 1943 S El Paso Avenue 80905. Day of registration (additional \$15) again is at the Piñon Valley Park pavilion beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- All competitors will be treated to a post-race meal featuring Raising Cane's, root beer floats featuring product from Bristol Brewing Company, salads, fruits and infused water.
- Awards will be provided to all kids race finishers and to first place winners in the men's and women's 5K and 8K. Overall, age group and finisher awards for all who complete the full series will be provided following the final races on July 28.
- All race and performance information, including FAQ's and course maps can be found at the race website: [www.coloradosprings.gov/bluemoon](http://www.coloradosprings.gov/bluemoon).

We look forward to seeing you Friday and thank you for supporting your Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. Be happy and be well!

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