# 2026 Border Battle Volunteer Information

Dear Volunteers,

On behalf of the entire Border Battle Committee, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude for your commitment to the 2026 Border Battle Cross Country Meet. This event has grown into a significant regional competition, and quite simply, we could not put on a meet of this magnitude without your selfless help and dedication.

Whether you are managing the starting line, ensuring athlete safety on the course, or assisting with awards and transportation, your presence is what makes this experience memorable for the thousands of runners and coaches who join us at Lincoln Park. Your contributions are the backbone of this event, and we truly appreciate the time you are taking to support our student-athletes.

To ensure a smooth and successful meet, we have detailed your specific roles and locations in the sections below. Please review the following maps, which highlight exactly where you are assigned to work during the competition.

Thank you again for being a vital part of the 2026 Border Battle!

Sincerely,

Grand Forks Central and Red River Cross Country Coaches

# 2026 Border Battle Schedule

## Friday

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| 3:00 PM | Course Opens for Team Preview |
| | Registration Tent Open |
| | T- Shirt pick up Available |
| 7:00 PM | Course Closes |

## Saturday

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|---|---|
| 8:30 AM | Team Buses - arrive - unload at Location #1 |
| 9:45 AM | Elementary Mile |
| 10:10 AM | 6th Boys 1 mile, Unlimited |
| 10:25 AM | 6th Girls, 1 mile, Unlimited |
| 10:40 AM | FCA Runners Huddle - At the Starting Line |
| 10:55 AM | National Anthem |
| 10:55 AM | Lower loop closes - Team buses unload at Location #2 - See BB site map |
| 11:00 AM | Introduction of Honorary Starter |
| 11:10 AM | 7th 3k Boys, Unlimited |
| 11:30 AM | 7th 3k Girls, Unlimited |
| 11:50 AM | 8th 3k Boys, Unlimited |
| 12:10 PM | 8th 3k Girls, Unlimited |
| 12:30 PM | Varsity Boys A 5K, 7 runners |
| 12:55 PM | Varsity Boys AA 5K, 7 runners |
| 1:20 PM | Varsity Girls A 5K, 7 runners |
| 1:50 PM | Varsity Girls AA 5K, 7 runners |
| 2:20 PM | JV Boys 5K - Section 1, Unlimited |
| 2:50 PM | JV Boys 5K - Section 2, Unlimited |
| 3:20 PM | JV Girls 5k - Section 1, Unlimited |
| 3:50 PM | JV Girls 5K- Section 2, Unlimited |
| 4:20 PM | Community 3k Race |
| 4:20 PM | Lower Loop opens for Team Buses |

7th & 8th Grade Races: Team scoring will use top 3 runners from each team

All boys and girls JV resutls will be merged for awards. The only difference in sections is the start time.

**2026**

## Border Battle Committee

**Leaders Arrive 7:30 am Saturday**

| | | | |
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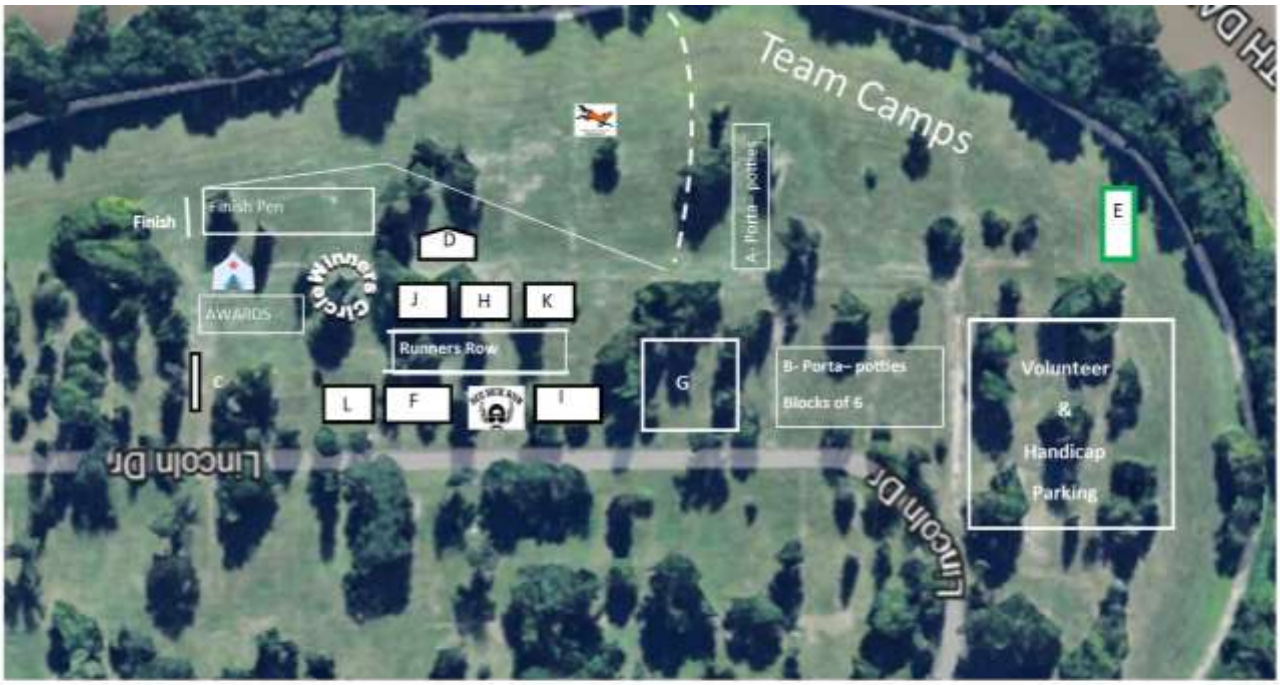
| **Meet Manager** | Sean Allan | 218-779-6541 | Contacting Coaches, Media, Meet Organization, Sponsorships |
| **Registration Manager/Swag** | Richard Dafoe | 701-213-7017 | Athletic.net registration, Swag, Winning Shirts, SDR |
| **GFPS Athletic Director** | Mike Biermaier | 218-689-0002 | Shuttles, Tickets, Forms |
| **GFPS AD Assistant** | Lexy Lee | | POs, Ticket, Volunteer Food |
| **GFC Athletic Director** | Tony Bina | 701-741-9266 | Transportation - Buses |
| **RR Athletic Director** | Tyler Nelson | 701-213-1030 | |
| **Volunteer Coordinator** | Sean Allan | 218-779-6541 | Volunteer Recruitment, Check in, Event Tent |
| **Starting Line - Area Leader** | Kyle Rosseau | 218-230-9823 | Friday: Set up - Starting line & Finish line |
| **Finish Line - Area Leader** | Kyle Rosseau | 218-230-9823 | Saturday: In charge of Finish Pen |
| **Course - Area Leader** | Robert Waddle | 701-790-7465 | Flagging, Location of workers |
| **Awards/Graphics - Area Leader** | Nicole Kopff | 406-390-0507 | Winner Circle, Awards, Prairie Info, Graphics/Logo (Signs) |
| **Altru Leader** | Jeff Bjerke | 218-791-8935 | |
| **Bake Sale/Runners Row** | Betty Allan | 218-779-3619 | Location of Sponsorship tents, Vendors |




## Site Map

A. Athlete porta- potties—10
B. Fan porta—potties— Groups of 6
C. Awards Board
D. Event Tent—Volunteer & Coaches check-in
E. UND Drone command
F. Bake Sale—RV
G. Food Truck Area
H. Ihry Insurance
I. New Balance
J. The Vertebre Clinic
K. Bio Girls
L. 463 Foundation

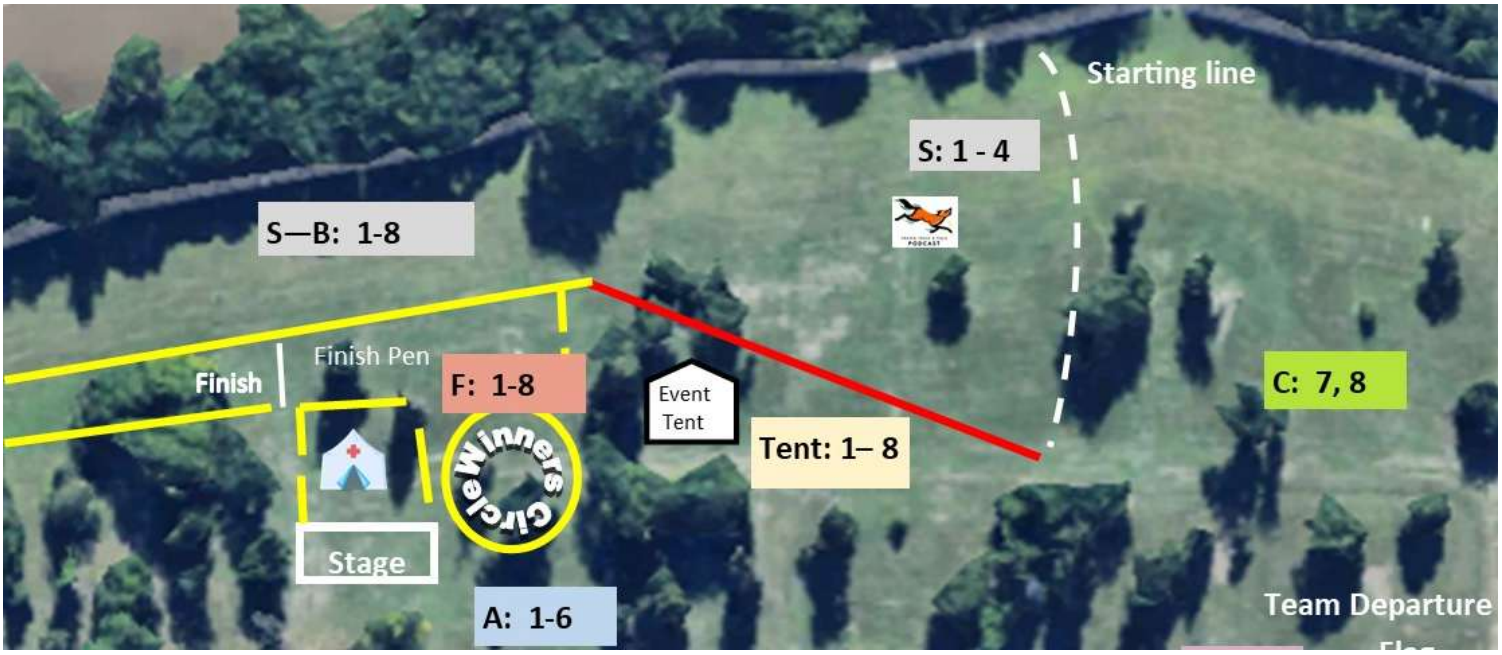
When you first Arrive please check in at the Volunteer Tent, the workers there will help you find the location you are working and who your lead coordinator is for the meet.

The following pages are separated by location you maybe volunteering at: Event Tent, Starting Line, Finish Line, Awards, Transportation, or Course. Next to your name you will see a **Volunteer code letter and number**. **That volunteer code corresponds to your location on the maps included in this program.**

Lunch will be brought to your location. If you need a break, need to leave or any issues during the meet, please contact your lead person for your area.:

| Location | Lead | Cell Number |
|---|---|---|
| **Event Tent** | **Lindy Lee** | **701-269-8642** |
| **Start** | **Kyle Rosseau** | **218-230-9823** |
| **Finish** | **Kyle Rosseau** | **218-230-9823** |
| **Awards** | **Nicole Kopff** | **406-390-0507** |
| **Transportation** | **Tony Bina** | **701-741-9266** |
| | **Chris Dunnigan** | **701-741-1763** |
| **Course** | **Robert Waddle** | **701-290-7465** |

| Volunteer Code # | Starting line | | Arrive 9:00 am |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lead - S/F | **Area Leader/Set-up Friday** | Kyle Rosseau | Set up: Paddles, flagging, fencing, Feather Flags, Signage |
| Start | **Announcer** | Cameron Roehl | Introduces teams - Praire Track & Field Podcast |
| S 1 | **Area Leader/Set-up Saturday** | Adam Arnold | Teams- Lanes. Collect lane Paddles |
| S 2 | **Starter** | Sarah Boese | |
| S 3 | **Starting line - Clear** | Stacey Cokeley | 5 mins before race - clear coaches/fans behind fence |
| S 4 | **Starting line - Helper** | Ryah Hogberg | Check Athlete Port-a -potties, Help Manger - Clear, Prairie Pod Cast/Starter |
| S-B 1 | **Biker - Clearing** | Zach Martin | Ride in front of leaders - Push fans back |
| S-B 2 | **Biker - Clearing** | Nate Anderson | Ride in front of leaders - Push fans back |
| S-B 3 | **Biker - Leader** | Rory Biel | Lead races - rotate |
| S-B 4 | **Biker - Leader** | Logan (Bike Ski/Bike Shop) | Lead races - rotate |
| S-B 5 | **Biker - Leader** | Bike- Ski/Bike Shop | Lead races - rotate |
| S-B 6 | **Biker - Sweeper** | Aidan Fiala | Follow last place - ability to call for medical help |
| S-B 7 | **Biker - Sweeper** | Cal Ihry | Follow last place - ability to call for medical help |
| S-B 8 | **Biker - Sweeper** | Kieran Dale | Follow last place - ability to call for medical help |



| Volunteer Code | # | Finish Line | | Arrive 9:30 am |
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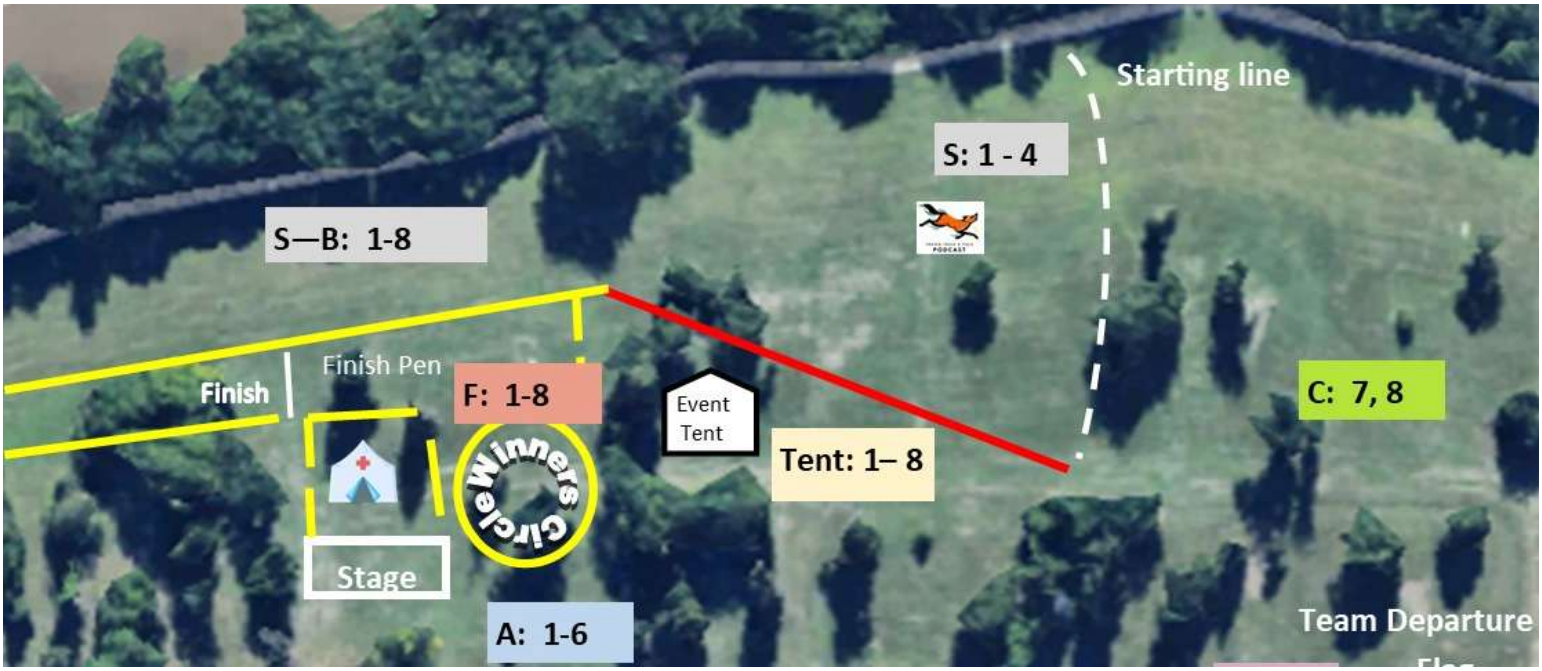
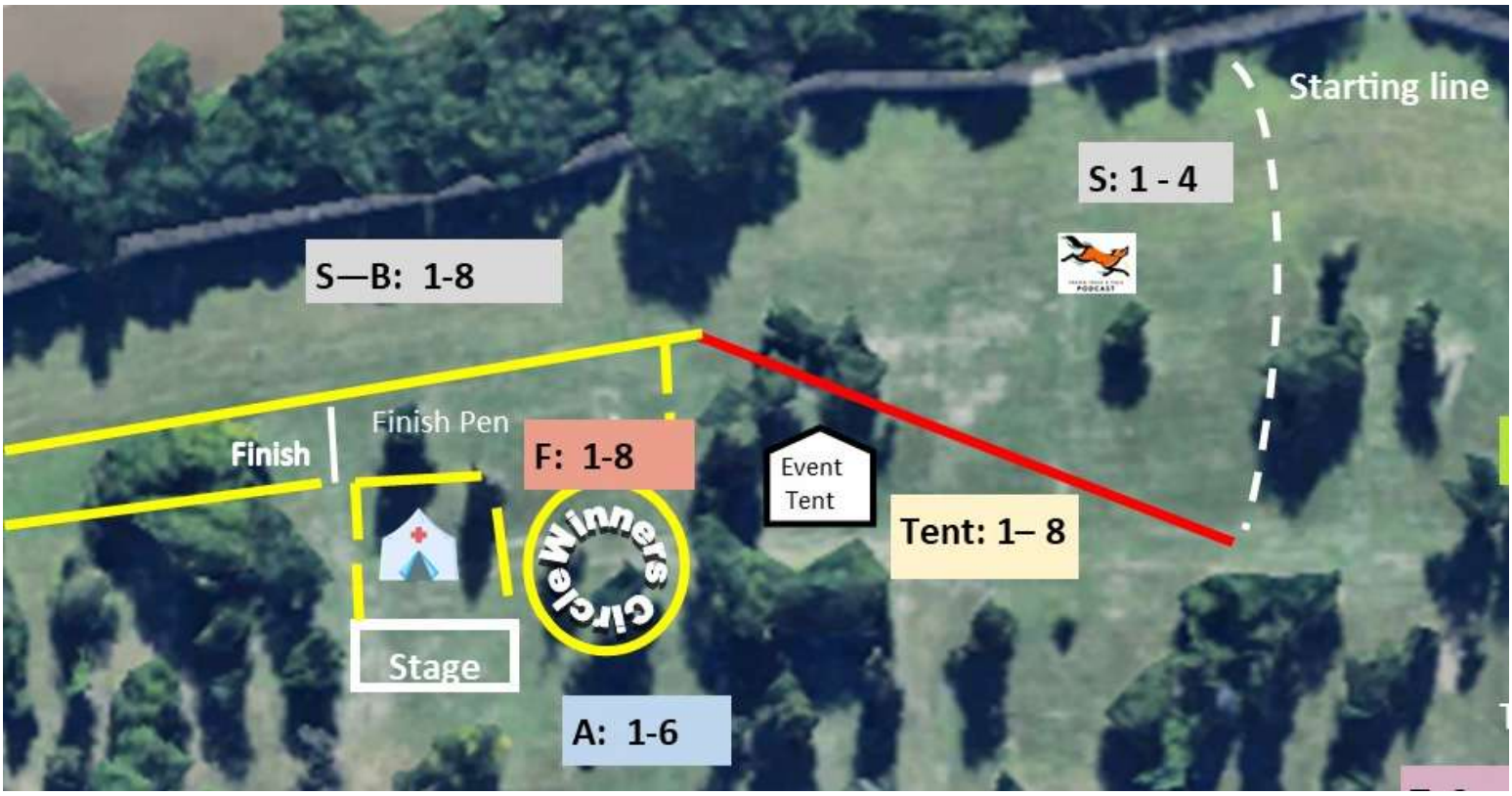
| Lead - SF | | **Area Leader** | Kyle Rosseau | |
| F | 1 | **Movers** | Jeff Kniert | Driver in transportation, before races |
| F | 2 | **Movers** | Rachel Hellyer | |
| F | 3 | **Movers** | Courtney Kniert | |
| F | 4 | **Movers** | Deb Dunham | |
| F | 5 | **Movers** | Eric Sondag | |
| F | 6 | **Movers** | Cindy Sondag | |
| F | 7 | **Fill Water/Mover** | Laura Mason | |
| F | 8 | **Fill Water/Mover** | Richie Osborn | |
| F | 9 | **FIll Water/Mover** | Stella P | |



| Volunteer Code | # | Awards | | Arrive 9:00 am |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lead - A | | **Area Leader** | Nicole Kopff | |
| A | 1 | **Winners Circle** | Princess Kenmore<br>Kathryn Kilzer | Gets the top 20 athletes into winner's circle. Manage circle (water, etc). |
| A | 2 | **Winners Circle Lead** | Narria Nubert<br>Vicoria Bomber | Gets the top 20 athletes into order on chairs and ready to walk to stage. |
| A | 3 | **Results** | Kendal Johnson<br>Tyrese Vanderhoff | Gets results from Heros timing, helps circle put athletes in order. Then walks athletes to Morgan, and gives Tyler results at award stand. |
| A | 4 | **Awards** | Evelyn Dupont | Gets the top 20 athletes from winner's circle. Gets them to stage and starts passing shirts out. Has to guess on sizes. |
| A | 5 | **Announcer** | Tyler Nelson | Announces top 20 athletes in each race and top 3 teams. |
| A | 6 | **Awards Lead** | Alexis Sonneberg | pictures of the top 20 athletes from each race and the top 3 Teams. Then help the winner sign the region boards and sign up the team winner at each ceremony. |



| Volunteer Code | # | Event Tent | | |
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| MM | | **Area Leader/Volunteer Coor** | Sean Allan | |
| | | **Friday:** | **Teams Arrive 3 pm - 7 pm** | **Arrive 2:30 pm** |
| Tent | 1 | **Tent Leader** | Lindi Lee | All Pre-ordered Swag picked up at SDR Tent |
| | | **Team - Check in- Packets-Coaches VIP** | Lindi Lee (arrives at 3:15) | |
| Tent | 2 | **Team - Check in Packets-Coaches VIP** | Jennifer Martin | work friday?? |
| | | **Saturday:** | **Teams Arrive 8 am** | **Arrive 7:30 am** |
| | | **Tent Leader** | Lindi Lee | Check in Volunteers - help with locations |
| Tent | 2 | **Team - Check in Packets-Coaches VIP** | Jennifer Martin | |
| Tent | 3 | **Team - Check in- Packets-Coaches VIP** | Stacey Cokeley | |
| Tent | 4 | **Team - Check in- Packets-Coaches VIP** | Sydney Langemo | Can work till noon |
| Tent | 5 | **Team - Check in- Packets-Coaches VIP** | Benjamin Zandstra | Can work till noon |
| Tent | 6 | **Team - Check in- Packets-Coaches VIP** | Lissa Diedrich | |
| Tent | 7 | **Food & Water Runner (Cart 1)** | Leslie Rowan (11 to 4:30) | **Only need one Food Runner - new 2026** |

**Event Tent Volunteer go to green tent near the finish line**

| Volunteer Code | # | Transportation | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| GFCAD | | **Area Leader** | Tony Bina | **Walkie Talkies - available** |
| T | 1 | **Co- Leader** | Chris Dunnigan | |
| | | **Friday:** | **Teams Arrive 3 pm - 7 pm** | **Friday Arrival 2:30 pm** |
| T | 2 | **Direct Teams to correct camp Area** | Danny Suedel | |
| T | 3 | **Direct buses** | Tony Bina | |
| T | 4 | **Pick up Driver #1** | Chris Dunnigan | Using 4 wheeler - snowmobile trailer |
| | | **Saturday:** | **Teams Arrive 8:30 am** | **Saturday Arrival 7:30 am** |
| C | 1 | **Gate Keeper** | Paul Zettler | Closes lower loop, allows Volunteer parking, Handicap parking |
| T | 5 | **Handicap Parking** | Broden Diedreich | Direct volunteer parking, handicap - organize Parking spots, Teams leaving - Control "Team Departure Flag" location - feather flag |
| T | 6 | **Handicap Driver** | Doug Diedreich | Pick up in Handicap parking lot |
| T | 7 | **Handicap Driver** | Bailey Gander | Pick up in Handicap parking lot |
| T | 8 | **Handicap Driver** | Meredith Quinn | Warming House |
| T | 9 | **Handicap Driver** | Preston Diedreich | Warming House & Park Entrance |
| T | 10 | **Bus Check** | Jay Kleven | Checks to make sure buses staying onsite - Coach Driven only |
| | | | **Team Arrival: 8 - 11 am** | **Arriving Location 1** |
| | | | **Team Arrival: 11 - Noon** | **Arriving Location 2** |
| T | 11 | **Pick up Driver #1** | Jeff Kniert | His own truck |
| T | 12 | **Pick up Driver #2** | Craig Machart | His own truck |
| T | 13 | **Pick up Driver #3** | Bradley Salberg | 4 wheeler - snowmobile trailer |
| T | 14 | **Pick up Driver #4** | Chris Dunnigan | 4 wheeler - snowmobile trailer |
| T | 15 | **Pick up Driver #5** | | |
| T | 16 | **Bus Directing #1** | Stephen Sapaugh | Use Flags to direct buses to drive forward upon Arrival, Move to Location 2 at 11 am |
| T | 17 | **Bus Directing #2** | | Use Flags to direct buses to drive forward upon Arrival, Move to Location 2 at 11 am |
| T | 19 | **Bus Directing #3** | | Use Flags to direct buses to drive forward upon Arrival, Not needed at Location 2 |

| | Team Departure: Noon - 4:20 pm<br>Team Departure: 4:20 - 5:30 pm | Depart from Location 2<br><br>Depart from Location 1 |
|---|---|---|
| **Pick up Driver #1** | Jeff Kniert | His own truck |
| **Pick up Driver #2** | Craig Machart | His own truck |
| **Pick up Driver #3** | Bradley Salberg | 4 wheeler - snowmobile trailer |
| **Pick up Driver #4** | Chris Dunnigan | |
| **Pick up Driver #5** | | |
| **Bus Directing #1** | Stephen Sapaugh | Use Flags to direct buses to drive forward upon Departure: Start at location 2, move to 1 |
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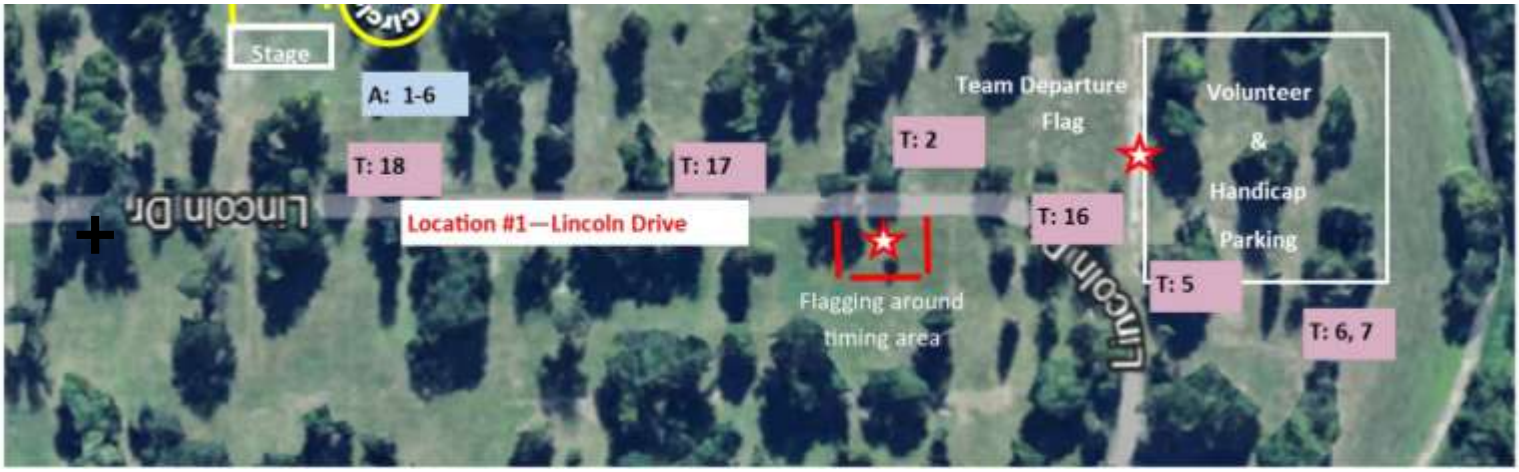


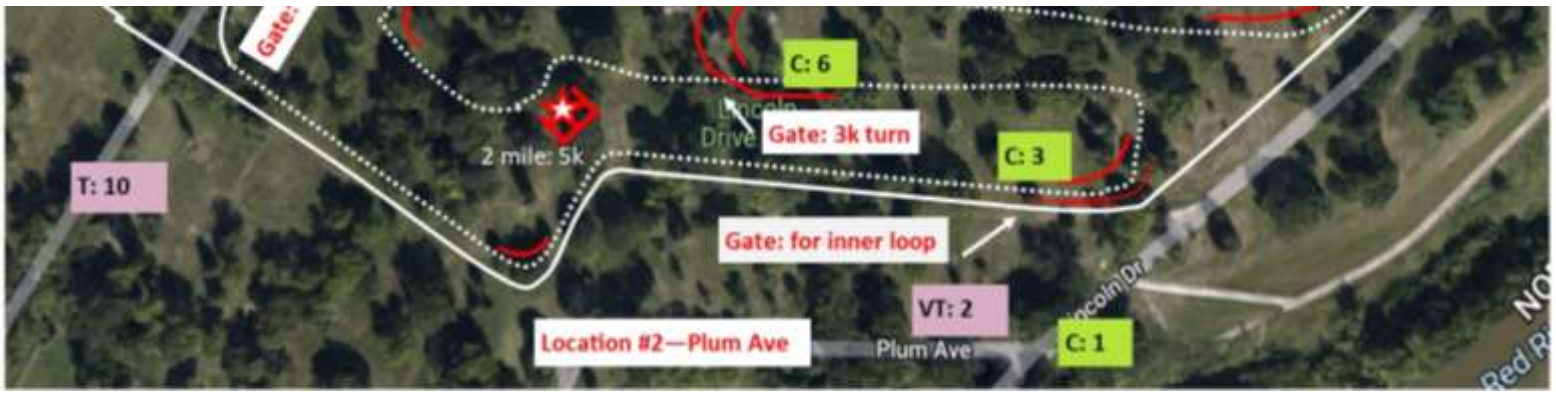

| Volunteer Code | # | Course | | Arrive 9:00 am |
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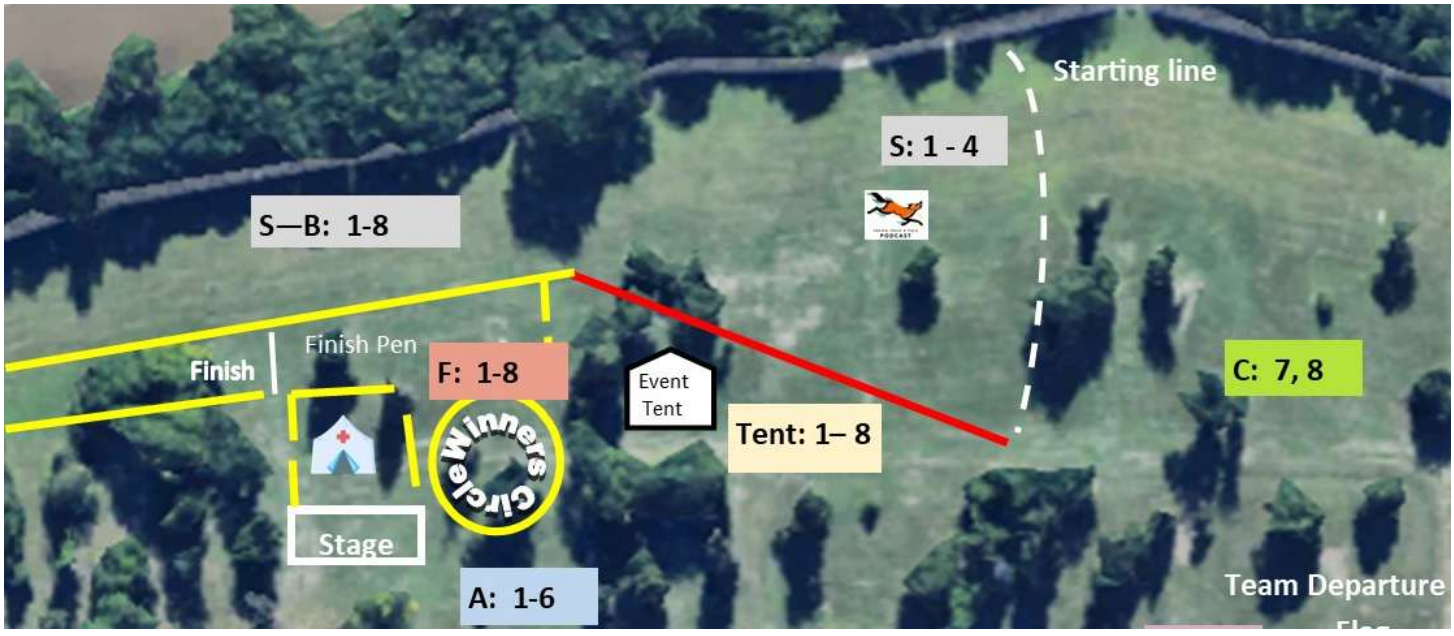
| Lead - C | | **Area Leader** | Robert Waddle | Flagging & Fencing on Friday, Location of workers, Provide breaks |
| C | 2 | **1 mile turn** | Danny Suedel | 1 mile - 6th Grade Races - Straight greenway Switch |
| C | 3 | **5k/3k Switch** | Curtis Sande | 5k/3k Turn: 5k - 1st loop, outside, 2nd time - inside: 3k Race - inner loop only |
| C | 4 | **Finish Line Switch** | Danny Suedel | 3k - 1st time into greenway finish, 5k -2nd time around into Greenway Finish |
| C | 6 | **3k Turn on inner loop - only 2 races** | Curtis Sande | 1st time - Turn for 3k on inner loop |
| C | 7 | **Team Camp Area** | Nate Osborn | Direct teams to correct camp area, Garbage Cans, Port-a-Potties Toilet Paper |
| C | 8 | **Team Camp Area** | | Direct teams to correct camp area, Garbage Cans, Port-a-Potties Toilet Paper |
| C | 8 | **5k mile - 1st mile area** | | Keep People away from Timing Pad, out of flagged area |
| C | 9 | **Course fan control** | UND volunteers? | Control fans crossing at Lincoln Drive - straightway |
| C | 10 | **Course fan control** | UND volunteers? | Control fans crossing at Lincoln Drive - straightway |
| C | 11 | **Course fan control** | UND volunteers? | Control fans crossing at Lincoln Drive - straightway |
| C | 12 | **Course fan control** | UND volunteers? | Control fans crossing at Lincoln Drive - straightway |



# Location:

## Volunteers — Course

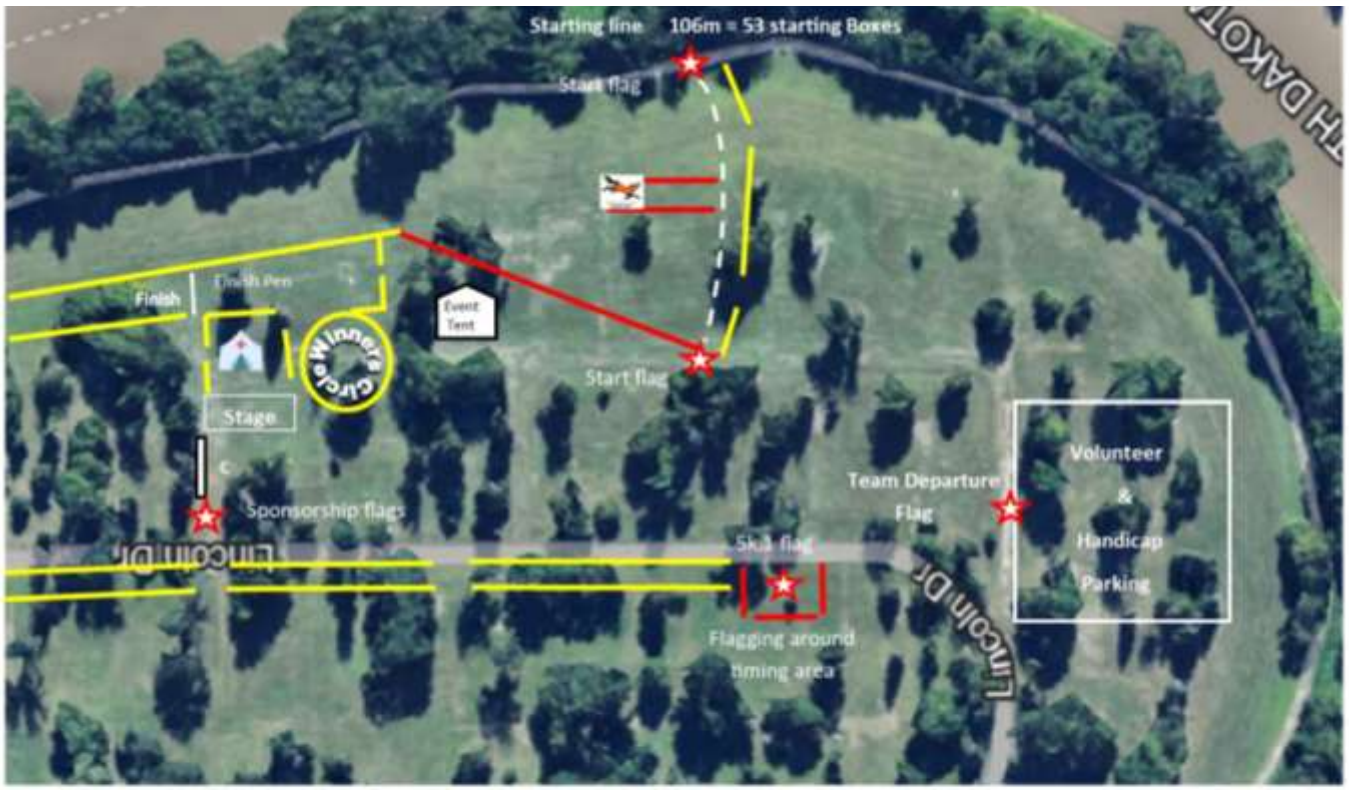
Volunteer Course

Volunteer Transportation

Mesh Fencing

Flagging

Feather Flags




## Flagging/Fencing:

## Course, Start, Finish

Mesh Fencing

Flagging

Feather Flags

## Flagging/Fencing: Course

| 5k course | Mesh Fencing | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Loop | Flagging | |
| 2nd Loop | Feather Flags | ☆ |

## Acme Carts

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| 1 | AD | Mike Biemaier |
| 2 | MM | Sean Allan |
| 3 | Course Lead | Robert Waddle |
| 4 | Altru Leader | Jeff Bjerke |
| 5 | AD | Tony Bina |
| 6 | Food & Water | Leslie Rowan (11 to 4:30) |
| 7 | Handicap Driver | Doug Diedreich |
| 8 | Handicap Driver | Bailey Gander |
| 9 | Handicap Driver | Meredith Quinn |
| 10 | Handicap Driver | TBA |

## Golf Carts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bus Check | Jay Kleven |
| 2 | Awards | Nicole Kopff |
| 3 | Finish Lead | Kyle Rosseau |
| 4 | Start Lead | Adam Arnold |
| 5 | Tent Lead | Lindi Lee |
| 6 | Lead | Richard Dafoe |
| 7 | | Extra |
| 8 | | Extra |

# Codes and Location for Signage

| Map Icon | SIZE | SIGNAGE | AMOUNT | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S1 | M- 3X4 | "Winner's Circle" with Winner's Specific Border Battle logo | 10 | Winner Circle |
| S2 | L- 3X6 | 26 Specific Border Battle Logo over Lincoln scenery pic. | 3 | ~~Arch-~~ Random?, Awards Stage, Entrance |
| | M- 3X4 | 26 Specific Border Battle Logo over Lincoln scenery pic. | 3 | Random Places |
| S3 | L- 3X6 | "Medical" with General Border Battle Logo | 1 | Medical tent |
| | ~~L- 3X6~~ | ~~"Bake Sale Banner" (GFC/RR Bake Sale) ** we have the one from 2024 year that we can use???~~ | ~~0~~ | ~~Bake sale table~~ |
| S4 | L- 3X6 | "Team Packet Pick-up" with General Border Battle Logo | 1 | Event Tent |
| S5 | L- 3X6 | "Volunteer Check-In" with General Border Battle Logo | 1 | Event Tent |
| S6 | L- 3X6 | "Border Battle Clothing Order Pick-up" with General Border Battle Logo | 1 | SDR tent |
| S7 | L- 3X6 | "Coaches Hospitality" with General Border Battle Logo | 1 | Event Tent |
| S8 | L- 3X6 | "Team Clothing Order Pick-up" with General Border Battle Logo | 1 | SDR Tent |
| S9 | - | “Border Battle School Bus Only Parking” with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 4 | Lanark - Outter Loop- Dog Park Area |
| S10 | - | “Location #2: Team & Fan Bus Drop off Only” with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 4 | Plum Ave- Upper Loop |
| S11 | - | “Location #1: Team Bus Drop off Only” with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 6 | Lower Loop- On The Road |
| S12 | - | “Handicap/Volunteer Parking Only” with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 6 | 4-South of Porta Potties & 2-Warming House parking lot |
| | | TEAM OTHER | 4 | Along The Start Line |
| S13 | - | TEAM CANADA | 4 | |
| S14 | - | TEAM SOUTH DAKOTA | 4 | |
| S15 | - | TEAM NORTH DAKOTA | 4 | |
| S16 | - | TEAM MINNESOTA | 4 | |
| S17 | - | 2026 Border Battle Schedule | 6 | Team Camp, Awards, Starting Line |
| S18 | | WHERE IS THAT? | 4 | Team camp (2), porta potties, stage |
| S19 | | "Border Battle Stickers Sold Here" with the State Logos- MN, SD, ND, CAN | 1 | Bake sale table |
| S20 | - | “Border Battle T-Shirts for Sale” with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 2 | SDR Tent (2) |
| S21 | L- 3X6 | "2026 Sponsors" with Sponsors Logos | 3 | Entrance, Stage Area, Event tent |
| S22 | - | "Pre-Order Shirt Pickup at SDR Tent" with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 2 | Around Stage/ Start and Finish Line |
| S23 | - | "All Commers Community 3k Race Registration in Event Tent" with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 3 | Entrance, Start Line, and Finish Line |
| S24 | - | "Amy Dallum Photography- Race Photos (QR code) and /Heros Time Results | 3 | Around Stage/ Start and Finish Line |
| S25 | - | "Border Battle Award Pictures Found Here" with Google Album Link, and '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 3 | Around Stage/ Start and Finish Line |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| S26 | L | "Prairie Track and Field Podcast" with Company Logo | 1 | |
| S27 | - | Team/Fan Drop off and Pick up Only" with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 3 | Plum Ave - upper loop |
| S28 | - | "School Van Parking Only" with '26 Specific Border Battle Logo | 1 | Fishing Landing |

# Location:

## Signage — Course Map

# Location:

## Signage —Site Map

Finish
Start
3mile
1 mile 1st Loop
2 mile
5k course
1st Loop
2nd Loop
Red River
MINNESOTA
NORTH DAKOTA
Lincoln Dr
Plum Ave
Lincoln Disc Golf Course

Start
Finish
1 mile
3k course
1st Loop
Red River
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