Hello All Ponderosa CC Staff, Athletes, Families and Fans,

Yesterday out at the Section meet we had beautiful weather, amazing atmosphere, and team bonding of both past & present Bruin CC athletes and parents. It was something special! Then you add in the historically amazing day for the Bruins who raced out at sections, we have a lot to celebrate! In case you missed out or didn't see the Instagram post here that our Ponderosa Principal, Mr. Hunt, made after supporting us through both races and the awards ceremony you can view the day's Sac-Joaquin Section CC Championship official results here.

The packed amphitheater made an impressive setting when we were called to the stage for the Division 3 Girls top 10 finishers with Sophomore Captain Sadi Angelo's #4 finish and then Senior Captain Emmy Angelo's #2 Finish! We were announced and called to stage next for the **D3 Varsity Girl's** hard fought and earned, mind blowing, repeat, **Championship Runner-up 2nd place** (only to St. Fancis - nationally ranked 12th, private school) with our Bruin Lady **STATE QUALIFIERS: Senior Captain Emmy Angelo, Sophomore Captain Sadi Angelo, Freshman Giovanna Jones, Freshman Caitlyn Mallot, Sophomore Ainsley Allen, Sophomore Alex Grunder, and Freshman Eva Beck** as our **STATE MEET TEAM**! The last awards of the day were for Div. 3 Varsity Boys and they started with the top 10 finishers from the race and they called our 2nd year runner Dusty Smith to the stage for his #6 finish, then Junior Captain Jacob Arthur for his #5 finish, and the Bruin Senior scorer (who has been part of ALL 3 SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS) Devin Maldonado who finished #3! The last stage announcement of the day was for our **Ponderosa Varsity Boys Div. 3 Bruins who WON A SECTION TITLE for a 3-PEAT CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER and who qualify for the STATE MEET: Senior Devin Maldonado, Junior Captain Jacob Arthur, Junior Dusty Smith, Junior Captain Weston Lauer, Senior Gavin Scowcroft, Sophomore Jake Judi, and Sophomore Captain Austin Jones** I am personally still in awe and amazement at the team's tenacity and what they were able to conquer and achieve together yesterday, one proud Mama Bear! Bruin CC Athletes to continue with the state qualifiers; Junior Captain Lilli Erwin and Junior Captain Jackson Gilbert as alternates along with our VG family addition Sophomore Cameron Fechter! To all the other Bruin Moms and Dads of the above mentioned athletes we will be sending information home and with athletes for the next two weeks of the season as we prepare to travel / compete at the California State CC Meet, Sat. Nov. 28th in Clovis @ Woodward Park. Please make this early note (pun intended) that we are the very first races of the day with VB @ 8:30am and VG @ 9:30am, our last possible awards ending @ 10:40am, leaving the state meet before noon. Here is the link for the **State CC Championship Handbook** with ALL DETAILS for meet information and format of the meet itself. WE WELCOME ANY & ALL THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US @ THE STATE MEET IN OUR TEAM CAMP SATURDAY 11/28! Please feel free to use the handbook link above for driving direction, parking and ticket information for the CA State CC Meet.

This week is our annual **Bruin CC Season Awards Banquet** where we will share our last full family team meal of the season, **Wednesday 6pm in the Ponderosa Cafeteria**. Dinner will be provided and I hope all of the Bruin CC 2026 Family and their families are able to join us. PLEASE use the sign-up genius here to let us know you can attend and RSVP with your head count so we can appropriately order/prepare enough for our celebration dinner together as we award this outstanding seasonâ€ ™s Bruin CC Athletes! Banquet night we will welcome any donation (not asking for you to bring anything except you and your positive personalities to celebrate). Any donation to the program is to help offset this dinner cost for the team (ask $5 per person in attendance -we all know you can't get a dinner for $5 and it won't pay for our catering but this night will be priceless no matter, so don't miss the last full team event! We are trying to keep this as simple as possible, we want our families to sit back and enjoy the evening of reflection & celebration!

All Bruin CC Athletes who have wrapped up for the season can **turn in their uniform tanks & warm ups** (plus any additional gear like team watches) starting tomorrow, Monday 11/16, during 7th period (it may take me a a few minutes after 6th to get to P-1 but I will be there ASAP) and can continue to check in until Monday @ 2:30pm (practice start time). I can continue with uniform check-ins Tuesday before school until 8am, Tuesday lunch and 7th period - 3:45pm. Wednesday NO check-ins due to the banquet! Thursday before school until 8am, Flex, lunch and 7th period - 3:45pm. Friday before school until 8am, lunch and 7th period - 3:45pm.

THINGS TO CALENDAR:

- Monday 11/16 before school CC Captains & any Bruin CC to help unload / unpack / put away team gear from the van.
- All State Qualifiers & alternates CC practice as normal, please look at the weather forecasts daily & prepare!
- CC Staff & Captains Wednesday 11/18, 5pm arrival & ready for banquet set-up.
- ALL BRUIN CC 2026 TEAM Wednesday 11/18, 6-8pm PHS Cafeteria Season Awards Banquet
- CC Captains Thursday 11/19 Flex, any Bruin CC welcome to attend Thursday's 11/19 Flex great time for pics with team banners and plaques!

I hope this helps for planning purposes! Looking forward to seeing everyone Wednesday night at the Awards banquet!

:) Coach Karen Norwood
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