

Dear Parents, Supporters, and Athletes of Ponderosa CC,

I hope this message finds you well! We have several important updates to share as we move forward this season.

1. Fundraiser Closing This Week

Our team fundraiser closes at the end of this week. Athletes, please keep sending those follow-up reminder texts and making calls to supporters. If you haven't already, please CALL and personally thank anyone who has donated on your behalf. We haven't quite reached our goal yet, so every effort counts! If we raise enough, we might be able to enjoy some whole-team overnights next season or have extra Fun Fridays this year!

2. Split Squad Meet Next Weekend

Next weekend, we will have a "split squad" where a portion of our team will be traveling to Southern California to compete at Woodbridge while the rest of the team competes at Frogtown. Detailed information for both meets is available on Athletic.net. Meet-specific emails will be going out later this week and into next week with specifics for each group of athletes and families, depending on where they will be competing next Saturday.

3. Woodbridge Meet – [Woodbridge Meet Website](#) Attending Athletes and Transportation

We have 11 athletes racing at Woodbridge next Saturday: Emmy, Shauna, Sadi, Braden, Owen, Grady, Colby, Gavin S., Devin, Jacob Arthur, and Weston. Meet shirts are \$25 and if athletes want a shirt, which they all said they do, I have to place one order. I will be ordering each of the aforementioned athletes a shirt by this week's order deadline and just need to be sure the athletes will be prepared to pay me for their shirt. Parents and families of these athletes, please let the coaches know if you plan to drive down or if you are a cleared driver willing to transport other athletes. We plan to leave Friday (9/19) before school as a group and caravan together. Our Bruins are scheduled to race Saturday evening and Saturday night. We will then stay Saturday night and depart Sunday after our post race shakeout run. Thus all Woodbridge athletes need to plan that next Friday-Sunday will be spent with CC. If your athlete has different transportation or hotel plans, please notify us as soon as possible. All athlete meals, hotel stay, and race registration is covered. If any parents/families traveling to Woodbridge are looking to stay overnight, we have reserved 5 additional hotel rooms at the same location, [Ayres Hotel Laguna Woods](#), where the athletes will be staying. 3 of these rooms are single King beds, and 2 of the rooms are 2 Queen beds. Currently, at least 6 families of Woodbridge athletes have notified us that they plan to attend. If you are interested in securing one of these 5 rooms, please reach out **as soon as possible** so we can add your name (or cancel these rooms so our program does not incur additional cost). Although the rooms are

reserved under the program, the cost for families is approximately \$265 per night plus southern CA tax— about \$536 for both Friday and Saturday.

****Thursday 9/11 update = only 1 family room left if interested please contact Coach Norwood ASAP!****

4. **Frogtown Meet Information** [Frogtown Meet Invite Website](#)

The rest of the team will attend the Bret Harte Frogtown Invite on Saturday with Coach N and Frankie. We will send detailed arrival times and race family assignments later this week. Frogtown is in Angels Camp, Calaveras County— closer than Woodbridge but still a bit of a drive. We do NOT have a bus and will need to get all athletes to the meet via carpool style, so please plan accordingly. If you are able to help us drive and had turned in the proper paperwork (yellow transportation form from parent meeting night w/ copy of your insurance declaration page and drivers license) we would GREATLY APPRECIATE the help and support! The Frogtown race group will only need to set aside Saturday for CC next weekend.

5. **Team Garmin Discount Athlete orders-** This [Webshop](#) is open until September 21st and will close at 11:59 PM CST. (THIS IS CURRENTLY THE FASTEST WAY FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES TO GET THEIR ORDERS!) We have a team Garmin discount link available! If your athlete is considering purchasing a Garmin watch, they can save up to 20% by using our team store link here: <https://www.garmin.com/en-US/promo>

6. **Upcoming Team Store**

We're working with our captains and our contact at the Tee Shirt Bar to launch our team store soon. Expect a variety of tees, long sleeves, hoodies, and tanks featuring this year's design and the logo our captains helped create and select.

7. We welcome any additional protein bars, fresh fruit or veggies, or applesauce for after practice snacks and Body Armour donations for upcoming meets.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. Let's make this season a fantastic one together!

We hope this helps for your planning purposes,

Coach N & Coach Norwood