



2026 High School Aid Station Challenge

El Paso and Teller County High School XC and Track teams are invited to apply to volunteer for the Garden of the Gods 10 Mile, 10K and Trail Race and/or the Barr Trail Mountain Race. Based on the number of entries, teams will be randomly selected to fill the different roles for each race. Each volunteering team can win cash for their program based on their team spirit where they pick a theme, dress-up, get loud and impress the runners at the aid stations.

After the races, at the expo, the runners will vote for their favorite aid station, and the aid station with the most votes wins the largest cash prize (based on runner donations). All teams usually walk away with at least \$1000 for participating team. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at each race – We hope to see your team there!

Key Dates

May 8 – Registration Deadline

May 15 – Notification of Teams Selected

June 5 – Garden and BTMR Planning Meeting

June 14 – Garden 10 Race Day!

July 9 – BTMR Planning Refresher

July 19 – BTMR Race Day!

Garden of the Gods 10 Mile, 10k, and Trail Race

The Garden of the Gods race day is Sunday, June 14th. We will hold a planning meeting for the Head Coach/main contact on Jun 5th at 5:30PM (PPM Office at 441 Manitou Ave). Please attend this planning meeting to become familiar with the roles and expectations required at your aid station. **NOTE:** A representative from your school must be present at this meeting!

There are four aid stations on the course, each one visited by the runners twice. Please visit the Garden of the Gods website (<https://gardentenmile.com/course-info/>) for a more detailed explanation on aid station locations. Each aid station must have at least 15 students and 2 adults (Max 20 students and 4 adults).

Continuing in 2026, all Garden of the Gods races will be cupless for the runners. Aid stations will be equipped with pitchers to fill runners' water bottles or other hydration options.

Race Day Prep

- Equipment pick-up is Thursday evening before race week at the PPM office (441 Manitou Avenue).
- Meet your station crews at your aid station/location by 5:30AM on race day.
- The race starts at 7:00AM.
- Awards ceremony starts at 9:30AM at Rock Ledge Ranch – please be there for the announcement of the aid station competition.

Barr Trail Mountain Race

The Barr Trail Mountain Race will be held on Sunday, July 19th. We will hold a planning meeting for the Head Coach/main contact on July 9th at 5:30PM (PPM Office at 441 Manitou Ave). Please attend this planning meeting to become familiar with the roles and expectations required at your aid station. **NOTE:** A representative from your school must be present at this meeting!

There are four aid stations on the course, each one visited by the runners twice. Please visit the BTMR website (<https://bartrailmountainrace.com/course-info/>) for a more detailed explanation on aid station locations. Each aid station must have at least 10 students and 2 adults (Max 20 students and 4 adults).

Race Day Prep

- The race starts at 7:00AM
 - We will send out detailed instructions for each aid station
 - Each aid BTMR station is unique due to the location – be prepared for an early start time and a demanding morning on the mountain.