

# Quicksilver Challenge

## Half Marathon/10K

**September 13, 2009 8:00 a.m.**

**Hacienda Entrance to Almaden Quicksilver County Park  
21900 Almaden Road, San Jose, CA  
(In the historic old mining town of New Almaden)**

The Half Marathon and 10K races are on scenic, hilly dirt roads in the historic quicksilver mining territory of Almaden Quicksilver County Park. You will run or walk through peaceful oak forests and open meadows, with great views of the Santa Clara Valley and the Santa Cruz Mountains. Although the course is very challenging, the beautiful scenery will make the miles go by quickly. If you've only run roads before, the Quicksilver Challenge is a wonderful introduction to trail running.

Be sure to read all the information below. Feel free to email the race director if you have any questions about the race or training for it. Take a look at last year's results on this website to get a feel for typical times to finish the race.

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### **Entry Information**

You can enter instantly on line at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) and pay by credit card. Or print out the entry form from this site and mail it with a check as directed on the entry form.

Entry fees: **ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE**

1/2 Marathon	\$35 ---	After 8/23/2008	\$40
10K Run	\$35 ---	After 8/23/2008	\$40

### **Course and Aid Stations**

The Half Marathon has 5 aid stations

The 10K has 2 aid stations

Refer to the course map.

### **Number Pickup and Race Day Registration**

Race numbers and T-shirts may be picked up at the start on race day beginning at 6:45 a.m. You may also register for the race at this time. Late registrants (after 9/6/2008) may not get a shirt on race day, but we will order and mail them later

### **Directions to Hacienda Entrance Almaden Quicksilver County Park Start/Finish Area**

For online map directions the address is **21900 Almaden Rd., San Jose, CA 95120.**

For those of you who prefer written directions, here you go:

From Highway 17 heading south from San Jose (which is a continuation of 880 south from the East Bay), take Camden Avenue exit and turn left (east). In a couple miles the road splits and Camden turns south, so be sure you stay to the right to make that right turn. Stay on Camden for several miles to Almaden Expressway. Turn right on Almaden Expressway and go south to O'Grady/ Almaden Rd. Turn right on Almaden Rd. and go 2.8 miles to the Hacienda Entrance on the right, in the old town of New Almaden.

From Highway 17 heading north from Santa Cruz, take the East Los Gatos exit. At the T intersection at Los Gatos Blvd., turn left and go north to Blossom Hill Rd., a major intersection with stop light. Turn right on Blossom Hill and go east several miles to Camden Ave. Turn right on Camden to Almaden Expressway . Turn right on Almaden Expressway and go south to O'Grady/Almaden Rd. Turn right on Almaden Rd and continue 2.8 miles to the Hacienda Entrance on the right, in the old town of New Almaden.

From San Francisco or the Peninsula, take 280 or 101 south to Highway 85 south. From Hwy 85 south, take the Almaden Expressway exit and head south to Almaden Rd. Turn right on Almaden Rd and continue for 2.8 miles to the Hacienda Entrance on the right, in the old town of New Almaden.

From 680 south continue on 280 north to Hwy 87 (Guadalupe Parkway) south. Go south on 87 to the Almaden Expressway exit, then south on Almaden Expressway several miles to O'Grady/Almaden Rd. Turn right on Almaden Rd and continue 2.8 miles to the Hacienda entrance on the right, in the old town of New Almaden.

### **Parking**

The parking lot at Hacienda Entrance is gravel, and there is additional parking in a grassy field adjacent to the parking lot.

### **Start**

The race will start at 8:00 A.M. sharp in the Hacienda parking lot.

### **Course Marking**

Gypsum arrows , signs and human course monitors will be used to mark the course.

### **Dropping Out**

If something should happen that makes it necessary for you to drop out of the race, **GO TO THE SCORING TABLE AT THE FINISH LINE** to let us know you have dropped. We do not have any reliable means of getting information from the course, so it is your responsibility to let us know at the finish line that you have dropped. If we call search and rescue because we don't know where you are, you will likely get a very large bill from the County for the search.

### **The Finish**

A brief awards presentation will be held at 9:45 for the 10K and 10:15 for the Half.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female winners of the Half and 10K (who will not receive their first place age group awards).

Age group awards will be given to winners of the following divisions: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and over 70 age divisions

### **In Case of Cancellation:**

The Quicksilver Challenge has never been cancelled. However, there is the potential that the County could cancel the race due to fire danger, weather or trail conditions. If this should happen, we would try to give partial refunds with any entry fees that have not already been used for race expenses, but we cannot promise refunds.