

Post Race BBQ

The Quicksilver runs are also known for their post-race barbeque. A few years ago, I overheard runners at other races out of the area say things like “Just run the 50K just to have the BBQ”. Indeed, some veteran WS runners only do the 50K since they don’t want to run the last 19 miles after coming by the start/finish line and smelling the food and seeing the people enjoying the camaraderie. Maybe someday we will re-route that section to avoid inflicting emotional duress!

The day starts out around 9:30 with appetizers for the 25Kers. In previous years, garlic bread, meatballs, chicken wings and ribs have been served. Around 11 AM the grills start. The standard fare is hamburgers (beef, turkey, veggie), hot dogs, polish sausage. Meanwhile, another grill is cooking more ribs, tri-tips and maybe a few other surprises. We’ve even done filet mignon and sushi in the past. Things you can do with a generator, a microwave and a refrigerator.

Did you say desserts? Pies, ice cream, cakes, other desserts will be available. Kids like the frozen lemonade too. Of course, the traditional strawberry shortcake will always be there.

Runners will also enjoy the quality of beverages as well. No generic drinks here! First, imported and craft brews rule the day. In addition, there are myriads of quality soda, ice teas and water. We steer away from the aid station fare. It has its place on the trail. Here we are into rewards. Any consumption of alcoholic beverages must be done according to County Regulations. Drinks cannot be consumed within 30 feet from the parking lot. Signs will be posted. Drink responsibly.

In case any of you 50 milers want to know – both the food and the beer are rationed throughout the day. You won’t arrive at the BBQ and find out we are out of the “good stuff”. We don’t have a limit on “one burger per person”, although that is about the average. Veterans know that they can graze and catch up with other runners for hours.

Spectators are also welcomed to the BBQ without charge. We have even served people who just happen to be visiting the park. For those who wish to donate, you can do so at the time.