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Greetings Blue Moon Trail Run participants and supporters,

We look forward to hosting you this Friday evening at the third, and final leg of the trail run series. In addition to the ¼ mile, ½ mile and 1.4 mile kids races, this features a 5K and 10K and numerous post-race festivities. We appreciate your patience, understanding and adaptability throughout the series as we have dealt with various challenges, some beyond anyone's control e.g. mid-race deluge, remnants of COVID-19 and others within e.g. well-intentioned but misguided course marshals misguiding some runners during the 8K race. To that end corrections have been made and we fully intend on having a glitch-free event later this week and to save the very best for last!

In advance of the event, please note the following:

- With a forecast of thunderstorms and 81 degrees and 20% chance of storms, conditions could run the gamut for both the race and musical performances that follow. This could include lightning, hail, and monsoonal rain, all of which could make an appearance. We will do all that we can do safely conduct the event but, should it be necessary, a delay will be imposed until it is considered safe to return. Listen for the airhorn, which signals first a delay and then a 15-minute warning of the return to activity. If unable to safely return due to conditions or darkness, the series will be based on the first two races in May and June.
- COVID protocol. From guidance received, there remains easing on restrictions previously imposed. Mandates have largely been replaced with encouragement, including the wearing of masks and physically distancing. Still, temperature checks will take place upon arrival and efforts will be made to provide an event that abides by suggested health practices.

- Online registration closes 5 p.m. Wednesday. Thursday 10 a.m.-Friday noon onsite registration is available at Runners Roost, 121 N. Tejon Street 80903. Day of registration (additional \$15) is at the Piñon Valley Park pavilion beginning at 4:30 p.m. Kids races are race day registration only.
- Speaking of Runners Roost, those who visit the store between now and the final race on July 23 and mention BMTR will be entered into a raffle for a new pair of running shoes – your choice (\$150 allowance!). The more times that you visit, the more times that you will be entered into the drawing. Thank you for supporting local business in Colorado Springs.
- Age group awards and \$5 tokens for the food trucks (Smokin' J's BBQ and The Wild Card) and Kona Ice Truck are available to race series, not single race participants. A commemorative item will also be provided to all series finishers. A post-race performance by PBJ will be offered for all participants as well as a silent disco, which will take place in Piñon Valley Park at around 7 p.m. All are invited to participate. A limited number of blankets will be available and you are encouraged to bring your own.
- All race and performance information, including FAQ's, can be found at the race website: www.coloradosprings.gov/bluemoon.

We look forward to seeing you Friday and thank you for supporting your Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. Be happy and be well!

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