

# **WELCOME TO THE 24<sup>TH</sup> PRESENTATION OF THE BIG SUR INTERNATIONAL MARATHON**

On Sunday, April 26, 2009, nearly 10,000 runners and walkers will be competing in a variety of distance events on the most spectacular road course in the country – Highway One. This world-renowned event draws visitors from all 50 states and this year, 24 countries, to participate in our annual marathon, marathon relay, 21, 10.6 and 9-Milers, and our 5K race. All events have been organized for the purpose of raising money and improving the fitness of our community. The marathon is an all-volunteer effort for charity -- since our inception, we have distributed more than \$2.5 million to local agencies.

As you well know, this event presents logistical challenges on race day. We thank you for your understanding of the necessity to make this a safe event for all. This document describes the various traffic holds and delays and offers information on our “caravans” that will be traveling on the highway during the race. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 831-625-6226.

We invite you and your family to become part of this exciting event by coming out and cheering the competitors on as they head to the finish line at Rio Road. The runners deeply appreciate your support, enthusiasm and encouragement.

## **TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES**

In order to protect the safety of the runners, it is necessary to control the traffic flow on Highway One from 4:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Race Day, Sunday, April 26, 2009. WE URGE YOU TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE PLANS TO AVOID DRIVING ON HIGHWAY ONE THAT MORNING. Traffic on Highway One (except for emergency vehicles) will only be allowed to move in scheduled caravans. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will lead and follow the caravans up and down the highway. Race officials will provide escorts for medical and fire emergency vehicles independent of the scheduled caravans.

Any vehicles parked in pull-outs on the WESTERN side of Highway One after 4:30 a.m. must remain there for the duration of the race.

Vehicles parked on the EASTERN side of the highway must remain in place until a caravan arrives. NO WHEELED VEHICLES OF ANY DESCRIPTION (bicycles, skateboards, skates, strollers, etc.) are allowed on the course. Any violators will be subject to citation by the CHP.

### **NORTHBOUND**

Traffic north will initially be stopped at the Big Sur Post Office at 6:15 a.m. All runners should be north of the Big Sur Village shops by 8:00 a.m. Northbound traffic from the Highlands must cross past the Bay School prior to 7 a.m. and be across the Carmel River Bridge by 7:10. Highlands traffic may also join in the 1<sup>st</sup> northbound caravan at approximately 8:10 a.m.

### **SOUTHBOUND**

After 4 a.m. LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY WITH PASSES will be allowed

to use Highway One South beyond Otter Cove. No personal vehicles are allowed to transport runners to the start. Southbound traffic from Carmel will be routed in back of The Crossroads Shopping Village beginning at 6:15 a.m. and may cross the bridge until 7:00 a.m.

Southbound traffic will be stopped at Otter Cove and held until the 8:35 a.m. caravan south. Traffic may also travel with the Southbound caravan that begins at 8:45 from The Crossroads (see schedule for times along route). Foot traffic is permissible at any time.

The California Department of Transportation and California Highway Patrol, in cooperation with the Big Sur Marathon events and with statements of support from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, have adopted the following Caravan Schedule:

## **CARAVAN SCHEDULES**

*These times are approximate, based on race start time and a travel speed of 25 mph. All vehicular traffic will remain in the northbound lane.*

<b>NORTHBOUND CARAVANS</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> NB</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> NB</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> NB</b>	<b>SOUTHBOUND CARAVANS</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> SB</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SB</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SB</b>
Starting Line	7:20						
Molera Park – Coast Road	7:27			Crossroads area		8:45	11:00
Point Sur	7:33	9:50 <sup>2</sup>		Point Lobos		8:50	11:05
Coast Road (Bixby Creek)	7:47	10:03		Highlands Drive		8:52	11:07
Palo Colorado	7:51	10:07	11:55 <sup>3</sup>	Yankee Point – Mal Paso Rd.		8:56	11:11
Otter Cove	8:05	10:21	12:09	Otter Cove	8:35 <sup>1</sup>	8:57	11:12
Yankee Point – Mal Paso Rd.	8:06	10:22	12:10	Palo Colorado	8:49	9:11	11:26
Highlands Drive	8:10	10:26	12:14	Coast Road (Bixby Creek)	8:53	9:15	
Point Lobos	8:12 <sup>1</sup>	10:28	12:16	Point Sur	9:06	9:28	
Race Finish/Rio Rd.	8:33	10:33	12:21				

**NOTES:** 1. Held S of Ribera Rd until the end of the 5K Race 2. Forms north of the Pt Sur Naval Facility 3. Forms at Palo Colorado Road

**EXAMPLE:** A resident of Big Sur who wishes to travel north to Monterey may pick up a caravan at either: 7:20 AM (Pfeiffer State Park), 9:50 AM (Pt Sur), or 11:55 AM (Palo Colorado).

**NOTE:** 1. Forms S of Mal Paso Rd beginning at 5:45.

**EXAMPLES:** 1. A motorist who wishes to travel south from Otter Cove after 5:45 may either join the first or second caravans at 8:35 or 8:57, or wait for the next south-bound caravan at 11:12.

2. A motorist who wishes to travel south from the Crossroads may join either the 8:45 or the 11:00 caravan.



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seat to the best  
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