

Dear Parent(s):

The Lakewalk Surgery Center and the Joe Golcz Agency welcome you to the Root Beer Kids Triathlon! We are excited and proud to have your child(ren) racing with us today! The info in this letter will help you prepare your little athletes for a safe and fun-filled day; please take the time to read through it entirely.

The Rootbeer Kids Tri will run **from 1:30-3:30**, Minnesota Power Island Lake Park

Location: [Minnesota Power Recreational Beach Area](#)
7204 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN

What to Bring?

Your racer(s) will need the following:

- **CPSC Approved Helmet** – no approved helmet, no race.
- **Swimsuit**
- **Comfortable clothes to wear while running and biking**
- **Tennis shoes/socks**
- **Bike**
- **Towel**



• Other Things To Bring:

- **Snacks** – especially helpful if you have multiple racers and will be there all afternoon
- **Water and/or water bottles**
- **Camera**
- **Camp Chair**
- **Your Friends & Family!**



PARKING

Parking is within walking distance of the venue, but PLEASE follow the expert guidance of our parking personnel as they direct you toward where to park.

NO PARKING ALLOWED ON THE TARRED SECTIONS OF BOULDER LAKE/DAM ROADS! NO EXCEPTIONS!

Saint Louis County maintains the right to tow any/all vehicles parked in the tarred area in order to maintain traffic safety. **Don't let this be you!**

SUNDAY AUGUST 5th - RaCe DaY!

12:30 AM -2:30 PM – Race Registration and Packet Pick-up.

Check-in at least one hour prior to your child's race start time to ensure your child is ready to race with their wave.

12: 30 PM - The transition area, where your racer(s) will set up their gear to transition between the swim and bike and run, opens at 12:30 PM.

Transition volunteers will direct you where to place your gear, and where your child can rack his or her bike. **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents are encouraged to help set up the transition area, but for the safety of racers, we will close the transition area to parents and spectators prior to the start of the race.

12:30-2:30 – Body Marking near the Finish Line. All racers must be body marked with their race number prior to their race start time. Timing chips should be affixed to your child's left ankle.

Starting Times: Times are approximate, and based on your racer(s) age ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. The run course will be cleared of the previous wave of participants before the next group begins the swim. Note we may be combining smaller waves and splitting waves to keep the swim safe so show up at the start of your color band.

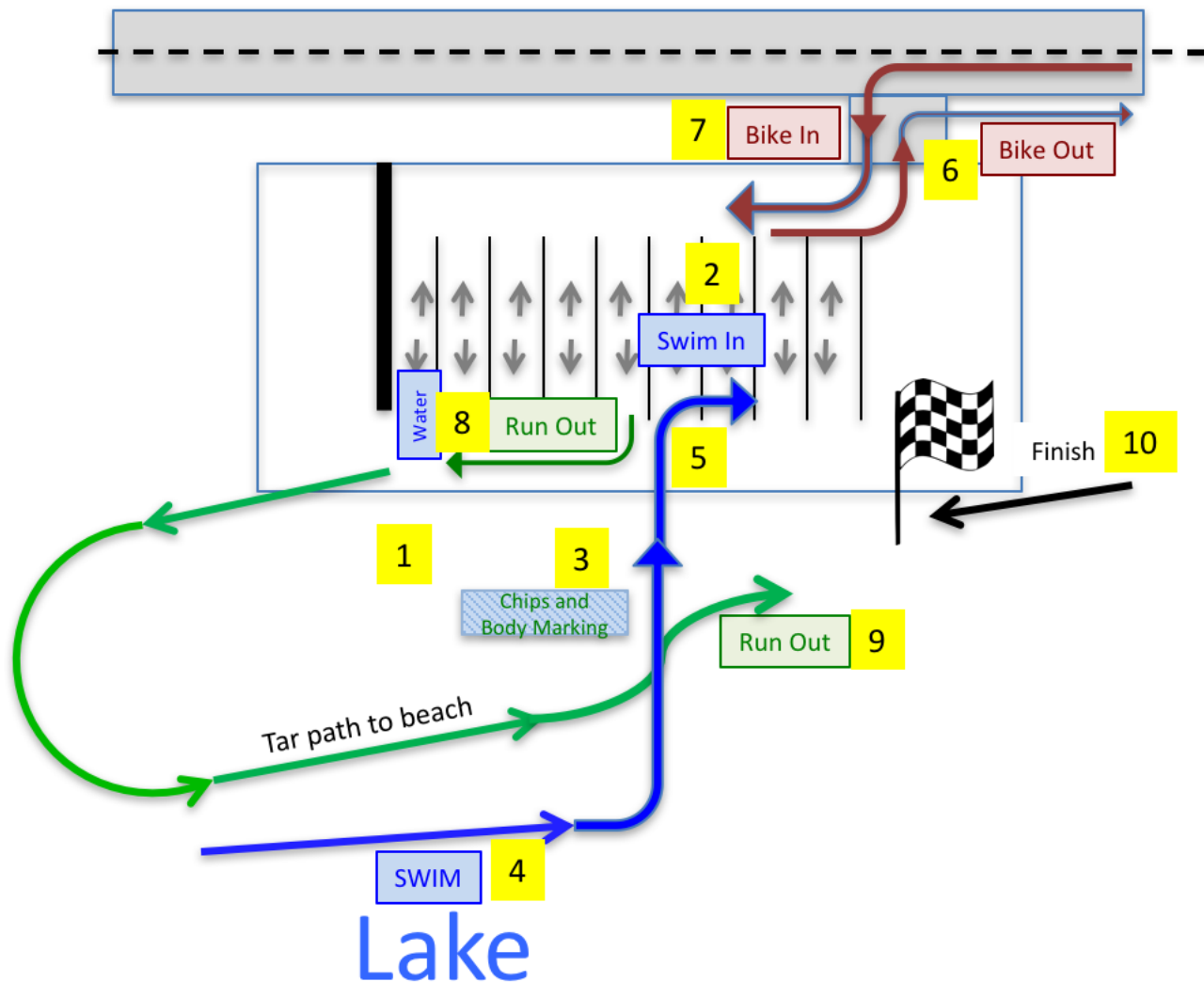
1:30 PM:	14 year olds
1:33 PM:	13 year olds
1:36 PM:	12 year olds
2:10 PM:	11 year olds
2:13 PM:	10 year olds
2:16 PM:	9 year olds
2:50 PM:	8 year olds
2:53 PM:	7 year olds
2:56 PM:	6 year olds

We will have awards for the top 3 in each age group and we will have a mug to fill with some fantastically awesome, super-tasty, summer-in-a-glass Root Beer for all kids!

Awards will be announced for each age group throughout the race.

Venue Layout

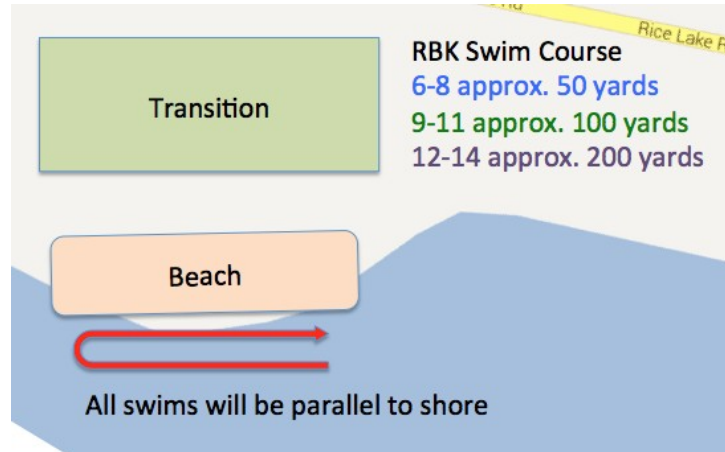
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1. Registration and Packet Pick-up (no need to stop here if you picked up your packet Saturday night)
2. Place bike and shoes in the transition area. Make sure your child knows where their bike is!
3. Pick up timing chip and get body marked with your number!
4. Race start will be the beach in groups 1:30 12-14 year olds, approx. 2:10 9-11 year olds, 2:50 6-8 year olds
5. After exiting the water the kids will run up the path to their bikes
6. They will walk or run bikes to the road and get on at the parking lot exit
7. The older kids will do a U-turn for their second lap, and when done enter the transition area
8. The kids will run towards the bathroom structure and down the tar path
9. They will come up the same trail they did when exiting the water and take a right turn to run out along the bluff
10. Finish Line!

SWIM Course Info

The swim course is set up so that the kids should be able to touch the entire swim. The course will have guards on the outside (deep side) to prevent children from venturing out too far. Kids will exit the water on a mat and run up the tar path on the right side of the beach. Life vests are allowed, but not required, and swim caps are not required, but allowed.



Bike Course Info

The bike course this year will be closed to cars, and will be an out-and-back stretch on paved roads. The distance each racer will ride depends on his/her age.

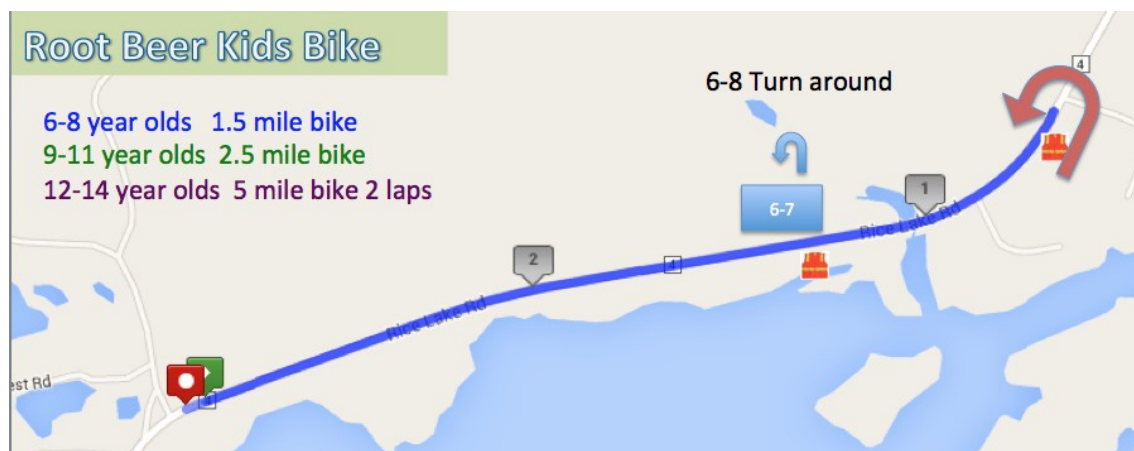
Kids **MUST** have their helmet on before getting on their bike

They must walk or run their bike to where someone will tell them to get on their bike

Racers aged 6-8 will do a 1.5 mile bike ride

Racers aged 9-11 will do a 2.5 mile bike ride

Racers aged 12-14 will do a 5 mile ride, or two laps (we will move the turn around point appropriately)



RUN Course Info

After returning to the transition area and parking their bikes the kids will run towards the South side of the transition, down the long tar section towards the beach, up the same place they came out for the swim and then along the lake. They will head out the dirt road and turn around depending on their age.



Race Etiquette & Your Athlete(s)

For the safety and respect of all racers in the Root Beer Kids Triathlon, we ask that you please talk to your racer(s) about riding his/her bike as close to the right side of the road as is safely possible, and to make sure their focus is on the course. If they are not riding steady, other riders cannot see where to go, and it could cause a crash. It is also good practice to call out 'On Your Left' when you are passing another rider.

Please note: If your child is being passed on the bike by another racer, USAT rules state that you must let the rider pass; DO NOT attempt to race the other child.

Parents, please also remember that this is the first triathlon for many of the kids participating, and **everyone** should be encouraged and cheered! We are very proud of all of the athletes that finish - and they are, too! - no matter what their time or place, so please help us keep this a positive and exciting event for everyone.

Good Luck & Have An Awesome Race!

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