



Mad Wolf Winter Relay Feb 24, 2018

All proceeds to benefit Big Sky Ski Education Foundation and the more than 200 kids who participate in ski racing.

The Course:

Alpine Leg: The race starts with the alpine skier/snowboarder/tele skier charging through gates set-up on Hangman's at Big Sky Resort. The alpine racer hands-off to the runner at the bottom of Hangman's.

Running Leg: The runner will sprint across the groomed ski slope, above the bottom of Ramcharger, across to the Summit foot path, past Scissor Bill's slopeside, onto the Arrowhead foot path, then down to Low Dog Road. The runner hands-off to the Nordic skier at the Low Dog Road cul-de-sac.

Nordic Leg: The Nordic skier will race down from Low Dog Road, past the bottom of the Thunderwolf chairlift, then straight above the Lone Moose Meadow chairlift, and onto Middle Fork Nordic trail. From Middle Fork, the Nordic skier will zip down Beaver Slide and head to the Tunnel for the hand-off to the fat biker or snowshoer.

Fat Bike/Snowshoe Leg: The fat biker will charge up from the Tunnel to the Lone Mountain Ranch sleigh trail, pass behind the Barn up to Kid's Loop, bike/snowshoe to Intersection 3, then turn right at Intersection 2 and head back to the B-K for the grand finish.

Registration and Pricing

Early Registration from January 15st - January 31st

Youth 16 and Under \$80/team or \$40/individual

All other \$120/team or \$75/individual

Mid Registration from February 1st - February 14th

Youth 16 and Under \$100/team or \$50/individual

All other \$180/team or \$100/individual

Late Registration from February 14th - February 21st

Youth 16 and Under \$120/team or \$60/individual

All other \$200/team or \$125/individual

Sorry, no registrations will be accepted after February 21st!

Race Schedule

Race packet pick-up Feb 23rd 4-8pm and Feb 24th 8am-10am at LMR; 12-1 by Base Camp.

Saturday, February 24th

12:00-1pm Base Area Volunteer Orientation and Q&A at Base Camp at Big Sky Resort

1:30 pm Mandatory course inspection for alpine/snowboard race course on Hangman's

2:00 – 2:30 pm **Wave Start in 30 second intervals** at the top of Hangman's

2:00 – 2:45 pm Exchange at the bottom of Hangman's to the runner

2:05 – 2:50 pm Exchange at the Low Dog Road cul-de-sac to the Nordic skier

2:15 – 3:15 pm Exchange at the Tunnel to the fat biker/snowshoer

2:30 – 4 pm Finish in the main yard of Lone Mountain Ranch, in front of Horn & Cattle

4 – 6 pm Award's Party in the Lone Mountain Ranch Saloon

After Party and Awards at LMR

4 – 6:00 pm

Awards party at Lone Mountain Ranch and Live Music in the Saloon

Bring a donation for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and receive a free soft drink or draft beer

Team Divisions - Best Team Theme also awarded

Men's Teams

Women's Teams

16 and Under Teams

Mixed Youth and Adult Team

Men's Individual

Women's Individual

Youth Individual

Equipment

ALPINE, TELE SKIS, SNOWBOARDS

- Skis and/or Snowboards **will** be allowed on the downhill leg
- Helmets **ARE** required

RUNNING

- Runners will be running on packed/groomed snow
- Runners will run down Low Dog Road to the cul-de-sac
- Yak Traks or some form of traction is highly encouraged. The road may be icy/slippery
- Individual racers may stash their running gear at the hand-off location during course inspection

NORDIC SKIS

- Classic or skate skis will be used from the end of Low Dog Road to the Lone Mountain Ranch Tunnel
- Individual racers may stash their Nordic gear at the hand-off location before course inspection

BIKES

- Fat Bikes or bikes with tire pressure less than 10 psi with 3.75" tires are required
- Helmets **ARE** required
- Individual racers may stash their bike at the Tunnel between 10am – 1pm

Parking and Shuttling

Big Sky Resort

- We recommend that the Downhiller, Runner, and Nordic Skier carpool to Big Sky Resort. **The Downhiller should be geared up and ready to load the lift by 1pm.**
- The Nordic Skier will drop the Downhiller and Runner off at the Base Area and drive to the end of Low Dog Road. **Please park on the NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD to allow the runner to safely run along the shoulder of the south side of the road.**
- The Runner will take the shuttle car to the Base Area to pick up the Downhiller.

Lone Mountain Ranch

- Support (people picking up/dropping off gear and/or racers) may park at the end of the Ranch driveway, where Ranch Loop crosses the driveway
- Spectators may park in the Ranch parking lot, located by the Outdoor Shop, and walk down the driveway, ski down Lower Ranch Loop, or snowshoe down Creekside to cheer for the racers
- The Awards Party will be at the Lone Mountain Ranch *Dining Room*. There will be ample parking in the Ranch parking lot, located by the Outdoor Shop.

Lost & Found

- Dropped/misplaced articles will be collected at each start and hand-off location. All articles will be brought to the Awards Party. Please look for any personal items before leaving the party. BSSEF, Lone Mountain Ranch and Big Sky Resort are not liable for lost or missing items.
- **PICK UP ALL EQUIPMENT WITHIN ONE HOUR AFTER YOU FINISH AT LMR OUTDOOR SHOP**

Etiquette

Follow these tips for an enjoyable ski/snowboard/bike and share the tracks with others:

- If you are overtaking another racer, kindly inform him/her that you are going to pass on their left - then merge into your desired line again once you have passed them.
- Being polite is infectious. Thank people for staying to the side or moving out of the way.
- Give way to others when necessary so everyone can have a fun trip.
- Just ski/snowboard/bike friendly and have fun.

Race Course Details

Start is a 30 second interval wave start at the top of Hangman's. Ski down Hangman's and hand off to the running leg, where Hangman's and Ambush intersect. The runner then runs above the Ramcharger lift to the Summit foot-path, past Scissor Bill's to the Arrowhead foot-path, down to Low Dog Road. The runner runs down Low Dog Road to the end, and hands off to the Nordic skier at the cul-de-sac. The Nordic skier then skis the cat track above the Thunder Wolf lift and heads to the LMR Middle Fork trail below Lone Moose chair. The skier continues down the Middle Fork trail, Beaver Slide, and through the tunnel to the next hand off. The biker rides up Creekside Trail through the Ranch around Kids Loop, and finishing in the middle of LMR.

- Water will be available at the tunnel hand off Nordic skier/biker exchange
- Hand-off stations are the best locations to cheer for the racers. Hand-off stations will be at the following locations:
 - The bottom of Hangman's and in the Base Area by the Summit Hotel
 - The north side of the tunnel on Ranch Loop
- Other cheering locations:
 - The top of Hangman's ski run (for alpine/tele/snowboard racers)
 - The Base Area, by the Summit
 - The Base Area, by Scissor Bill's slopeside
 - The tunnel at Lone Mountain Ranch
 - The LMR yard area at the Ranch (for the bikers)

First Aid Stations

First Aid kits will be available at both exchange locations. Big Sky Resort will provide Ski Patrol for the portion of the race within Big Sky Resort boundaries, and Lone Mountain Ranch will provide Ski Patrol for the portion of the race within Ranch trails. All stations have access to 911 and support trained in CPR and first aid.

Lift Tickets and Trail Passes

Will be supplied by each downhill racer for the Big Sky Resort leg, and LMR for Nordic skier and biker for the Lone Mountain Ranch leg. Event Big Sky Resort Lift tickets are available with registration confirmation at a reduced amount.

Results and Awards

Results and awards will be announced at the Award Party at Lone Mountain Ranch. Prizes for winning times in each category, best team costumes, most creative costumes and more! Music and food at the party from 4-6. **Bring a food bank donation for free beer or soda.**