

Elkhorn 2010 FAQs

Elkhorn FAQ's are the most commonly asked questions throughout the life of the race, from pre-registration to the awards ceremony. Have you read though them and still can't find what you need? Please let us know at Info@ElkhornClassic.com, or ask a race official or volunteer.

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REGISTRATION

When can I sign up?

Registration opened Feb 1st, 2010. Registration closes at 5:00 pm Pacific time on Monday, June 14th, 2009. (Note that this is the Monday before the race.)

How do I sign up?

Register online via OBRA's online registration system at <http://obra.org/events/15549/register>. If you prefer to register by mail, please follow the instructions on the [Elkhorn Mail In](#) page. Mailed registrations must be postmarked by June 5th. Please make sure to follow all instructions regarding your race license at [Elkhorn Signup Details](#).

How can I be sure I'm registered?

A registration list will be re posted on our website starting in early March. Once you've registered, check the list to make sure you're on it. If you believe you have registered but aren't on the list, please contact registration@elkhornclassic.com.

How much does it cost?

The cost for the race is \$105 per individual rider through May 31st. After June 1, the cost goes up to \$120 per individual. Interested in racing with teammates or entering as a team, please refer to the [Is there a team Discount?](#) Section for details.

Do I pay a handling fee if I register online? Is it cheaper to mail my entry?

There is a service fee assessed when you register online but it is included in the entry, but the processing of mailed entries is more labor intensive for the race promoter so a handling fee matching the online service fee is also assessed. Therefore all registrants pay the same amount (\$105 for entries prior to May 31st) making the entry the same whether you register online or by mail. The service charge/handling fee is the same for either registration option.

I am not a member of OBRA member. Do I need to buy a license?

Yes. This is an OBRA-sanctioned event and you must possess an OBRA racing license. Non-OBRA members will need to select from one of two options during registration: a \$5 event license or a \$20 annual license. Mail registrants need to download and include the correct form and fee as detailed on the [Elkhorn Mail In](#) page. Online registrants will see an option. **If you are a member of OBRA, simply include your OBRA number when you register via mail or make sure you attach your online account to your OBRA number which will then automatically prefill your information.**

PLEASE NOTE: ALL entrants will be required to provide their valid racing license regardless of the issuing body in order to confirm category race classification. Proof of Masters eligibility via a government issued ID is also needed for Masters racers in addition to your classification.

Can teams register? Is there a team discount?

Teams can register at a rate of 5-for-the-price-of-4 (\$420 for 5 riders or \$840 for 10 riders). Teams **MUST** register by mail. Entries may be transferred within teammates male or female but since pricing is based on the number of entries there are no discounts. Please contact info@elkhornclassic.com for additional information.

Can I register the day of the race?

NO. Elkhorn requires pre-registration and in 2009 nearly every men's category had been filled as well as a record womens field prior to the close of registration. Register early to ensure you get a spot.

Why does registration close so early?

The Race Director and many support personnel are based in the Portland area in Oregon. **Since we are 5 hours from Baker City, we need to wrap up a lot of logistics well before the race starts as well as assign race numbers and coordinate race packets.** We try to give you as much time as possible, but in order to provide an excellent, well-organized race, we need to allow time to process all the registrations, assign numbers, assemble race packets, etc.

Is there a limit to the number of racers?

Yes. All fields are limited as noted below. The Cat 4/5 and Masters fields traditionally fill up prior to registration closing. Register early to ensure your spot in the race!

Men's

Pro/1/2 – 100 riders

Cat 3 – 100 riders

Cat 4/5 – 75 riders

Masters 40+ 1/2/3 & 4/5 – 75 total riders regardless of category numbers

Women's – Four categories (Pro/1/2, Cat 3, Cat 4, Masters 40+), run as one field. Total for all four categories is 100.

If the Men's Cat 4/5 field, Masters field, or Women's field should fill up early in the registration process, the Race Director reserves the right to split those fields prior to the start of the race.

If a category fills up early, a waiting list will be started, first come, first served. The week before the race, the Race Director will contact you if you will be allowed to race. To be placed on a waiting list for a filled field please contact registration@elkhornclassic.com.

If racers provide a guarantee to provide sufficient support volunteers (drivers with vehicles), they may request consideration that the full field could be split into two fields (e.g., Masters Pro/1/2 and Masters 4/5) in which case there would be a 75 rider limit for each.

Can I get a refund?

Full refunds (excluding the process fee) are available until May 1, 75% refunds (excluding the process fee) are available until June 1. There are no refunds after June 1, however, you may transfer, sell, barter, or trade your entry to another racer, teammate, or waiting list member. Note that refunds will not be paid until after the race is completed.

I signed up for the race, but now I can't come. What do I do?

Elkhorn registrations are transferable until June 14th when regular registration closes. If you know someone who wants to race in your place, please contact info@elkhornclassic.com to work out the details. If you are transferring your registration, Elkhorn Classic is not responsible for the financial details between the two riders. Elkhorn will ensure the right name is on the sign-in registration, regardless of who paid for it.

Do I have to show my racing license at registration?

YES. We must validate your racing category with a current 2010 racing license. Please note that this is an OBRA and USCF requirement in order to confirm the category you registered for. This is mandatory; we're not doing this just to annoy you.

THE RACE

What does the course look like? What is the elevation profile? How many miles are there in each stage?

For complete information on the stages of the Elkhorn Classic Stage Race, check out [The Stages of Elkhorn](#). For returning riders, the stages will remain the same classic courses as the 2009 race (except that we plan to race the full stage 4 course this year!). An alternate route for the final Dooley Mountain Road Race stage is being finalized.

What kind of support is provided?

Elkhorn provides neutral support in the feedzones. There are two feedzones in Stage 1 and Stage 4. (See the stage profiles for details on location.) Neutral water is provided and we hope to be able to also provide neutral food if our sponsors provides it. Do not expect to have neutral support meet any or all of your food needs. There will be water in the feedzones and at the finish line.

A neutral sag wagon follows the last racer in each group. Elkhorn does not enforce a time cut for any stage, and we want everyone to finish each stage which will allow them to start the next one. However, sag wagon personnel reserve the right to pull riders who are more than two hours behind the first finisher in their field. This is due to permit requirements and the fact that our volunteers have a lot of work to do after each race. Please respect their decision. In the last eight years, we've never had to ask someone to quit the race.

Can my team support feed in the neutral feedzones?

NO. Team support must locate themselves PAST the neutral feedzones as marked and instructed by the feedzone captains. No support may be provided outside of that designated area. Team support MUST feed in the area just past the neutral feedzones. No team support can be provided along the course. Officials carry water in their vehicles and may feed riders at their discretion. (A link to the feed zone area will be provided shortly)

Team support (or any individual support) CANNOT PASS THE FIELDS on the race course. Plan to locate at one of the two feedzones; you will not be able to feed at both zone 1 and zone 2. You can leave prior to the start of the race and locate near feedzone 1, or drive the course backwards to locate near feedzone 2.

Team support that violates these rules may result in time penalties or disqualification for your rider or team. Please understand that these rules exist for the safety of all our riders.

Because this is not a closed course, no feeding is allowed on the left side of the road. Sag support is not allowed on the left side of the road. Riders with mechanical issues must dismount on the right side of the road. Any team or individual support feeding on the left side of the road will result in disqualification of the rider and/or team. (Remember, the center line rule is strictly enforced. Don't cross the center line. Period.)

Can my family/friends hand out food or water on the course?

See above: Feeding is ONLY allowed in the official feedzones. The same rules apply for family and friends as for teams in the feedzones. Volunteers for neutral support or neutral feeding are happily and always welcomed.

Note that anyone feeding, whether for a team or an individual, may not deny any rider food or water. In other words, if you're holding out a bottle of water and a rider—not your rider—comes to grab it, you can't pull it back. This is a violation of governing rules and may be punishable by a time penalty or disqualification.

What if I need water and I'm not near a feedzone?

Every official's car carries extra water in case of emergency. However, you should start each stage with at least two full bottles and plan to take water at each feedzone. Outside of the demarked feedzone you may request water but only from, and at the discretion of the official.

What if I get dropped? Is there a time cut or time penalty?

If you want to finish the stage, we will let you do that (within reason). If you want to abandon the race, the sag wagon will pick you up and take you back into town. We don't leave anyone out on the course. Per race governing rules, any rider who is dropped (considered to be any rider passed behind the pelotons neutral support caravan) must adhere to all rules of the road. You are required to ride to the right side of the right lane, you do not have the complete unobstructed lane, and you must yield to all traffic control devices unless otherwise instructed by a race volunteer. Per OBRA stage race rules, each rider MUST complete the prior stage in order to start the next. Also, any "dropped" rider who is overtaken by another peloton may NOT ride with another field or group of riders. Keep riding, but let them clearly pass and then you may continue on. Since there is no penalty or time cut (within reason) stay tough and finish it up so you can start the next stage.

What if there's a crash?

Medical support will be located at the finish line. In the event of a non-serious crash, riders should continue on and at the finish can visit medical personnel who will provide basic first aid so that you can return safely back to town. In the event of a serious crash, medical support will be summoned to the crash site proceeding backwards on the course. However, due to the rural nature of the course, medical support is not necessarily able to appear at a moment's notice and in some cases may not be used to transport you to the hospital. If you are able to move, you may be asked to ride back to the hospital in town in a team car or volunteer car rather than waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Anyone who wants to be transported to a hospital will be transported one way or another. Due to the course route, should an ambulance be needed, it may not be dispatched from Baker City and you may be transported to another town. Family and team support should inquire at the finish line for details.

Note that in accordance with permits, each rider is responsible for personal costs of any medical expenses incurred during the race.

Where is the best place to watch the race?

For the safety of our racers and due to permit provisions, we need to minimize traffic on the course. Do not plan to watch your racer start, then drive past the fields to a point a few miles into the race, watch your racer pass, then drive pass the fields again, etc. “Leapfrogging” the field will NOT be allowed and can result in a time penalty or disqualification. It is better to watch the start then drive the course backwards to a spot near the end of the race.

Regardless of where you set up to watch, your vehicle MUST be completely off the pavement opposite the race direction unless there is a pullout of safe area. Do NOT plan or attempt to pass the fields to “beat” the peloton to the finish.

Most of the Elkhorn Classic road stages are on two lane country roads. You will not be allowed to pass the fields unless an official car waves you through. Often the easiest way to find a good spot to watch is to drive the course backwards to a spot somewhere in the last quarter of the race.

Our ability to secure the permits for this race depends on minimal traffic interruptions and controlled racing conditions. Please respect our limitations and do not expect to drive on the course, passing fields, throughout the race.

NOTE: VEHICLES REPEATED OVERTAKING THE PELOTON WILL HAVE THEIR RIDER PENALIZED OR DISQUALIFIED.

In the finish area – parking will be CLEARLY marked. There is no parking on the road prior to the finish or immediately after the finish except as noted. Any cars not completely off the road or deemed to be “impeding the flow of traffic in either direction or of riders being able to return to town” will be penalized or disqualified. Our ability to obtain road permits is expressly tied to this due to a few issues in past races. As such disqualification of riders due to family, friends, or team will NOT be tolerated.

For stage 2, the time trial, you can easily watch the finish from along Main Street in downtown Baker City. The city center area will be blocked off, but you can park on a side street within about five or six blocks of the finish.

The best racing action can be seen during the stage 3 Criterium in downtown Baker City. Pick a spot anywhere along the course (the inside side is best). You’ll be surrounded by lots of locals, so be sure to thank them for their support!

Is the race on a closed course?

NO. Due to Oregon Department of Transportation and City and County permit requirements, we are not able to close the roads except near the end of the Stage2 time trial and all of the Stage3 criterium. Although the course we use is a main route for local residents, traffic should be fairly light in most areas.

Because we are not racing on a closed course, and for the safety of riders, volunteers, and spectators, the CENTER LINE RULE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED, even through the last 200 meters of each stage and the finish line (unless the Chief Official announces otherwise). Do not cross the center line, period.

Where do my race numbers go?

See each stage for specifics, but in a nutshell: one number goes horizontally across your lower back, and the other number goes vertically on your side (hip to armpit) on the RIGHT side for the road stages (stage 1 on Friday and stage 4 on Sunday), and on the LEFT side for the time trial and crit (stages 2 and 3, Saturday). So plan to adjust your numbers each evening or before the start of each day's racing.

Please make sure your numbers are visible; we use a finish line camera to capture numbers, so the clearer your numbers are, the easier it is for officials to finalize results, and the quicker results will get posted. Remember, it is hard to get placed, if the camera never sees your number cross the line.

NOTE: If you plan to wear a vest, jacket, or rain slick, that is a rider's prerogative. However, do NOT pin your race number to a base jersey then place a clothing item over it. As seen during the 2009 finish, many racers covered their number and could not be placed, In fact several riders could not even identify themselves when the camera film was replayed.

If your number is obscured and the official cannot determine what it is, you will not be scored. It is up to you to ensure your number is visible for the officials.

Is there a wheel lottery?

Yes. But realistically, it's up to you to make it work out. Bring wheels to the wheel pit area and expect them to be used. If there are not enough wheels, a wheel lottery will be enacted. If a wheel lottery is enacted and your number is chosen, you MUST provide a set of wheels. In past years, we have had to enact a wheel lottery for at least one if not both road stages for at least one field. The race will not begin until the wheel lottery is met to the discretion of the official. Without you or lottery selected riders bringing wheels, you could end up with a flat and no replacement option other than changing your own tube – if you brought one.

Do I need to sign in?

For stage 1, your packet pick up counts as your sign in, so no other sign in is required.

For stage 2, showing up for your start time counts as your sign in, so no other sign in is required.

For stage 3, the criterium, **sign in is required**. Sign in sheets are posted behind the starting area. Look for the Elkhorn canopies.

For stage 4, **sign in is required**. Sign in sheets will be inside Baker High School on a table near the registration area. If your name/number is highlighted, you have been selected for the wheel lottery.

Can I skip a stage? (For example: I know I'm not going to win; can I rest up?)

NO, OBRA rules required that in order to begin one stage, you MUST have completed the prior stage. You may not “sit out and save it up for the next stage” so every rider must finish the previous stage in order to start the next one. Because there are both stage and GC prizes, it is not fair to “sit out” a stage and save it for another stage. However, note that this is one reason Elkhorn does not enforce a time cut.

Is the women's course different from the men's?

No. Women and men of all categories race the exact same course (with slightly different times in the criterium, depending on category). All category and masters men and women ride the same route and distance as the elite riders. This is one of the things that makes Elkhorn different from other stage races, and we're proud to continue this tradition.

Where are the restrooms?

There are restrooms available inside the High School and porto-potties outside the High School and at the finish line of each stage.

Is the race hard?

We think it's pretty challenging. But we like it that way. If you like climbing, you'll love it. If you don't like climbing, enjoy the fabulous scenery and the suffering, and remember that finishing a race like Elkhorn builds character.

We have considered reducing the field for some fields; however, since nearly every other stage race does this, it is what makes Elkhorn special and we have had overwhelming support to continue that tradition. There is something rewarding to be able to say you finished an event of the same distance, terrain, and difficulty as everyone else, senior or master, pro or novice.

I'm a beginning rider/racer. Can I race Elkhorn?

Elkhorn is a great race for fit beginners. You should be able to ride a reasonable road race pace in a peloton and be able to ride for four to six hours on hilly terrain. Each year we get plenty of new racers plus a lot of returning racers to show you the ropes.

There is no time cut, so if you want to finish, you can finish. If you lose contact with the peloton and field support vehicles, note that there is a final sweep vehicle (sag wagon), so you will not be abandoned on the course if you get dropped. Elkhorn runs neutral wheel support, but you should carry a tube and a pump in case of a flat if you're off the back of the group.

Plan to carry all your food, and take water at all the feedzones. There's a good chance you'll get your own water bottles back if you want to, but it's not guaranteed, so don't bring your favorites.

Bring your family and friends! Stage 2, the time trial, is spectator-friendly near the finish line. It's easy to find a spot on stage 1 or 4 for spectators to park and watch. Stage 3, the crit, is very spectator-friendly.

I'm a Pro racer. Should I race Elkhorn?

Yes! We may not be as flashy as those big races and our payouts may be smaller, but we're a well-organized race on a challenging course and in 2010 a great training race for Nationals.

How do I get back to town after stage 1 and stage 4?

After stage 1, the easiest thing to do is ride back into town. It's only about 5 miles back to the High School from the I-84 crossing, and it's a good cool down. Please obey all the rules of the road and do not block traffic on your way back to town. **DO NOT RIDE MULTIPLE RIDERS ABREAST.** You still represent the race, and our race permits are dependent on local traffic not being impeded in an area outside of the support peloton.

Parking is VERY limited at the end of stage 1. We need to keep the road clear for incoming riders, so there is no parking within about ½ mile from the finish line. Please carpool and plan to walk a ways if you want to see the finish. Please do not stand in the road to cheer your racers; this is not a closed course. We are working to secure an off-road field parking area similar to 2009. Check the race bible for details.

Parking at the end of Stage 4 is limited in space and restricted to the South side of the road only. There is no parking on the road leading up to the finish line on the east side of Dooley Mountain. Spectators are constantly walking up and down the road, so be careful.

NOTE: Vehicles or riders blocking, impeding, or otherwise causing congestion on the pavement after the finish will be disqualified. Local traffic and race officials must be able to travel through and finishing groups must be able to finish safely in the event of a group sprint.

NOTE: Once finished – There IS ABSOLUTELY NO RECROSSING OF THE FINISH LINE. Doing so will result in severe penalty or disqualification. If your number is covered, or unreadable, DO NOT return to the finish shelter asking if your number was read. If you are concerned, ensure your number is CLEARLY visible prior to the finish, or ask your peloton official to check for you.

For those riding back to the Baker School complex from Stage 4, there is a five mile downhill, then about six miles into town, so you can ride back to town on your own and at your leisure (following regular road rules and etiquette). Or, ride down the mountain and pick up the school bus shuttle (which we are working to secure) at the bottom which will take you to the edge of town near the RR underpass.

Where will results be posted?

Race results are posted at Baker High School first, and at the host hotel as soon after that as possible. We will try to post them online to the OBRA website, but this is a courtesy only as official postings will be found at the High School and Race hotels.

When will results be posted?

Preliminary stage and GC results will be posted as soon after the race as possible. We understand that you are anxious to see the results, and we do our best to post them quickly. However, there are sometimes circumstances (such as protests) that can delay results. Please be patient. Per governing rules, the prior stages results are not considered official until the start of the next stage. For the final stage, results are not considered official until preliminary results have been displayed for a 15 minute period to allow for protests. Protests are filed under OBRA governing rules.

One way to do your part: wear your numbers so that they are clearly visible to an official or the finish line camera! This makes the officials' job in reviewing the footage from the finish camera much easier. Identifying every racer by number is the most time consuming part of the scoring process. You can also do your part by letting other racers know if they have their numbers on the wrong side, or if they're scrunched up and not visible.

NOTE: If the weather is cold or rainy and you must wear a jacket over your numbers, YOU are responsible for making your number visible to the officials at the finish line. Don't just try pulling up your jacket to reveal your number—that doesn't work. Call out your number or remove your jacket prior to the finish line. If you know your number was obscured when you crossed the line, find an official and let them know who you are and we'll try to get you placed. Officials are not responsible for scoring racers with obscured or unreadable numbers. DO NOT RETURN TO THE FINISH SHELTER and ask the results team. Instead scoring questions should be made to your peloton official.

What do I win?

Cash, mostly. Please see the [2008 Elkhorn Payout](#) list of last year's totals. The payout is based on the total number of expected riders and will be prorated for smaller fields. During the criterium, several downtown merchants will also offer prices and gift certificates.

GC winners will receive a Leaders Jersey. Per OBRA rules, the GC leader of each category is required to wear a Leaders Jersey or otherwise identify themselves as the GC leader. Please see someone in the registration area to pick up your jersey.

Where do I collect my prize money?

Prize money can be collected after the completion of stage 4. Stages 1 – 3 can be picked up immediately after your Stage 4 finish, but Stage 4 and GC payouts will not be given until results are posted, the challenge period has passed, and the results are considered official. Remember stage 1 – 3 results are not considered official until the start of the next stage. Typically the Stage-4 results and GC standings posting is only a 30-minute process. Stage-3 prizes should be collected immediately following your race.

Can you mail me my prize money?

Because prize money is provided in cash, we do not mail prize money. Please plan to be at the awards ceremony after stage 4 to pick up your money, or have a friend or teammate pick it up for you.

How do I make a protest an official's ruling?

Protests may be filed after the preliminary results are posted. Stage results are not final until the start of the next stage, and all protests must be made before the next stage is started. For stage 4 (the last stage), protests must be made within 15 minutes after the preliminary results are posted. Race results will be finalized as soon as possible after that.

See section 12 of OBRA's racing rules for more information. The most current version - (http://www.obra.org/word_docs/2010rules.doc)

All rulings by the Chief Official are final.

GENERAL RULES

Elkhorn is an OBRA-sanctioned stage race, and as such all OBRA racing rules apply.

The center line rule is strictly enforced. This is not a closed course.

Helmets must be worn for all stages.

You must finish the previous stage in order to start the next stage.

You must sign in for stage 3 (criterium) and stage 4 (Dooley Mountain stage). Packet pickup at registration counts as your sign in for stage 1, and showing up at your appointed time for the time trial on stage 2 counts as your sign in for that stage.

Numbers must be properly placed. See stage details for number placement. (Easy way to remember: always wear one number horizontal (if you're standing) across the back of your jersey, and one on the right for long stages and on the left for the time trial and crit. Right, Left, Left, Right.)

Do not litter. You may discard water bottles *in the feedzones only*. Water bottles will be returned to Baker High School as soon as possible after each stage. Unclaimed water bottles will be discarded; bottles returned after the final stage are emptied and discarded as quickly as volunteers can do so. Time penalties or disqualification may be assessed for racers discarding water bottles or other trash outside of feedzone areas.

Be nice to the volunteers. They make this all possible.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

When is Elkhorn 2010?

The 9th annual Elkhorn Classic Stage Race will be June 18-20, 2010

Where is the Elkhorn Classic Stage Race?

In and around Baker City, Oregon, on the eastern side of the state.

Why should I come to Elkhorn?

Elkhorn is a well-established stage race. The weather is usually quite nice. But the weather can also be incredibly nasty. The uncertainty makes things interesting.

Elkhorn is a low-key race. While there are plenty of Pro/1/2 racers, there are also lots of first-timers, and the Cat 4/5 fields usually fill up. We let anyone race; we don't exclude whole categories. Elkhorn is about providing a stage race opportunity in an excellent venue for racers throughout the region (and anyone willing to come visit).

It's challenging. It's fun. It's a bargain, compared to other stage races.

The best stage race opportunity for women in the state. No short courses, host housing, tremendous local support.

Our host city, Baker City, is tremendously welcoming of this event. It is truly a community event, and you'll find that the locals are glad to have you.

Elkhorn is an all-volunteer effort, not a money-making one. It is a labor of love for all involved, and you'll see that in the way the race is run.

Have you been to Eastern Oregon? It's beautiful. Take some time after the race (or between the time trial and the crit on Saturday) to visit the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center or some of the other local attractions.

Race with people from throughout the Northwest, including Canada.

Microbrews. (See Barley Brown's.)

The Finish Festival sponsored by Bella's.

The satisfaction of finishing a challenging stage race.

Where can I stay in Baker City?

<http://www.elkhornclassic.com/City/bakercity.html>

Racers can also camp at Baker High School (inside the gym or outside in tents on the football field) for \$10 per night. See the table at registration for more information.

Women racers may be able to secure free host housing. Please contact Bev Calder for more information. info@ElkhornClassic.com.

Where can I eat in Baker City?

<http://www.elkhornclassic.com/City/bakercity.html> please thank the merchants and don't forget to mention you are an Elkhorn racer as some vendors may have discounts for racers.

Is there a grocery store nearby?

There is a Safeway and an Albertson's on Campbell Street (the main road into Baker City from I-84). From the High School, take E Street to College Street; take a right on College Street and go about 5 blocks to Campbell Street. Take a left on Campbell and follow it until you see Safeway on your right, south, or Albertson's on your left, north (as you head toward I-84).

Where can I find a Starbucks?

There is one Starbucks in Baker City inside the Safeway on Campbell Street. However, why not try one of the local coffee shops while you're in town? Try Mad Matilda's—a featured sponsor of Elkhorn—is located on Main Street downtown.

Where can I find wi-fi?

Most hotels in Baker City have free wi-fi, as do some of the businesses downtown along Main Street. Also, the Baker County Public Library, just off Campbell and Main, has free wi-fi.

Can I bring my family?

Yes! Baker City is very family friendly. However, you are responsible for watching your own kids. Sign from local Baker City establishment: Unattended children will be given an espresso and a free puppy.

Do you have a band aid?

Elkhorn staff do not carry first aid supplies. We do have medics available, there will be one at the finish line of stages 1 and 4. It's best to bring a small first aid kit for minor cuts and scrapes.

Do you have a spare tube? An allen wrench? Chain lube?

Elkhorn staff do not carry bike tools, but surely your fellow racers can help you out. There is neutral pit support during the crit, but a safe, functioning machine is the responsibility of its rider. The support vehicles may have tools and supplies, but they may not. Riders are encouraged to carry essential spare tools or tubes. Also note: support vehicle volunteers are local community members and you may not receive a professional wheel change or support. Be patient, volunteers try their best but are just that – volunteers. We should be thankful they are even out there to help. Please thank them for their time and efforts.

What should I wear?

Bring layers, and expect the best and the worst. The weather is usually hot and dry, but we've had rain at the crit, snow on the top of Dooley Mountain, hail, wind, etc. Be prepared for anything.

Who is the man in the scarf?

Probably Ernie, the race director. He has a scarf thing going on, but he pulls it off well, don't you think?

Where do I get a T-shirt?

At the registration area. We almost always run out of T-shirts, so buy early if you want to be sure to get one.

Where can I go during the race to ask questions?

Find a volunteer. They're usually hanging around near the registration area before the road stages, and they're probably wearing Elkhorn T-shirts (but maybe one from a previous year).

Is it safe to leave my stuff at the High School during the race?

Elkhorn is not responsible for any items left at the High School. However, there are classified school staff on the premises, and usually some volunteers around the area. We've never had any problems with theft or lost items, and we hope to keep it that way.