

2023 UAH CHARGERS XC INVITATIONAL

HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE

October 7, 2023

Collegiate Men 8K: 8:00 am CST
Collegiate Women 5K: 8:50 am CST

Distance: Men: 8,000 meters Women: 5,000 meters

Location: John Hunt Park. It is the old Huntsville Municipal Golf course in the middle of Huntsville that has been transformed into a permanent championship level cross country course. Over 1.5 million dollars invested in this course. Entire course is sodded, irrigated, and rolled for fast racing!

Course description: The course meets all NCAA championship course specs: 600m to the first turn, and 10 meters wide along the entire course. It is all grass and is very spectator friendly. The 5K course is one loop, and the 8K course is a 3k loop followed by the 5k loop. A great course with gently rolling hills that I think your team will love.

Meets hosted: This course was the host venue of the 2021 &2022 D1 South Region, the 2021 Running Lane HS National Championship, the 2022 D2 Festival Year Showcase, the 2021 UAH Chargers Invite, the 2020 Gulf South Conference Championship, and future site for the GSC Championship in 2023 and the D2 South Region in 2024.

Entries: Entry deadline is Monday, October 2nd at 10:00 PM. TEAM ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED THROUGH DIRECT ATHLETICS. Entry fees are \$300 for each team or \$600 for both men and women for up to 14 entries per gender. If fewer than 5 athletes, pay \$50 per athlete. Additional team entries over 14 will be \$50 per entry. Unattached entries are \$50 – send an email requesting entry to: caind@uah.edu

Awards: Team trophies to the Top 3 teams.
Awards will be given to the top 25 finishers in each race.

We aim to make this a big event annually, two weeks before most conference championships. At the UAH Charger Invite in 2021 we hosted 5 Top 15 ranked D2 teams with 35 teams competing. In 2022 we had 50 college teams from 15 states, 7 men's teams and 6 women's teams went on to place Top 30 at D2 Nationals. The best is yet to come in 2023, so reserve your team's spot today!

If you want more info or plan to attend, please email me at caind@uah.edu or call David Cain at 256-824-2222. I can email you a video of the course and hotel information.