



The Mississippi College Opener:

Sponsored by Southern Farm Bureau Life

WHEN:

Friday, September 5, 2025

WHERE:

Choctaw Trails, Clinton, MS (5201 N. McRaven Rd., Jackson, MS).

ENTRY FEE:

\$180 per gender per race with no school paying more than \$360. If you are in a school with less than 5 athletes, there will be a \$30 charge for each individual (unattached runners are welcome and will need to register via DirectAthletics). BRING TO MEET, Checks made out to "Mississippi College".

ENTRY PROCESS:

ONLINE ENTRIES will begin on July 4th and will close on September 3rd at 11:59 am. Enter Online at directathletics.com (You may Add, Delete, and Change any time until entries are closed) Online Payment is required to register!

SCHEDULE:

6:00 PM MEN'S 5,000m

6:45 PM WOMEN'S 5,000m

AWARDS:

Following each divisional race. T-Shirts to Top 14 Individual performers and a trophy for the top 2 teams.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Historic Choctaw Trails has been reimagined and redesigned to host the South's best cross-country experience for everyone including athletes, coaches, and spectators. With ample parking for fans, shaded team tent areas for coaches and athletes, and designated restrooms for both, Choctaw Trails provides everything needed to experience cross country at its finest. The course boasts a starting line big enough to safely accommodate 40 teams and every step will be run on grass. A 30+ foot width at all points, the course affords front-runners, mid-packers, and come-from-behind strategists alike a safe opportunity to compete. Course markings can be found at every kilometer and every mile, and multiple clocks make it easy to track athletes' times. The last 800m is sure to inspire as it loops adjacent to the finish line, and two sets of bleachers line the final stretch to help spectators cheer athletes through the finish line. From the improved course to the electric atmosphere, Choctaw Trails delivers the ultimate cross-country experience.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

A certified and licensed athletic trainer will monitor the weather and make the decision to suspend activity in the event of inclement weather. If it is recommended that activity should be suspended, the athletic trainer will notify the race director, MC game administrator, and the PA announcer. Teams will be asked to seek shelter by returning to their respective travel bus/van and fans will need to return to their vehicles. Activity shall not resume until given the ALL CLEAR by the athletic trainer. Teams will be given a minimum of 30 mins to warm up before activity is resumed.

TIMING INFORMATION:

XPress Timing <https://xpresstiming.com>

PARKING:

Free parking for college meet

CONTACT:

If you have questions, please contact Joe Snyder: jsnyder@mc.edu

LOCAL HOTELS – Clinton, MS

Hilton Garden Inn Clinton

5007 Hampstead Blvd. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-460-6116

Comfort Inn

5010 Hampstead Blvd. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-925-8250

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

105 Hampstead Blvd. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-925-5750

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

495 Springridge Rd. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-708-0400

Best Western Plus Clinton

493 Springridge Rd. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-925-9393

LOCAL EATS – Clinton, MS**Froghead Grill**

121 Clinton Center Dr. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-924-0725

The Bank (Pizza Shack)

200 W Leake St. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-708-1708

Mazzio's Pizza

301 Hwy 80 E Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-925-8009

Newk's Eatery

455 Hwy 80 E Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-925-5200

Fox's Pizza Den

713 Clinton Pkwy Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-708-4135

Chick-Fil-A

952 Hwy 80 E Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-924-8892

Los Parrilleros Mexican Grill

460 Springridge Rd. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-488-4505

Krilakis Mediterranean

207 W Main St. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-925-0069

Picante's Mexican Grill

640 Hwy 80 E Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-925-8282

Sonny's BBQ

101 Hampstead Blvd. Clinton, MS 39056 | 601-308-1188