

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION



Final Information Packet PARKER "425" "The Legend Lives On"



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Dear Blue Water Resort & Casino Parker "425" Entry,
Welcome to the exciting Blue Water Resort & Casino Parker "425", you are about to embark on another Best In The Desert Off-Road Adventure. This information packet is very important to you, your team, your support crew, and all others who will be joining you. Please read it all the way through. Enclosed you will find a schedule of events, a vicinity map of the BlueWater, your vehicle race number, and the balance of your fees. Only Driver #1, Driver of Record, on the entry blank will receive this Final Information Packet and the Pit Support Book, sorry, but only one book per entry form, please make copies of this packet to give to your team members.

For those of you who will be staying at the Blue Water Resort & Casino and other motels and RV parks in Parker, I remind you to be on your best behavior. We are privileged to be invited guests of the Blue Water Resort & Casino, Colorado River Indian Tribes and the Town of Parker, and we want to be invited back next year. Please treat the facilities and your rooms with the utmost respect. Please don't throw trash, paper, or set bottles and cans down in the parking lots. Please!!! Also, keep in mind that you must be 21 years old to drink alcohol or gamble in Arizona. Please think about what you are doing at all times! Please don't ruin it for everyone by doing something dumb! Think!

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Please read every word!!! Don't say, "I didn't know!!!" Don't say, "Nobody told me!!!"

TIME TRIALS - Thursday, February 1, 2018

TIME TRIALS FOR START POSITIONS IS NOT A MANDATORY EVENT!!!

The TIME TRIALS is for three classes only, Trick Trucks, Class 1500 and Class 6100. All entries in the Time Trials will start in the order in which they qualify. The Time Trials for start positions is not a mandatory event. Trick Trucks, Cl 1500 & 6100 for special instructions in your Final Information Packet regarding Time Trials. We are promoting the **DOWNTOWN PARKER EXPERIENCE**, which is a **SHOW & SHINE** and fun street festival for the entire family. The Parker Area Chamber of Commerce presents the Parker "425" Downtown Experience with **The Down & Dirty Radio Show**, at 5:30 pm.

#1

The **FIRST** thing you do on Friday, February 2, 2018, is check in at **final Drivers/Riders registration** in the **Mohave & Hopi Rm** at the **Blue Water Resort & Casino**. (See **Schedule of Events** and the **Parker vicinity map**.) At least one arm-banded person listed on your official **Parker "425"** entry form must go through **Driver registration** to be able to tech your vehicle, however, ALL people listed on the entry form must check-in at registration as soon as they arrive to receive their armband. The balance of your fees must be paid on **Friday, February 2, 2018**, by the first person taking the packet, you will not receive your packet without making final payment (No Exceptions, don't ask!) Please bring **CASH ONLY! NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED - CASH ONLY!!** The **Drivers final registration** will be open from **9:00 AM to 5:30 PM** on **Friday, February 2, 2018**.

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The **SECOND** thing you do on Friday, February 2, 2018, is go to the **Racing Trax Table** inside the **Registration room** to pick up your tracking unit. You will then head outside and continue with **Contingency Inspection**, from **9:00 AM to 6:00 PM** at the **Blue Water Resort & Casino parking lot** (See **Vicinity Map**).

SPECIAL NOTE: The **BEST IN THE DESERT** contingency inspectors will be checking very closely to make sure the contingency sponsor's products are being used by your race vehicle!! Please don't say you are using a product if you are not! Refer to Tech and Contingency notice enclosed.

#3

The **THIRD** thing you do on Friday, February 2, 2018, is **Technical Inspection**, from **9:00 AM to 6:00 PM** at the **Blue Water Resort & Casino parking lot** (See **Vicinity Map**. At least one (1) of the entries listed on the official **Parker "425"** entry form that has their armband on must be with the race vehicle through **Technical Inspection**.

NOTE: All race vehicles must go through **Technical Inspection!!!**

#4

The **FOURTH** thing you must do on Friday, February 2, 2018, is to attend the **MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING!** This **MANDATORY MEETING** will be in the **BlueWater Bingo Room** at **6:30 PM**.

"THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING" - "NO EXCEPTIONS"

At the end of the meeting we call 25 random names & vehicle numbers, there must be at least one arm-banded racer from your team at this meeting. There will be a one-hour (1-hour) time penalty issued to your team if one person, on the random list, is not present at this meeting!

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Special Rules For The Parker “425” Race

1. You may drive your race vehicle around the parking lots of the Blue Water Resort & Casino to get to the Contingency/Tech Staging Area but please **DO NOT** speed in the parking lots. **GO SLOW!!! GO SLOW!!! GO SLOW!!!**
2. There will not be a testing or jetting area. Come prepared to race! **STAY OFF THE PARKER PYTHON!!!**
3. To get from the Blue Water to the Main Pit Area you must **TOW** your race vehicle on the Paved Streets through town. **DO NOT TRY TO DRIVE YOUR RACE VEHICLE** on the highway. **PLEASE TOW RACE VEHICLES from Main Pit to BlueWater Hotel.**
4. The Parker “425” race is a **No Pre-Run course**. If you are caught on the Parker “425” course or the Parker Python by any **BEST IN THE DESERT** official or **BLM staff** the team will receive a severe penalty. Please, everyone stay away from the Parker “425” course!! There will be no pre-running allowed on the course, the area is closed as of Friday, January 26, 2018. We want this is to be a fair race for everyone.
5. **Special Note: Friday, from off load/on load to Tech/Contingency, adhere to the 15 MPH Speed Limit on the BlueWater property, do not speed anywhere on the BlueWater property!!!**
6. There will be a Time Trials for **Trick Trucks, CLASS 1500 & 6100** start positions on Thursday, February 1, 2018, see enclosed instruction sheet. **The instructions will be sent to these three classes only.**
7. **Starting order for the P425 race will be announced** to everyone at the **MANDATORY Drivers meeting** at the **BlueWater Resort & Casino** on Friday, February 2, 2018.
8. All **Pit Support Vehicles** as well as **Race Vehicles** must stay off the **BEST IN THE DESERT** radio frequency unless you are reporting an emergency. **Please!!**
9. **BEST IN THE DESERT** is again using **RUGGED RELAY race communications**. **Rugged Radios** is proud to announce radio relay service for the 2018 BITD racing season. Radio relay provides a critical communication service between race operations, teams, and drivers for improved safety and track operations. **Use frequency 152.960 for Radio Communications for 2018!!!**
10. For Pit Support contact carlos@bajapits.com, he will be at all 3 Pits!
11. There will be two (2) paved road crossings on Shea Road plus one (1) on Riverside Drive for a total of three (3) paved road crossings in the Parker “425” Race. Race vehicles **WILL NOT** have to stop!
12. **1st Race Staging 5 Am – Start 6 AM – First Race will be a Gran Prix Finish for both 2 lap & 3 Lap**
The Main Pit exit will close at 2:30 PM for first Race. Staging & Start will be at Parker Python. To be considered finisher you must get the checkered flag after the overall leader gets the checkered flag, regardless of # of laps.
1st Race Classes: 2 lap classes – 5000, 3700, 1700, 2700, 4700, 7300, 8100. 3 lap classes – 1000, 1100, 3000, 6000, 2000, 5000
13. **2nd Race Staging 12 noon – Start 1:30 PM – escort to start line is at 1:10 PM, Start 1:30 PM.** Staging will be at the Parker Python and the Start will be on Calif. Ave. (see diagram.) **2nd Race is not a Gran Prix finish, Main Pit Exit will close at 10:30 PM, Finish Line will close at 1 AM.** You must complete all (3) laps to be considered a finisher.
2nd Race Classes: Trick Truck, 1500, 6100, 6200, 7200, 8000
14. **Again for 2018: For those of you using Pit 3 - Midway, it is now a “Stationary Pit.”** Your support crew **MUST** have a **Green Best In The Desert Pit Pass** affixed on the windshield.
1st Race - must be in to Midway by 5 AM, Saturday am, and WILL NOT be able to leave until 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm.
2nd Race - must be past “Cap Canal” to enter Midway by 1:00 pm to enter for 2nd Race, and Cap closes at 1:30 pm, you will not be able to get into Midway after 1:30 pm, (you have to be past Cap Canal by 1:30 pm to get to Midway.)
15. **We have decided in 2018 to not use Pit 4 - Mineral Wash.** So Please plan your fuel accordingly.
16. Your pit crews **do not need a 4WD** vehicle to get in or out of any of the four (4) Pit Stops.
17. Tell your support crews **not to speed** on Shea Road or any County dirt roads in and out of the pit areas, (35 mph speed limit!) **Please be safe! The BLM Rangers and LaPaz County Sheriff’s will be out in force.**
18. There is **NO pitting** on Shea Road, **Spectating Only!**
19. **All race support vehicles** must display a **RED BEST IN THE DESERT Pit Pass** on the windshield. You will pick up your **Pit Passes** at Driver/Rider Registration at the Parker “425”. Each race entry can have up to **six (6) Pit Passes**. You **DO NOT** need a Pit Pass for the Main Pit. You need a Pit Pass for Pit 1, 2, 3. Midway (Pit 3) is a small pit and we want only necessary support trucks stationed there, please only send in what you need to Midway as it is a “Stationary Pits.”
20. You must **park at the Pit Stops** like the **diagram shows** for each Pit Stop. **Please refer to your Pit Book! Absolutely no pitting** anywhere else on the course **except at the four (4) Pit Stops.**
21. The rule for **Parker “425”** race course will be 20 feet from the center of the course markings.
22. **Do not short course!!** Please stay on the course except to pass another vehicle! **Please do not take short cuts!! All check points in the Parker “425”** race are **hidden checks. Please do not take short cuts!!**
23. The BLM/Arizona Fish and Game, CRIT Police Officers and Best In The Desert officials will be on the course watching for short cutting. If we catch you short cutting you will be disqualified from the race. You must stay on the course! Please! The only time you should leave the exact marked course is to pass someone. Please stay on the course!
24. **Please clean your pit area before you leave each Pit Stop.**
25. **NO ATV’S, MOTORCYCLES , UTV’s, or BICYCLES ALLOWED IN ANY PIT AREA, EXCEPT MAIN PIT AREA.**
26. **Support Crews!!** If you hear your race vehicle is broken down **DO NOT JUMP** in your truck and try to go out on the course to help them. Again, contact RUGGED RELAY at 152.960.
27. If your race vehicle is broken down and you are out of the race, then you will have to wait until the racecourse closes **UNLESS** a **Best In The Desert Official RETRIEVABLE TRUCK can help you.** You may find a Best In The Desert Pit Captain to relay to a Best In The Desert Course Official to give you further instructions.

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28. **NO CHASE TRUCKS/SUPPORT VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE.**
29. **Special Note: All SUPPPORT VEHICLES** must have the **number of the race vehicle** they are supporting on the right side of the windshield, as well as on the rear window. **Please use six (6) inch numbers.** Thank you!!!
30. If your team plans on having a helicopter to view from or to follow the race **YOU MUST REGISTER WITH A LETTER TO BEST IN THE DESERT**, see Rule SEC 8 - page 7 in the Car/Truck rule book. To request a form letter, email bitd@bitd.com list the reason for the helicopter, radio frequency for both your team and your helicopter and send it back. **There will be a meeting to discuss the procedures for your helicopter, at 3 pm, on Friday, Feb 2, in the Mohave Room. The helicopter pilot must have a commercial license and must attend this meeting, this is MANDATORY! Not a member of the team, the HELICOPTER PILOT! NO DRONES allowed at any Best In The Desert events.**
31. **Drive Safe!!** Do not go backwards on the course!! No matter what happens!! Think at all times!!
32. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1. The Mile Markers are white.
33. The course will be marked with **Pink Ribbon - Pink Arrows - Orange Danger Marks - Bright Orange Dangers Ahead Signs - Black & White Wrong Way Signs.** The **Danger Marks** will be on the danger area.
34. **The racecourse mileage between Pit to Pit is as follows:**

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| Start to Pit #1 | 32.0 miles | Pit #1 to Pit #2 | 21.5 miles | Pit #2 to Pit #3 | 37.3 miles |
| Pit #3 to Main Pit | 51.7 miles | All mileage is approximate | | | |

Car and Trucks: Total Mileage of Loop – 143.0 miles - not counting the Main Pit – Add approximately 4-miles. You WILL NOT race through the Main Pit at the Start.

Special Note:

Add 1 mile for start of 1st Race – 1 time Only
 Add 2 miles for 2nd Race - 1 time Only
 Add 4 miles for Main Pit – Both Races

**Please be on time for all schedule events!!
 Remember – ARIZONA TIME
 Mountain Standard Time!**

SPECIAL NOTE: At two (2) random pits there will be a radar gun, manned by a Best In The Desert Official checking, your speed. Anyone speeding will have an automatic time penalty. 25 MPH speed limit in all pits!

35. **Curt LeDuc** will conduct a **ROOKIE MEETING** immediately following the Drivers Meeting on Friday night, Feb 2, 2018.
36. Classes **1000, 6100, 6200, 7200 – MOTORS MUST BE TAGGED** by TurnKey Engine Supply prior to going thru Tech Inspection.
37. **Race elevation: Start/Finish at 400-1000 feet in Parker. Average elevation for the race is 800 feet.**
38. **Be prepared for warm weather in Parker, we've put in an order for sunshine! But be prepared for cool weather after dark.**
39. GPS plot trail will be on the Best In The Desert website (www.bitd.com) on January 26, 2018 (always 7-days out from every race.)
40. Please be on time to all scheduled events. *Remember, Arizona is on MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME!!! 1-Hour ahead of PST!*
41. A Special **THANK YOU** to our great presenting sponsor, **IMPACT and Robbie Pierce.**

I know this seems like a lot to remember, but it is very important that we all try very hard to follow the rules. I have said this before, but I think it needs to be repeated. The **BEST IN THE DESERT** does not care - What your name is - Who your sponsor is - How much money you have - We treat everyone the same way!!! **FAIR AND SINCERE, THE SAME RULES APPLY TO EVERYONE.**

I know I can count on all of you, after all, the **Parker "425"** race is for you. **I want everyone to have fun, and enjoy your Arizona off-road adventure with Best In The Desert, the Blue Water Resort Parker "425" presented by Impact!**

See you at the Parker "425"!

Sincerely Yours,



Donald Jackson, Operations Director
 Best In The Desert
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