

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

Dear Best In The Desert Riders!

GMZ UTV WINTER NATIONALS
PARKER "250" Presented by Polaris

First, let me say, what a way to start the 2019 ~ "The American Off-Road Racing Series" by racing the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris**. Best In The Desert has always held the Parker 250 near and dear to our hearts but most especially since 2017 where our Founder, Casey Folks waved his final green flag before returning home.

For the 2019 **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris** we expect the entire event to be bigger than it has ever been. With the return of the short course race using the "long version", the always exciting youth race and most importantly, the 80 mile loop race for motorcycles, quads and UTV's .

Over the past sixteen years we have had very successful events in Parker and for 2019 there will be no exception!!! **Best In The Desert** is very excited to announce the return of **Title Sponsor, GMZ Race Products**, a company that makes wheels and tires for UTV's. The event is now the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris!** I think it is very important that all of you racers realize just how important it is to our sport to have industry support like **GMZ and Polaris**. I believe if we want the sport of Motorcycle/Quad/UTV off-road racing to continue and grow we must have the quality sponsorship involvement with companies like **GMZ Race Products and Polaris** who are industry driven. Not only is this an exciting race in the State of Arizona, but the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris** will be the kick-off for an **EXCITING 2019 RACING SEASON!** The event will be held in Parker, Arizona, on approximately an 80-mile loop with some of the best spectating areas available in off-road racing today. Again, the **PARKER PYTHON** will be a big part of the event. The Parker **Python** will be a rough section of jumps in front of hundreds of cheering spectators, it is a GREAT section that you will race to get back to! Once again, we have opened up Shea Road, an area considered to be a "Spectators Paradise!" Friends, family and off-road enthusiasts will be able to watch you race with all of the fierceness you can muster! Your friends, family and fans can camp and watch the **BEST OF THE BEST all day long!** You will be able to watch the **BEST Motorcycle, Quad and UTV racers** in the country. Definitely a **"Showdown In The Desert!"**

The Parker events have a thirty year history of being a **ROUGH** and **TOUGH** long distance course, *and this year is no different!* The **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris** will hold true to its reputation, it is one of the toughest off-road race courses in our 2018 line up! But remember, that's why you're racing, you're racing for the **CHALLENGE** of beating the tough desert terrain, you're racing to feel the satisfaction of completing a course that has a history like the one in Parker, AZ!

Here are a few things to think about! How many long distance team races are there in the United States? Answer: Four! Next question, what organization puts them on? Easy Answer: Best In The Desert! Next question, why does Best In The Desert promote **LONG DISTANCE TEAM DESERT RACES?** Answer: Because Best In The Desert has a passion for the sport, and we feel you, the racer, should have the opportunity to participate in the sport you love too! Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of long distance off-road races!

Registration and Technical Inspection for the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris** will be held at the beautiful Blue Water Resort & Casino in Parker, Arizona, on Friday, January 11, 2019. The Race will be held on Saturday, January 12th, and the Awards Presentation will be held on Saturday Evening, at the BlueWater Resort & Casino Cantina! Don't miss this great day of racing! See you at the races in Parker, AZ!

Sincerely,



Donald Jackson, Operations Manager
For More Information Contact:

**BEST IN THE DESERT
RACING ASSOCIATION**

3475 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, NV, 89121, (702) 457-5775, (702) 641-2431 fax, bitd@bitd.com

- OVER -



GMZ UTV WINTER NATIONALS PARKER "250" PRESENTED BY POLARIS **FACT SHEET**

1. The **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris** race course will be an approximately 80-mile loop raced three times and adding 2 times around the Parker Python (3-miles) for a total of 252 miles. Amateur Ironman classes will race two (2) 80-miles loops with the same additional miles. All other Motorcycle and Quad classes as well as UTV's will race around 3 times with a Gran Prix finish, when the leader comes in all get flagged in. There will be NO pre-run for the Parker "250".
2. There will be an Alternate Pit for Motorcycles, Quads & UTV's at Mile Marker 27. You are allowed to fuel and switch riders at the Main Pit and Alternate Pit only. **YOU WILL NOT** be able to beat the race vehicle from the Alternate Pit to the Main Pit. We recommend two (2) pit support vehicles, One (1) at the Main Pit and one (1) at the Alternate Pit.
3. If you have a **two (2) man** team and you may want to divide the mileage up evenly, we recommend that the 2nd rider going directly to the Alternate Pit (Midway,) and switch riders there. If not, one rider will race 160 miles and one rider will race 80 miles. Again for 2019, all MC & Quad entries can have four (4) riders, if you choose to have more riders. Expert Ironman will race all three (3) laps for 2019. Amateur Ironman will race two (2) laps for 168 miles.
4. Again for this year there will be a **Youth 250cc & 170** race and Short Course UTV Race both on Friday January 11, 2019.
5. **The POINT SCHEDULE for 2019 for Motorcycles, Quads & UTV's is as follows:**
To win a Class Championship you must compete in **ALL** scheduled events for your respective class. For Motorcycles there will be five (5) events. For Quads there will be four (4) events. For UTV's there will be six (6) events. **THERE WILL BE NO THROW OUT RACE FOR ANY OF THE CLASSES IN 2019. YOU MUST ENTER/START ALL OF THE DESIGNATED RACES FOR YOUR CLASS.**
6. The Draw for Start Positions is Thursday, December 27, send in your entry form before December 24th to make sure it has time to arrive!
7. CRIT Camping Fee will apply for the Main Pit area; CRIT will be charging \$15 a night. Be prepared to pay cash at the Main Pit entrance. This is only for vehicles you are sleeping in.
8. The **GMZ AWARDS PRESENTATION** for the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris** race will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at 8:30 PM in the BlueWater Cantina! Don't miss an awesome day of racing and a fun night of celebrating!
9. The **PARKER PYTHON** and Spectating Areas will be in the MAIN PIT and you can camp there! The area will be a mile and a half of a grand prix style course with jumps and incredible excitement! The Main Pit area will be watered down so you'll have a clear frame for watching your favorite racers race the **PARKER PYTHON!!!**
10. The 2019 Schedule of Events is now out! We recommend you make your reservations for the awesome **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker "250" presented by Polaris** now at the **BlueWater Resort & Casino!** Also, the **2019 hotel guide is posted!** Make your reservations now at all of the **Best In The Desert Host Hotels for the entire 2019 Racing Year!!! See you at the Start Line!!!**
11. Racing Trax – all Desert UTV's are required to have Racing Trax. For the Parker 250 Motorcycles & Quads will NOT be required to run Racing Trax. Short course & youth are not required to run it. Register online at RacingTrax.com \$25 late fee for those who registration at Tech.

GMZ UTV WINTER NATIONALS PARKER "250" presented by POLARIS

HOST HOTEL - BlueWater Resort & Casino

(888) 243-3360

www.bluewaterfun.com

(928) 669-7000

The BlueWater Resort & Casino will not be offering a group block this year, it is first come first serve for their rooms. For More Information Regarding the Parker Area Contact the **Parker Area Chamber of Commerce – (928) 669-2174** For Additional Lodging References please contact www.parkerareatourism.com

IN-TOWN ACCOMMODATIONS

Best Western Parker Inn	(877) 297-6667
Budget Inn Motel	(928) 669-2566
El Rancho Motel	(928) 669-2231
Hampton Inn (Brand New)	(928) 699-1000
Kofa Inn	(800) 742-6072
Lazy D Mobile Home Park	(928) 669-8797
Quality Inn	(928) 669-2133
Stardust Motel	(928) 669-2278

~OVER~

