

# BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

## Final Information Packet

### BlueWater Desert Challenge

*“The American Challenge Continues”*



## Dear BlueWater Desert Challenge Entry,

Welcome to the exciting Blue Water Desert Challenge, 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 Downtown Parker, and the balance of your fees. Only Driver of Record, on the entry blank will receive this Final Information Packet, please make copies of the documents for your team members.

For those of you who will be staying at some of the 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! You are allowed to camp at the Main Pit, please observe the same rules for the Main Pit. Think! Think! Think!

**PLEASE READ □ PLEASE READ □ PLEASE READ □ PLEASE READ**

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

### TIME TRIALS - Thursday, October 22, 2020

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

The TIME TRIALS is for Trick Trucks, 1500, 6100, 1000, 7200, & 6200 classes. All entries in the Time Trials will start in the order in which they qualify. There will be only one (1) escorted practice run, be on time! Steve Olliges will present the TEAM FORD POLE AWARD to the Winner of the Trick Truck or the Class 1500 winner, whichever has the fastest overall time. Ryan Hancock will present the ALEXANDER FORD POLE AWARD to the winner of the 6100 class. The Time Trials for start positions is not a mandatory event, look for special instructions in your Final Information Packet regarding Time Trials. The results will be announced at the end of the Time Trials.

**#1**

The FIRST thing you do on Friday, October 23, 2020 is check in at final Drivers registration in the Parker Town Senior Center (See Schedule of Events and the Parker vicinity map.) At least one arm-banded person listed on your official BlueWater Desert Challenge 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 at their designated time to receive their armband. The balance of your fees must be paid on Friday, October 23, 2020, by the first person taking the packet, you will not receive your packet without making final payment (No Exceptions, don't ask!) BITD will be having registration BY CLASS – similar to Vegas to Reno. See the attached schedule for times.

**#2**

The SECOND thing you do on Friday, October 23, 2020 is go to the RacingTrax Trailer at the beginning of Contingency Row and get your tracking unit installed. You will continue with Contingency Inspection, from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM in Downtown Parker (See attached 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!

**#3**

The THIRD thing you do on Friday, October 23, 2020 is Technical Inspection in Downtown Parker (See attached map). Tech Inspection will take place at the same time as registration, see schedule for times. At least one (1) of the entries listed on the official BWDC entry form that has their armband on must be with the race vehicle through Technical Inspection.

Contingency forms need to be filled out and sent to BITD prior to the event. There is a link on the BITD website for your form. There will not be extra stickers at the event, so please get these in ahead of time.

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

There will be no in person drivers meeting. The virtual drivers meeting will be posted on all BITD social media, and on the website.

### Special Rules for the “BlueWater Desert Challenge” Race

1. If you have an open trailer, or your vehicle is in the back of a truck, you may pull it through tech without unloading it. If you have an enclosed trailer, you will be able to unload your race vehicle and drive it on the surface streets to tech. We ask that only six maximum people accompany the vehicle through tech.
2. There will not be a testing or jetting area. Come prepared to race! Stay off the Parker Python!!!
3. The BlueWater Desert Challenge race is a No Pre-Run course. If you are caught on the BlueWater Desert Challenge course or the Parker Python by any BEST IN THE DESERT official you will receive a severe penalty. Please, everyone stay away from the BlueWater Desert Challenge course!! There will be no pre-running allowed on the course, we want this to be a fair race for everyone.
4. There will be a Time Trials for TRICK TRUCKS, 1500, 6100, 1000, 7200, & 6200S for start positions on Thursday, October 22, 2020, see enclosed instruction sheet. The instruction sheet will be sent to these five classes only.
5. There is a 15 MPH Speed Limit on the Main Pit Parking access roads. Go slow, watch for children.

6. **The Race Schedule is SUBJECT TO CHANGE depending on how many vehicles we get in each race. We will make that decision after registration ends on Friday, October 23. We know many of you are racing in more than one race and we will do our best to stay with the published schedule. If your race is “next up” be at the staging area early and ready to race, we may go early. All race times are SUBJECT TO CHANGE after the first race of the day. BE ALERT!**
7. **BEST IN THE DESERT is using RUGGED RELAY for SUPPORT CREW communications! If you need race information, use frequency 152.960 to contact the great guys at RUGGED RELAY! For BITD radio help go to either the Main Parking Area at the (Ford Mesa.) and look for the BEST IN THE DESERT Box Van communication location or the Pit Captain in the Hot Pit area.**
8. The **RACING TRAX Satellite System** is mandatory for all **Car, Truck, UTV, Motorcycle, and Quad** race vehicles. Go to [www.RacingTrax.com](http://www.RacingTrax.com) to order. You will not be allowed to leave the start line if you do not have your RACING TRAX mounted in your vehicle. RACING TRAX is for tracking and safety (exception Cl 4700 pre-run.) Transponders are mandatory and they are for scoring.
9. **THE HOT PIT – This is the area where you will PIT! There is NO OTHER AREA TO PIT other than the HOT PIT AREA!!! You will move your pit truck and your pit supplies to the HOT PIT AREA before your race begins. If you need to pit, drive into the HOT PIT AREA and pit there. Again, there is ONLY ONE HOT PIT AREA and this is the ONLY AREA where you are allowed to pit. See the diagram of the hot pit area and follow the directions, there is a MANDATORY STOP then this is a No-Passing 25 mph speed zone.**
10. Pit Support Trucks can park and move to the Hot Pit Area when your race vehicle is racing and **pit ONLY from the HOT PIT AREA.** (See diagram for parking and hot pit location).
11. **Absolutely no pitting** anywhere else on the course **except at the Hot Pit Area!!!** Please clean your pit area before you leave the Main Parking Area and the Hot Pit Area.
12. **There will be a Mandatory Stop, No Passing 25 mph SPEED LIMIT in the HOT PIT AREA.** This will be tightly enforced and we have two radar guns. **DO NOT JUMP the berm to get into the Hot Pit.** You must come to the Stop Sign and enter there. If you jump the berm you will get a **TIME PENALTY.** **As you exit the Hot Pit you will see a large yellow YIELD TO RACE TRAFFIC SIGN, you must YIELD!** You may resume race speed and pass when you have left the Hot Pit Area after the Green Sign.
13. **NO CAMPING ALLOWED IN THE HOT PIT AREA. Do not bring alcohol to the Hot Pit or the Ford Mesa Finish Line!**
14. There will be **NO mandatory stop at paved road crossings on the BlueWater Desert Challenge racecourse.**
15. If your team is pitting for more than one class you may set up your pit and we won't ask you to leave after each race (i.e. Checkers, BFG, Baja Pits.)
16. Your pit crews **do not need a 4WD** vehicle to **get in or out** of the **Hot Pit Area.**
17. Tell your support crews **not to speed** in or around the Town of Parker area (**35 mph speed limit!**) **Please be safe! The Parker Police, CRIT Fish & Game, CRIT Police and LaPaz County Sheriff's will be out in force.**
18. There will be **no spectating allowed** at the BlueWater Desert Challenge.
19. **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 BlueWater Desert Challenge race are hidden checks. Please do not take short cuts!!**
20. The CRIT 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 may 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!
21. **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. Go to the **BEST IN THE DESERT** radio location at the **Main Parking Area, BITD Box Van, by the Ford Mesa** or the **Pit Captain in the Hot Pit** area and they will tell you **what you can do.**
22. 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. Contact a Best In The Desert Official at the Ford Mesa or Hot Pit Captain.
23. **NO CHASE TRUCKS / SUPPORT VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE.**
24. **SPECIAL NOTE – TIRE RULE:** If you leave any wheels and tires out on the racecourse you will receive a **one-hour time penalty.** Wheels must be stamped with your race vehicle number on them at Tech Inspection; you are not allowed to remove these markings. We do not have the man power or the means to remove all of the bad tires & wheels from the race course. Pick up your bad tires & wheels!
25. If your team plans on having a helicopter to view from or to follow the race **YOU MUST FILL OUT THE HELICOPTER REGISTRATION FORM.** To request a form, email [bitd@bitd.com](mailto:bitd@bitd.com), or go onto the BITD website. There will be a meeting to discuss the procedures for your helicopter, at 3 pm, on Friday, October 32, in the Parker Senior Center. The commercial licensed helicopter pilot must attend, this is mandatory!
26. **Special Note: All support 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!!!
27. You **DO NOT** need a Pit Pass for the Main Parking Area or the Hot Pit Area.
28. **Drive Safe!!** Do not go backwards on the course!! No matter what happens!! Think at all times!!
29. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1. The Mile Markers are white.
30. 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.**

31. **The racecourse mileage is as follows:** The loop is **23.0 miles**
32. **An entry must complete required number of laps to be considered a finisher each day.** (i.e. Day 1, 3-lap race must complete all 3-laps and get a checkered to be considered a finisher in the amount of time allotted for that day.)
33. **ALL MCQ are a 4 lap race, all finishes will be grand prix.**  
**CT Classes will race three 4 laps, and all UTVs will be a 3 lap race, again it will all be a grand prix finish.**
34. **Race elevation: Start/Finish at 400-500 feet in Parker. Average elevation for the race is 500 feet.**
35. **Be prepared for warm weather in Parker, we've put in an order for sunshine! But be prepared for cool weather after dark.**
36. Please be on time to all scheduled events. *Remember, Arizona is on PACIFIC STANDARD TIME!!!*

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 **BlueWater Desert Challenge presented by Polaris** race is for you. **I want everyone to have fun, and enjoy your Arizona off-road adventure with Best In The Desert, the BlueWater Desert Challenge! See you at the BlueWater Desert Challenge!**

See you at the races,

**Jeff Phillips**

Race Operations Manager

Best In The Desert - Racing Association

#### **FIVE (5) MOST IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER – PLEASE!!!**

- 1) **NO OPEN FIRES at the Main Parking Area, fires MUST BE in a container. You are NOT allowed to dig a hole in the dirt. CRIT Police will ticket you if you have an open fire.**
- 2) **See Camping Fee letter enclosed. CRIT is charging a camping fee at the Main Parking Area!**
- 3) **If you're entering in two separate classes please note that you MUST use a separate transponder for your race vehicle. It does not matter if you are racing at separate times of the day or in separate races, the scoring system will try to score you for both races. If you run the wrong transponder, or both transponders, it will mess with the scoring system. If we find that anyone used the wrong transponder, or runs with two, a penalty may be applied to your race vehicle. Make sure to log the correct transponder # that is your responsibility!**
- 4) **PICK UP YOUR TRASH AND TEACH YOUR KIDS TO RESPECT THE PROPERTY! PLEASE!**