

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

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Final Information Packet 2021 - PARKER "425-400" The Return of "Old-School Parker"



First order of business: DUE a spike in COVID-19 cases on the CRIT reservation, the CRIT Tribal Council has been forced to make a very hard decision, and has elected to not allow the 2021 BlueWater Parker "425" presented by Jimco the use of tribal lands during their current "Stay at Home mandate"! According to our tribal liaison, this is a temporary status, and all future races on tribal lands may be allowed depending on the COVID-19 reality at that time. While at the 2021 Parker 425 presented by Jimco in 2021, BITD asks that you respect the CRIT's decision and we recommend you follow CDC COVID-19 protocol of wearing masks, social distancing and keeping your social gathers to a minimum while in the Town of Parker and the general area. HOWEVER, while on BLM controlled land, i.e., all pit and spectator areas, CDC COVID-19 protocols "WILL BE MANDATORY"! Please watch for signage and if asked by any offices, BITD, CRIT, Parker Police, La Paz County Sheriff or the BLM for respect what is being asked and do as they ask!

SEE ATTACHED COVID-MITIGATION PLANS, "WHILE IN THE TOWN OF PARKER" and "WHILE ON BLM LANDS"

Now on to the fun part,

Welcome to the exciting **Blue Water Resort & Casino Parker "425" presented by Jimco**, 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, balance of your fees and a Pit Support Bok**. Only Driver #1, Driver of Record, on the entry blank will receive this Final Information Packet and the Pit Support Book, only one book per entry form, please make copies of this packet to give to your team members.

****COVID-19 MANDATES – Please read the "COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN" attached! It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that "WE ALL" follow the rules listed. BITD Signage will be posted at all BITD Parker 425 events, the use of face masks and social distancing will be encouraged. We are privileged to be welcomed guests of the Blue Water Resort & Casino, Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT), Town of Parker, La Paz County, the BLM, and we want to be welcomed back next year, so think about what you are doing at all times, and don't ruin it for everyone by doing something dumb!**

GENERAL INFO

TIME TRIALS

**** CANCELED ****

Due to the move to BLM only land, and the BLM permitting process (6-8 months) the requirement of a "Public Land Closure" for an "at race event" cannot be done, and the Time Trials will not be able to happen for 2021.

****REGISTRATION-EVENT EXPO-TECH INSPECTION-DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE****

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 9:00am to 5:30PM

FIRST - Watch the MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING! - This MANDATORY MEETING will be posted online at BITD.COM on Wednesday January 13, 2021 by 12:00 PM. All drivers and riders will need to have watched the video and filled out online confirmation form. A Live Questionnaire will be held on our Facebook Live feed on Thursday January 14, 2021 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM and our staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. **"THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING" - "NO EXCEPTIONS"!** **Current updates and possible additional info for the Pit areas will be presented!**

SECOND - Check in at Drivers/Riders registration in the Parker Senior Center at 1115 W 12th St, Parker, AZ 85344.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, you will need to come to registration during your allotted registration time slot. (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 armbands. **The balance of your fees must be paid by the first person taking the packet and before you can go through tech. YOU WIL NOT receive your packet without making final payment, NO Exceptions and bring CASH or CC ONLY!** (BITD ACCEPTS, AMX, VISA, DISCOVER & MASTERCARD). ***** Please come during your allotted times. While in the Town of Parker, COVID-19 protocol is recommended, please cooperate with all officials and signage!**

Third - Go to the Racing Trax Table set-up inside the Registration room to pick up your tracking unit.

Racing Trax will be mandatory for all BITD races in 2021. Racing Trax is a satellite-based tracking system designed for racer safety! A few items it includes is "push to pass", "Satellite Wi-Fi texting", most importantly the ability for BITD to verify that racers follow the race course. **IT IS NOT USED TO SCORE THE RACE.**

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Fourth – Event Expo, Downtown Experience and Technical Inspection - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Downtown Parker

At least one (1) of the entrants listed on the official BITD Parker “425” entry form, with BITD Official armband, must be with the race vehicle through Technical Inspection., from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in Downtown Parker. (See Vicinity Map). **SPECIAL NOTE: BITD 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. **NOTE: All race vehicles must go through Technical Inspection!!!**

*At the end of our online Live Questionnaire, we pull 25 random names & vehicle numbers, there must be at least one racer from your team that has filled out the online confirmation form. There will be a one-hour (1-hour) time penalty issued to your team if one person, on the random list has not watched the online video. **While in the Town of Parker, COVID-19 protocol is recommended, please cooperate with all officials and signage!***

SPECIAL RULES

- 1. DUE TO THE CURRENT CIVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN, BITD IS ASKING ALL RACERS TO KEEP YOUR RACE VEHICLES ON YOUR TRAILERS, IF POSSIBLE, DO NOT DRIVE “BIG RIGS” ALONG EXPO/TECH! “BIG RIGS” MAY OFF-LOAD ON 11TH AVENUE, THEN THE “RIG” WILL PROCEED TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARKING LOT TO ON-LOAD, see Downtown Map. PLEASE, DO NOT DRIVE YOUR RACE VEHICLE AROUND THE TOWN OR PARKER, GO SLOW ON THE STAGING LANE!**
- 2. There will not be a testing or jetting area. Come prepared to race! STAY OFF THE PARKER PYTHON and ALL CRIT TRIBAL LAND!!!**
- 3. To get from Downtown Parker to the Main Pit Area, RACE VEHICLES WILL NEED TO BE TRAIERED! Do not attempt to drive your rave vehicles on the roads in the Parker area or on the Highway, you will be ticketed!**
- 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 BITD official or BLM staff the team will receive a severe penalty. AS POSTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER AS A BLM PUBLIC CLOSURE, THE RACE COURSE AREA IS CLOSED as of Thursday at midnight, January 14, 2021.**
- 5. Special Note: Thursday, from off load/on load to Tech/Contingency, adhere to the 15 MPH Speed Limit in Downtown Parker, do not speed anywhere in Downtown Parker!!!**
- 6. Time Trials is canceled, starting positions for Friday and Saturday racing will be per the draw BITD held on December 28th, 2020.**
- 7. Starting order will be based on the random draw help Wednesday December 30, 2020, the class order for the Parker 425 race will be announced to everyone on our Facebook Live feed on Thursday January 14, 2021 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.**
- 8. All Pit Support Vehicles as well as Race Vehicles must stay off the BITD radio frequency unless you are reporting an emergency.**
- 9. BITD is again using RUGGED RELAY race communications. Rugged Radios is proud to announce radio relay service for the 2021 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 2021!!!**
- 10. For Pit Support contact Carlos (619) 921-8978 or Mary (619) 596-8033 - bajamary46@aol.com, he will be at Pit 2 & 3 Remote Pits!**
- 11. There will be TWO (2) paved road crossings, both crossing Shea Road! Crossing one is approx. mile 4.8 and the second is approx. mile 118.5. Race vehicles WILL NOT have to stop!**
*****BE ON-TIME TO ALL BITD SCHEDULE EVENTS – ALL TIMES WILL BE ON ARIZONA TIME ZONE**
- 12. Friday Race**
 - 1) Staging 6:45 Am – Start 8:15 AM**
 - 2) Staging will head north from Main Pit**
 - 3) To be considered a finisher you must complete all laps, this is NOT a Gran Prix Finish.**
 - 4) The Main Pit exit will close at 6 PM and Finish Line Closes at 10 PM**
 - 5) 1st Race Classes: 2 lap classes – 1200, 1700, 2700, 3700, 7100, 7300, 8100
3 lap classes – 1000, 1100, 2000, 3000, 4400, 4700, 5000, 6000, 7200, 8000**
- 13. Saturday Race**
 - 1) Staging 6:45 Am – Start 8:15 AM**
 - 2) Staging will head north from Main Pit**
 - 3) To be considered a finisher you must complete all laps, this is NOT a Gran Prix Finish.**
 - 4) The Main Pit exit will close at 6 PM and Finish Line Closes at 10 PM**
 - 5) 2nd Race Classes: 3 laps - Trick Truck, 1500, 6100, 6200, 6800**
- 14. Again for 2021: For those of you using Pit 3 - Midway, it is now a “Stationary Pit.” Your support crew MUST have a “GREY” Best In The Desert Pit Pass affixed on the windshield for the Midway Pit. Both Friday & Saturday - must be in to Midway by 8:00 AM and WILL NOT be able to leave until 2:00 pm.**
- 15. Your pit crews do not need a 4WD vehicle to get in or out of any of the Pit Stops.**
- 16. Tell your support crews not to speed on Shea Road, all La Paz County dirt roads, Arizona Highways, going to or in and out of the pit areas, (35 mph speed limit!) Please be safe! The BLM Rangers and La Paz County Sheriff’s will be out in force.**
- ***SPECIAL NOTE: There will be two (2) random places with a radar gun manned by an BITD Official, who will be checking your speed. Anyone speeding will have an automatic time penalty. 15 MPH speed limit in all pits!**
- 17. There is NO pitting on Shea Road, Spectating Only.**
- 18. All race support vehicles must display a “WHITE” 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**

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Main Pit. You need a Pit Pass for Pit 1, 2, 3. Midway (Pit 3) will have a Special GRAY Pass. It 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.”

19. You must **park at the Pit Stops** like the Pit Book **diagram shows** for each Pit Stop shows, **refer to your Pit Book for directions!** **Absolutely no pitting** anywhere else on the course **except at the four (4) BITD OFFICIAL Pit Stops.**
20. The BLM Mandated rule for **Parker “425”** race course will be 20 feet from the center of the marked course.
21. **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!!**
22. The BLM, Arizona Fish and Game 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!
23. **Please clean your pit area before you leave each Pit Stop.**
24. **NO ATV’S, MOTORCYCLES, UTV’s, or BICYCLES ALLOWED IN ANY PIT AREA, EXCEPT MAIN PIT AREA.**
25. **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 for further information from BITD officials.
26. 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 BITD Official retrieval vehicle can help you.** You may find BITD Pit Captain to relay to a BITD Course Official to give you further instructions.
27. **NO CHASE TRUCKS/SUPPORT VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE.**
28. **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!!!
29. If your team plans on having a helicopter to view from or to follow the race **YOU MUST REGISTER WITH A LETTER TO BITD**, 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 Thurs, Jan 14, 2021 at the Parker Senior Center. The helicopter pilot must have a commercial license and must attend this meeting, this is MANDATORY! Not just a member of the team, the HELICOPTER PILOT! NO DRONES allowed at any Best In The Desert events.**
30. **Drive Safe!!** Do not go backwards on the course!! No matter what happens!! Think at all times!!
31. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1. The Mile Markers are white.
32. 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.
33. The racecourse mileage between Pit to Pit is as follows: Note: All mileage is approximate
Start to Pit #1 = 32.0 miles - Pit #1 to Pit #2 = 21.0 miles - Pit #2 to Pit #3 = 37.0 miles - Pit #3 to Main Pit = 36.0 miles
Car and Trucks: Total Mileage of Loop – 126.0 miles – Milage counts ALL Miles, pits are included.
You WILL NOT race through the Main Pit at the Start, you will start at Mile 0.
34. **Classes 1000, 6100, 6200– MOTORS MUST BE TAGGED** by TurnKey Engine Supply prior to going thru Tech Inspection.
35. **2021 Maxxis Triple Crown – 1st overall unlimited will go home with \$25,000. 1st Overall in a pro vehicle (not unlimited) goes home with \$7,500. Visit BITD.com for more information on the Triple Crown program.**
36. **Race elevation: Start/Finish at 400-1000 feet in Parker. Average elevation for the race is 800 feet.**
37. **Be prepared for cool weather in Parker, we’ve put in an order for sunshine! But be prepared for cold weather after dark.**
38. GPS plot trail will be on the BITD website (www.bitd.com) on January 7, 2021 (always 7-days out from every race.)
39. Please be on time to all scheduled events. *Remember, Arizona is on MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME!!! 1-Hour ahead of PST!*
40. A Special **THANK YOU** to our great presenting sponsor, **JIMCO.**

Finally, please read through all of the items in the “FINAL INFORMATION PACKET”! All of this may seem overwhelming, however “EVERYTHING IS IMPORTANT”! Please read again if you are not absolutely sure what to do. With the BLM, CRIT, La Paz County, Town of Parker and the State of Arizona watching us closely, it is very important you follow all rules and not be “that person” who makes it difficult for the rest of us to continue racing in Parker!

Keep in mind, BEST IN THE DESERT does not care - What your name is - Who your sponsor is or How much money you have! Our goals are simple, **BE FAIR TO ALL ENTRANTS, OFFER A SAFE RACE, and most important, DO OUR VERY BEST TO MAKE THIS A FUN WEEKEND!**

****MAKE SURE YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THE COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN!**

See you at the races,

Jeff Phillips,
Best In The Desert
Operations Manager

