

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

Cal City Desert Challenge

“The American Challenge Continues”

Final Information for all Race Participants



BITD RACERS;

Welcome to the **2021 Cal City Desert Challenge**. The Finale of the Best In The Desert 2021 Season. You are about to embark on a adventure where “The American Challenge Continues”. 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 for Cal City, the Event Expo & Registration, Pit Crew Release waivers, your vehicle race number & balance of your fees**. Only Driver #1, Driver of Record, on the entry blank will receive this Final Information Packet, please make copies of this packet to give to your team members if needed.

We are privileged to be welcomed guests of **The Town of Cal City, The Peralta Ranch, Kern County & the State of California** and we want to be welcomed back in the future, so think about what you are doing at all times, and don't ruin it for everyone by doing something dumb!

GENERAL INFO

~QUALIFYING~

Thursday November 4th, 2021

TIME TRIALS FOR START POSITIONS IS NOT A MANDATORY EVENT!

The **TIME TRIALS** is for select classes only; Trick Truck, 1500, 1000, 6100, 6200 & 7200. The Time Trials starting order will be based on **Random Drawing**. All entries in the Time Trials will then start the race based on the order in which they qualified in the Qualifying race. Time Trials Registration will be on Thursday, **November, 4th, 2021** from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the Start Line to the Time Trials. This will be your only opportunity to register; you will receive your special Time Trial arm-band, decal and directions to the off-load area. A detailed Time Trial instruction sheet is enclosed in this packet. While you may go through registration to race in Qualifying, you are required to come through a full tech-inspection in **Cal City, CA on Friday, November 5th, 2021** (see vicinity map).

****REGISTRATION-EVENT EXPO-TECH INSPECTION-CONTIGENCY****

Friday, November 5th, 2021 – 9:00am to 5:30PM

FIRST – Off-load Race Vehicle in designated parking lot at 10350 Heather Ave, California City, CA (See Vicinity Map)

BITD Officials will be directing drivers to the off-load area at the Cal City Dog Park across the street from the Best Western. (See Vicinity Map) This parking lot is where you will get out of your race vehicle and drive to and through Tech Inspection/ Event Expo/ Registration/ Contingency. This is also where all Race Participants will park to walk to Registration within the park.

SECOND - Check in at Drivers/Riders registration in the Cal City Central Park Strata Building (See Vicinity Map)

At least one arm-banded person listed on your official **Cal City DC** 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. ***

THIRD – Stop at the Contingency Table set up at the Registration Room

Contingency is designed so that you as a racer, have the opportunity to **earn products, credits, or even cash money** with our **Contingency Sponsors**, just by using sponsors products or rocking a decal! The stipulations and Contingency form can be found on our website, or our Contingency Coordinator will be onsite with forms and if needed decals! Don't miss out! **SPECIAL NOTE: BITD contingency inspectors will be checking very closely** to make sure the contingency sponsor's products are being used by you!! Please don't say you are using a product if you are not!

FOURTH – 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.**

FIFTH – Event Expo, and Tech Inspection - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the Cal City Central Park (See Map).

At least one (1) of the entrants listed on the official **BITD Cal City Desert Challenge** entry form, with a **BITD Official armband**, must be with the race vehicle through Technical Inspection, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in Cal City, CA. (See Vicinity Map).

SIX – Attend the Mandatory Drivers Meeting at the Strata Building.

DRIVERS MEETINGS ARE BACK! This is a **mandatory meeting** for all teams. At the end of the Drivers Meeting, we pull **25 random names & vehicle numbers**, there must be at least one racer from your team in attendance to check if your race number is called. There will be a one-hour (1-hour) time penalty issued to your team if no one is present.

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Special Rules for the Cal City Desert Challenge

1. During Tech Inspection there will be a designated off-load section at the entrance to the Cal City Central Park (see vicinity map for details) in which you will need to off-load your racing vehicle. You must drive your Car/Truck/UTV/MC/Quad from off-load to Tech Inspection and Event Expo on designated path. **DO NOT DRIVE RACE VEHICLES IN UNAUTHORIZED AREAS.**
2. The **Cal City Desert Challenge** race is a **No Pre-Run course**. **BITD** Staff will be onsite to watch for pre-runners. Those caught on the course will be subject to penalties.
3. **Starting order** will be based on the **random draw October 25th, 2021** for those classes who choose to participate in **Time Trials**. All other classes will start based on **Series Points Standings**. If you do not have points in the series, you will start behind those that do, based on the random draw order.
4. **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 151.490 for Radio Communications** for 2021!!!
5. **DO NOT short course per Cal City Requirements!!** Please **stay on the course** except to pass another vehicle! **Please do not take short cuts!! All check points** in the **Cal City Desert Challenge** race are hidden checks. **Please do not take short cuts!!**
6. There are **NO paved road crossings in the Cal City Desert Challenge**.
7. Your pit crews **DO NOT** need a 4WD vehicle to get in or out of the Pit.
8. The Course Map will not be posted online until 3 days prior to the Event on November 3rd, 2021. Cal City has asked us to hold off the maps due to the known pre-running in the area. There will also be printed maps available at Registration.
9. You must slow down when you come into the Hot Pit. **Absolutely no pitting** anywhere else on the course **except** at the (1) **BITD OFFICIAL** Pit Stop. No outside assistance is allowed on the race course.
10. You will be given a maximum of **three (3)** Hot Pit Passes. Children and Pets will not be allowed into the Hot Pits.
11. **Please clean your pit area before your team leaves the Hot Pit.**
12. **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 151.490 for further information and direction from **BITD** officials.
13. Tell your support vehicle **NOT TO STOP** at any racecourse Paved Road crossing to spectate. **NO PARKING!!!**
14. **NO SUPPORT TRUCKS OR CHASE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE.**
15. If your race vehicle is broken down and you cannot fix it yourself, then **MC/Q USE YOUR STUCK STUB, Cars/Trucks/UTV's** use the Racing Trax push the mechanical button. **BITD** will try to help you. **Don't give up, we have retrievable vehicles out there to help you, finishing is your goal!**
16. 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 the Strata Building in Cal City Central Park, on Friday, November 5th, 2021 at 9:30 AM. 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!**
17. **New for 2021 DRONES will be allowed at BITD events, however they must have pre-registered with our HELICOPTER/DRONE Coordinator. See drone requirement form found on bitd.com for Pilot requirements.**
18. **Special Note:** Vehicle Pit Passes are required at this race. **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. Any person on a Pit Crew in the Pits needs to have a signed a release waiver and be arm banded. **Please use six (6) inch numbers.** Thank you!!
19. **Special Note CT/UTV Entries:** If you leave any wheels and tires out on the racecourse you will receive a mandatory one-hour time penalty. Wheels must be marked with your race vehicle number on them at Tech Inspection; you are not allowed to remove these markings. **Rule:** Each wheel on the vehicle including all spares must have the vehicle's number stamped in each wheel within 2 inches of the valve stem. The stamped number must be a minimum 1/4 inch tall.
20. **Ride and Drive Safe!!** Do not go backwards on the course!! No matter what happens!! Think at all times!!
21. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1, and ending at Mile 30. The mile markers are white/black.
22. 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**.
23. **Special Note:** All **MC/Q's** must have a red flashing light on your back. You will be required to show this during tech to our inspectors. If you do not have one, we will have them on hand to purchase. This is for **YOUR** safety!

24. The **Racing Trax** is mandatory for **ALL CLASSES**. The link to order is on our web site or visit RacingTrax.com. You Must Pre register. You will not be allowed to leave the start line if you do not have your unit mounted in your vehicle. Racing Trax is for tracking and safety.
25. **Transponders are mandatory, they are for scoring.**
26. Be prepared for cooler weather during the day and cool to cold weather at night at the finish line.
27. **Per BITD General Rules SEC14:** Driver/Rider of Record must **START OR FINISH** the Cal City Desert Challenge. DOR will receive a special arm-band at the beginning of the race and will be required to show BITD Officials at the Start or Finish. If found that DOR was not at start or finish, vehicle will be subject to penalties.

Special Notes:

1. Race area elevation is 2,405 ft.
2. Gear for a faster racecourse.
3. Please do not come to registration at any other than your designated time, see schedule of events.
4. It is **mandatory** that all pits must have some form of approved fuel containment mat under the vehicle when fueling. Must have a bucket (preferably metal bucket) to keep over flowing fuel from reaching the ground.

What to bring to rider registration and technical inspection.

Rider registration is the first thing you do! Read the schedule of events.

1. Driver/Rider must pick up their own armband at Registration
2. Be sure to take your helmet, vehicle and all C/T/UTV's will need to bring fire suits to Technical Inspection!
3. Motorcycle Classes 30, 40, and 50 must have proof of age.
4. Have correct numbers and background color on number plates.
It is critical for proper scoring that you have the proper numbers with readable plates. You will be asked to turn around and get the proper number plates if our tech inspectors deem them unreadable.
5. ALL MC & Quad Class Champions who won the # 1 Plate in their class, can run RED BACKGROUNDS with WHITE NUMBERS, designating that they are the Class Champion! (i.e., N1 - #301 - #501 - #601.) Congratulations Class Champs!!!
6. All other MC/Quad **Pros** must have **blue** number plates with **white** numbers and letters
7. All other MC/Quad **Experts** must have white number plates with black numbers.
8. All MC/Quad **Amateurs** must have yellow number plates with black numbers
9. Motorcycles must have **three (3)** sets of numbers and plates
10. Quads must have two (2) sets, front & back. We suggest "fish tail" style plates" if your quad can accommodate them, they ARE NOT MANDATORY.
11. **BITD** will supply each MC/Q rider with a bright yellow Stuck Stub to carry with you during the race. Please use the card if you are broken down or out of the race. Tech inspection will check for your Stuck Stub and pencil/pen, be sure to bring them with you.
12. You must have a Transponder for scoring; they are \$100 and yours to keep, good for 2-years!

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. Cal City and the State of California is 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 California!

Keep in mind, **BITD** 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!**

See you at the Cal City Desert Challenge in California City, CA!!!

See you at the races,



Jeff Phillips
Race Director
Best In The Desert
Racing Association



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