

Virtual Happenings

Virtual Run/Walk Challenge And Race Series

Born out of a pandemic but inspired by the rich history and breathtaking scenery of the Utah's natural setting, a new virtual challenge and race has launched: The Utah National Parks Challenge and Virtual Race Series. Registration is now open at www.utahparkschallenge.com and the event will take place virtually for participants all over the world between September 1 – December 21, 2020.



“The Utah National Parks Challenge is actively engaging the global running and walking communities with a four-month interactive program that encourages people at all levels to strive towards an ambitious but attainable endurance goal,” said Steve Bingham-Hawk, race director of the Utah National Parks Challenge. “The race series is designed to

keep people active and engaged during the tail end of this challenging year and to deepen their love, nostalgia, and connection to the pure awesomeness and spirit of Utah's national parks.”

The series hallmark event, The Utah Challenge asks participants to complete 369 miles by running or walking anywhere and anytime by the end of the year. The unique distance of 369 miles highlights the mileage it would require one to travel between all of Utah's Mighty 5® national parks: Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Arches, and Canyonlands.

In addition to The Utah Challenge, the event offers five add-on virtual races that feature specific distances and spotlight one of the Mighty 5® parks. These races include the Zion 5k, Bryce Canyon 8k, Capitol Reef 10k, Arches Half Marathon, and the Canyonlands Marathon. Participants will use the interactive course app, RaceJoy, that will transport them, virtually of course, to these parks by delivering fun and informative audio messages, specially curated for each race while they run or walk.

All proceeds and direct donations will go to the Natural History Association for each of Utah's Mighty 5® national parks. Funds raised will support critical services, research, and education that will ensure the parks will be protected and thrive for generations to come.

Partners of the Utah National Parks Challenge include the Utah Office of Tourism, Visit Utah, and the Salt Lake City Running Company. For information on how companies and organizations can sponsor the race, they should contact the organizers at info@highaltitudeevents.com

All in, 3,000 participants are expected to take on the challenge, earn premium swag, and collect stunning finisher medals as they work towards their most brag-worthy achievement of 2020.

Utahparkschallenge.com | UNP Challenge Series FB Page | UNP Challenge Series Instagram Page

About High Altitude Special Events Management

High Altitude Special Events Management is a professional event services company that provides event management, virtual race development, athlete photos and video, timing and results, swag procurement, marketing, and graphic design for special events across the country. The company employs over 30 event professionals that support over 150 events annually across the country. At the top of their portfolio is the Salt Lake City Marathon which High Altitude owns and operates. The SLC Marathon was voted for a second time by Salt Lake City Weekly readers as the Best Running Event in Utah in 2019. www.highaltitudeevents.com. www.saltlakecitymarathon.com.

World Ride Women's Mountain Bike Film Contest

World Ride is hosting a women's Mountain Bike Film Contest!

We want to see YOUR story, or the story of the inspiring women that you ride with. Here are the details of our film contest

Film Contest Details and Rules:

- Film must be between 3 and 30 minutes in length.
- Films can be made by anyone, but must feature women or those who identify as female mountain biking.
- Get creative and have fun!
- Deadline for submission is September 30th at 11:59pm PST.
- The top three winners will receive prizes.
- The grand prize winner will receive SRAM G2 RSC Brakeset, Rockshox Reverb Stealth Dropper, \$500 toward any World Ride trip, Shredly prize pack, a Bell Bicycle

Helmet of your choice, a 2 night stay at Arabella Sedona, Sierra Nevada prize pack, + more!

- Second and Third places will also receive prizes from our awesome sponsors.
- We will select films to be screened at our October 15th movie night and will notify you if your film was selected. The films selected to be screened at the movie night will then be voted on by the audience to determine the top 3.
- Only one submission for each film. Please send us your very final, finished version.



• Films can be submitted at www.world-ride.com or emailed to julie@world-ride.com

Film Contest Link:
<https://world-ride.com/film-contest>
World Ride is a 501(c)3 non profit with the mission of empowering women through mountain biking globally. World Ride works in Nepal and Guatemala to help get more local women mountain biking through bike libraries, leadership training and racing. We host online movie nights featuring women's mountain bike films to help fund our mission.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is going to be online this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While we can never hope to replicate the theatrical experience of a Banff screening, we can still provide these award-winning films to help provide adventure and inspiration from the comfort and safety of your own home.

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour (BMFF) features the year's best films on mountain sport, culture and adventure. You will be able to choose from a variety of films and have several days to watch the films via a secure web link. In addition to sharing incredible images and profound expressions of the human spirit, the BMFF in Moab benefits two great organizations that are active locally; the Utah Avalanche Center Moab (UAC-Moab) and Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation.



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The Imaginary Line

snowboarders, and snowmobilers. Private donations and fundraising events such as the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour in Moab provide a significant portion of the avalanche center's operating budget. Local volunteers also lend a hand to help provide for fun and safe winter recreation in the mountains of Southeastern Utah. For more information go to www.utahavalanchecenter.org.



The Running Pastor

wildlife, raptors are their specialty. Over half their patients come from Grand and San Juan counties. They perform all of this work nonstop, with little recognition, and no financial reward.



Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation is a non-profit organization located in Price, UT that provides wildlife rehabilitation services for southeastern and south-central Utah. Although they rehabilitate many different types of

On-line tickets are available September 16th through October 17th at <https://utahavalanchecenter.org>. Make sure to use this link to ensure tickets sales directly benefit the Utah Avalanche Center and 2nd Chance Wildlife. Follow @UTAVY_MOAB on instagram for more details.

Utah Avalanche Center - Moab provides snow, avalanche and mountain weather forecasts for the La Sal and Abajo mountains on a daily basis. The center also provides avalanche awareness, education, and rescue training courses for winter recreational users including backcountry skiers,