

Dear Parents of ET Batavia Splash and Dash Participants:

We are so excited that your youth athlete will be participating in our Splash and Dash event on June 12th! We hope that this letter will provide you with important information to prepare you and your athlete for race day.

What to Wear: We recommend that participants wear a swimsuit, goggles, and swim cap (required) for the swim portion of this event. The timing chip, which will be included in your packet at race-day pickup, also needs to be worn around the ankle for the entire event, including the swim. After the swim, participants can quickly put on shorts and a t-shirt over their bathing suit, along with socks and running shoes. Athletes must wear the assigned bib number pinned to the front of their shirt during the run. Additionally, for safety and security purposes, you and your child will each be given name-matched wristbands for post-race Splash and Dash participant pick-up at the finish line area in the Splash and Dash Finisher corral. (See details below).

Race Day:

Start: On race morning, please plan to arrive to the transition area at Harold Hall Quarry by 8am ***at the very latest***. Please allow ample time for parking and walking to this location, and please note that the adult race will be going on at that time, so there will be street closings near the Quarry. You can refer to the race website, www.bataviatriathlon.org for parking recommendations and an event map. Please enter the Splash and Dash at the north end of the Quarry, near the lower parking lot. Here youth athletes will receive race packets and will set up their transition areas. Prior to the start of the Splash and Dash, we will have a brief parent meeting at the north entrance of the Quarry at 8:15am to review the event details. Please note that parents ***will not*** be allowed in the transition area once the event starts, per USAT rules, but will be given a special area to view the race nearby. Participants will be divided into 2 start groups (ages 7-10 AND over 10) based on race distances.

During the race: Athletes will begin the race with a swim in the Harold Hall Quarry Beach, followed by a quick transition, and ending with a run on the Fox River Trail with a new finish area for 2016 at the VFW. Race distances are as follows:

	Ages 7-10	Ages Over 10
Swim	100m	200m
Run	1km	2km

Please be aware that age groups are determined by USAT age group rules, which are based on the athlete's age at the end of 2015, not their race day age. For example, if your athlete is 10 years old on race day, but turns 11 on September 1, 2015, then he or she will race in the over 10 age division on race day, not the 7-10 division.

During the race, volunteers will be stationed throughout the swim and run courses to direct participants and help them to follow our clearly marked course. Once the

athletes begin the run portion of the event, parents should plan to walk to the VFW hall to the finish line to meet participants at the Splash and Dash Finisher Tent.

After the race: After your athlete finishes, he or she will receive a finisher's medal and will be directed by volunteers to the Splash and Dash Finisher Corral, where we will have water and post-race goodies for participants. Please pick up your athlete at this tent. Participant safety is a major priority for us, and we will require that you and your youth athlete be matched by wristbands before leaving the tent. Please tell your youth athlete to wait in the corral for a parent! The finish line area is extremely busy, with hundreds of athletes and spectators from the adult triathlon enjoying the post-race party. Please help us keep your child secure by adhering to this policy. Following the race, there will be an adult awards ceremony and a raffle at 10am for all participants. Although Splash and Dash participants will not receive individual age-group awards, we will call all Splash and Dash participants up during the awards ceremony to be recognized for their accomplishment and for photo opportunities. Plan to return to the Quarry before 11:45am to collect any items from the transition area.

You can find additional information about the Splash and Dash at the race website, www.bataviatriathlon.org. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions prior to the event or the day of the event. We look forward to a fun day and introducing youth to this amazing sport!

Sincerely,

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