

# OWL CREEK CHASE INFORMATION

## Saturday, January 17, 2009 21K (Licensed & Citizens Freestyle Races) 10K (Citizens Freestyle Race)

The Owl Creek Chase has long been a favorite of the Colorado Nordic community as it connects the towns of Snowmass Village & Aspen. This race is sanctioned by the USSA & is part of the USSA Supertour, the FIS Marathon Cup and the Colorado Cup.

### Start Times/Locations (all races finish at Aspen XC Center)

21K - Start is at Snowmass XC Center: Wave 1-11am, Wave 2-11:02am, Wave 3-11:10am  
10K - Start is at Aspen XC Center at 10:30am

**Pre-registration:** The registration form, waiver and race fee(\$35) must be completed and returned to Ute Mountaineer, 308 S. Mill St., Aspen, CO 81611 by:

21K Wave 1 & 2 - 5pm 1/13/09 (\$35)  
21K Wave 3 - 5pm 1/16/09. (\$35 through 1/15. Price increases to \$50 on 1/16/09)  
10K - 5pm 1/16/09 (\$20)

Payment is by cash/check payable to "Ute Mountaineer". Do not fax registrations. Online registration (credit card) is available until 5pm 1/13/09 for wave 1 & 2 and until 11pm Mountain Time 1/15/09 for both citizens races. Visit [www.owlcreekchase.com](http://www.owlcreekchase.com).

**Race Day Registration (\$50)** is only available for the **21K citizen** race at the Snowmass XC Center from 9-10am.

**Bib Pickup** for 10K & 21K is from 9am Wednesday 1/14/09 through 5pm Friday 1/16/09 at the Ute Mountaineer. It is available for wave 1 & 2 at the coaches meeting on Thursday night 1/15/09. It also available on race day for the 21K at the Snowmass XC Center from 9-10:30am and for the 10K at the Aspen XC Center from 7:30-8:30am.

**Goody Bags** for 10K & 21K can be picked up at same time as bibs. **T-shirts will only be available for the first 325 people in the 21K to pick up their packets. T-shirts are not available to 10K participants.**

**Timing Chips** are **mandatory** for the 21K and will be handed out on race morning at the Snowmass XC Center 9-10:30am. Lost Chips will be charged \$100. Timing Chips may be required for the 10K—please check at bib pick-up.

**Aid stations:** There are 3 aid stations for the 21K (at 6.5K, 11.3K and 16.1K) with snacks and energy drink along the course.

**Race Cancellation:** it is highly unlikely that the Owl Creek Chase will be cancelled due to weather or snow conditions, but that possibility certainly exists. Under such conditions, every effort will be made to hold the race, but the director reserves the right to delay, shorten or even cancel the event. Because we will have incurred all the race costs prior to the race, there will be **no refunds due to cancellation.**

**Race Results:** Results will be available after the race at the Aspen XC Center, and at [www.owlcreekchase.com](http://www.owlcreekchase.com) the following Sunday.

**Awards/Raffle** - Awards Ceremony and Raffle after the race. Active FIS license required to collect cash prizes for top 10 finishers Waves 1 & 2 of the 21K. Waves 1 & 2 results are by gender only. Awards for top 3 men & women citizen finishers in each distance. Citizens results will be by gender and age group (19&under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ ).

**Course Description:** Please visit [www.owlcreekchase.com](http://www.owlcreekchase.com) for map & course description.  
**Information:** Call Paul Perley or Mike Trecker at the Ute Mountaineer at (970) 925-2849 or e-mail to [paul@utemountaineer.com](mailto:paul@utemountaineer.com). Also visit [www.utemountaineer.com](http://www.utemountaineer.com).

# OWL CREEK CHASE REGISTRATION

## Event (Only Check One Per Date)

### 1/16/09 AVSC SuperTour Classic

#### Mens 10K Classic

- Registration (\$30) is available until 5pm 1/13/09
- Race Starts at AVSC trails at 10:40am

#### Womens 5K Classic

- Registration (\$30) is available until 5pm 1/13/09
- Race Starts at AVSC trails at 9am

#### Age on Race Day (1/16/09) \_\_\_\_\_

*These races are individual start. Active FIS and USSA license holders will be seeded, then by RMN points. Citizen racers are welcome and will be seeded at the end.*

### 1/17/09 Aspen Parks & Recreation Owl Creek Chase

#### 21K Freestyle - Wave 1 Men

- Includes USSA & FIS license holders only
- Race Starts at Snowmass XC Center at 11 am
- Registration (\$35) is available until 5pm 1/13/09

#### 21K Freestyle - Wave 2 Women

- Includes USSA & FIS license holders only
- Race Starts at Snowmass XC Center at 11:02 am
- Registration (\$35) is available until 5pm 1/13/09

#### 21K Freestyle - Wave 3 Citizens

- Includes male & female citizen racers
- Race Starts at Snowmass XC Center at 11:10 am
- Registration(\$35) is available through 1/15/09
- Registration(\$50) is available 1/16 until 5pm 1/16 & 9-10am 1/17/09 (race day)

#### 10K Freestyle - Mass Start Citizens

- Includes male & female citizen racers
- Race Starts at Aspen XC Center at 10:30 am
- Registration(\$20) is available until 5pm 1/16/09

#### Age on Race Day (1/17/09) \_\_\_\_\_

*21K is a mass start within each wave. Wave 1 & 2 will be seeded. Non-License holders cannot race in wave 1 or 2, but some citizen racers will be seeded in wave 3. Waves 1 & 2 combined have a field limit of 300. Wave 3 has a limit of 300. The citizens 10K has a limit of 150. Active FIS license is required to collect cash prizes.*

## Payment Information

1/16 AVSC Supertour Classic 5/10K Amount Paid = \_\_\_\_\_

1/17 Aspen Parks & Recreation Owl Creek Chase 10/21K Amount Paid = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid (cash or check only) \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information (Please Print)

(Participant Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Registered Team Name—if applicable)

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone #) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex: Male Female**  
(please circle)

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ (mandatory for 21K wave 1 & 2)

**FIS #** \_\_\_\_\_ (Required for Cash Prizes & FIS Points)

**USSA #** \_\_\_\_\_ (Required for USSA Pts)

## - WAIVER AND RELEASE -

I acknowledge that a skiing race has inherent risks and dangers for any competitor, and is physically demanding, that the course is demanding and that weather and course conditions can be variable and can change during the race. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THIS RACE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS AND RISKS, AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH. I FURTHER AGREE TO ASSESS AND ACCEPT ALL COURSE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS AS OF THE DAY AND TIME OF THE RACE. I understand that it is the racers responsibility to avoid collision with other skiers while on the Snowmass and Buttermilk ski areas.

(please initial)

In consideration of being permitted to compete in the race, I, for myself, my heirs, successors, and executors, hereby KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE, RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND INDEMNIFY THE UTE MOUNTAINEER, INC., and its owners, agents and employees; and any and all race sponsors and officials; and the Town of Snowmass Village, the United States Forest Service, Pitkin County, Mountain Rescue, Aspen Skiing Company, United States Ski and Snowboard Association, Aspen Valley Ski Club, Maroon Creek Club, Aspen School District RE No. 1, the United States Ski and Snowboard Association and the City of Aspen and it's employees, agents and volunteers, from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, costs (including attorney's fees) and negligence of any kind, whether foreseen or unforeseen arising directly or indirectly out of damage, injury or death to me or my property as a result of my participation and competition in the race.

(please initial)

I understand that **no refunds** are allowed for any reason including race cancellation. I also understand that t-shirts will only be available for the first 325 people to pick up their goody bags. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, CLEARLY UNDERSTAND AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE.

SIGNATURE of Competitor Executing Release

Witness

SIGNATURE (participants under the age of 18 must sign & must have parent's signature)

Bib # \_\_\_\_\_ (Ute Mountaineer use only)

## ASPEN NORDIC FESTIVAL EVENTS

- Friday 1/16** **AVSC SuperTour Classic 5/10K** - SuperTour classic race for FIS/USSA, NCAA, RMN Juniors & citizens. Please see information this page for details and registration.
- Friday 1/16** **Youth Festival Races/Event** - J3 through J6 boys & girls. Junior awards dinner that evening 12:30-4pm at AVSC trails. Contact AVSC 970-925-2720 or visit [www.teamavsc.com](http://www.teamavsc.com)
- Saturday 1/17** **5/10/15K RMN Jr Nordic National Qualifier** - freestyle. All juniors will race at the Aspen XC Center tracks at 8:30am. Contact AVSC 970-925-2720 or [www.teamavsc.com](http://www.teamavsc.com) for more info.
- Saturday 1/17** **Aspen Parks & Recreation Owl Creek Chase** - 21K Freestyle. See reverse side for more details and registration.
- Saturday 1/17** **AVSC Sprints** presented by **Aspen Parks & Recreation** Single elimination tournament format sprint races. Wagner Park in Aspen 6:00pm (party starts at 5:30pm). **Invite Only** - if interested contact Mike Trecker by 5pm Thurs 1/15/09 at the Ute Mountaineer at (970) 925-2849 or e-mail to [trecker@utemountaineer.com](mailto:trecker@utemountaineer.com) - the field is limited so registered participants must be invited. Prize money: \$200 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$100 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$75 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$50 4<sup>th</sup>-for men & women.
- Sunday 1/18** **Skate With The Pros** - Hosted by the Ute Mountaineer & the Aspen Cross Country Center. Free skate lesson from factory team members (Saab, Alpina, Madshus, Rossignol, Fischer/Craft). All levels of xc skating. Starts 10am Aspen XC Center. Call 925-2849.

## TRAVEL & LODGING

- DIRECTIONS**  
**Directions to the Snowmass Cross Country Center:** From Aspen, take Hwy 82 West to the Brush Creek Road intersection & turn left (turn right when coming from downvalley). There are signs to Snowmass Village. Take Brush Creek Road past the roundabout (do not turn onto Highline Drive). Take next left onto Clubhouse Drive just past the Rodeo Ground Skier Parking Lot (on right). The center and parking is approximately 250 yds up this road on the right.
- Directions to the Aspen Cross Country Center :** From Aspen, take Hwy 82 West past the roundabout (intersection with Maroon Creek Rd and Castle Creek Rd). Turn right at the 1st traffic light after the Roundabout. Go to the "T" and take a left. The Aspen Cross Country Center is in the building on the right. From downvalley, take Hwy 82 past Butter-milk. Take first left at traffic light after crossing Maroon Creek Bridge. If you go to round-about, you have gone too far.
- Directions to Aspen Valley Ski Club (AVSC Clubhouse/Trails):** From the Aspen, take Hwy 82 west to roundabout. Turn onto Maroon Cr Rd heading towards Aspen Highlands (from downvalley go to the roundabout just past the Aspen XC Center and turn onto Ma-roon Cr Rd). You will cross under 2 footbridges. Turn left immediately after 2nd footbridge onto Moore Dr. Take an immediate left onto AVSC Rd. The clubhouse is your first left.
- LODGING** - Please visit [www.owlcreekchase.com](http://www.owlcreekchase.com) for updated lodging options.
- SHUTTLE INFORMATION** - Please visit [www.owlcreekchase.com](http://www.owlcreekchase.com) for shuttle options.

## AVSC SUPERTOUR INFORMATION

**Friday, January 16, 2009**  
**5K (Womens Classic Races)**  
**10K (Mens Classic Race)**

This classic SuperTour counterpart to the Owl Creek Chase is presented by the Aspen Valley Ski Club at the Aspen High School/AVSC trails. Junior races will also be taking place all day at the same venue.

### Start Times/Locations

5K Womens Classic - Individual start is at AVSC Trails beginning 9am  
 10K Mens Classic - Individual start is at AVSC Trails beginning 10:40am

**Registration:** The registration form, waiver and race fee(\$30) must be completed and returned to Ute Mountaineer, 308 S. Mill St., Aspen, CO 81611 by 5pm 1/13/09. Registration is not available after this time.

Payment is by cash/check payable to "Ute Mountaineer". Do not fax registrations. Online registration (credit card) is available until 5pm 1/13/09 at [www.owlcreekchase.com](http://www.owlcreekchase.com).

**Bib Pickup** for 5K & 10K is only available at the AVSC Clubhouse from 7:15-8am on race day 1/16/09. Lost bibs will be charge \$25.

**T-shirts are not available for these races.**

**Timing Chips** are **NOT** required for the 5K & 10K

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**Race Results:** Results will be available after the race at the AVSC Clubhouse and at [www.owlcreekchase.com](http://www.owlcreekchase.com) the following Sunday.

**Awards/Raffle** - Awards Ceremony will be held after the finish of the Mens 10K Classic. FIS license required to collect cash prizes for top 10 finishers. Results by gender.

**Information:** Call John Callahan 970-205-5140 or e-mail to [jcallahan@teamavsc.com](mailto:jcallahan@teamavsc.com) or visit [www.owlcreekchase.com](http://www.owlcreekchase.com).

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## SERIES

### Race Series

#### USSA SuperTour

The Owl Creek Chase and the Aspen Nordic Festival is the 6th venue of 14 Supertour events in the winter of 2007-08. It is also part of the FIS North American Cup Marathon Series. This tour will attract elite skiers from all around the world & is an exciting addition to the Aspen area.

#### Colorado Cup

A series of 5 cross country ski races selected from the Colorado Nordic Event Calendar. Total accumulated points will determine Colorado Cup winners for overall gender & age group/gender. A RMN license is required to receive series pts. The Owl Creek Chase 21K is part of the cup. Info, visit [www.rmnnordic.org](http://www.rmnnordic.org).

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