

12 HOURS OF ASAAYI

12-hour and 6-hour Endurance Races

*Camp Asaayi – Bowl Canyon Recreation Area
Saturday, August 18 – 7:00 a.m.*



Yaateeh runners! Welcome to the 12 Hours of Asaayi Endurance Run!

REGISTRATION – Online registration for both the 12 hour and 6 hour is now open through noon on Friday, August 17 at the NavajoYES website: www.navajoyes.org There is no on-site registration. Registration includes a performance t-shirt, course support, post-race food, camping, professional timing, overall and age-group awards.

FOOD & SUPPORT – Your registration includes food throughout the day, including Honey Stinger products, sweet and salty snacks, fresh fruit, Coke, Gatorade, water, hot soup and stew, noodles, quesadillas, pickles and more. You may have a drop bag at the checkpoint on each lap if you have food/drink items or gear that you want to exchange.

You will have access to food, medical support, music, portable toilets, a drop bag and your vehicle on each lap.

CAMPING – Rustic camping is available at Camp Asaayi on Friday and Saturday night and there is available indoor camping in the Camp Asaayi lodge. There will be portajohns at the site. There is no power, running water, modern restrooms or wi-fi at the camp, and very limited phone reception.

COURSE – The 2.5 miles loop route is about two miles trail and half-mile dirt road. The route is very challenging and scenic. Asaayi has the largest population of bears on the Navajo Nation, and runners should be aware of rattlesnakes, cougars and other potential wildlife on the remote sections of trail. Runners will log as many laps/miles as possible on the course during their 12 hour or 6 hour time period.

PACKET PICK-UP – Packet pick-up will be available between 6:00-7:00 a.m. on race morning at the ramada, which is the start/finish location for each lap.

AWARDS – There will be overall and age-group awards.

The 12 Hours of Asaayi and the Navajo Parks Race Series are co-sponsored by the nonprofit organization NavajoYES and Navajo Parks & Recreation, with major support from the Office of Navajo President & Vice President, Navajo Transitional Energy Corp (NTEC), The View Hotel (Monument Valley), Teec Nos Pos Trading Post, Navajo EMS, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Rangers, Honey Stinger and Tailwind Nutrition.

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DIRECTIONS – Camp Asaayi is located in Bowl Canyon Recreation Area in the Chuska Mountains. Access is easiest on the new paved road, just north of Navajo, New Mexico. A good graded dirt road on the north side of the lake, begins off NM Hwy 134 near Crystal, New Mexico. **The start, finish, parking and camping are at Camp Asaayi, not Lake Asaayi (which is about ½ mile away).** Camp Asaayi is just east of the Lake.

From east (if travelling from Shiprock, Newcomb, etc.) Travel over Narbona Pass from Sheep Springs, heading west. Travel ½ mile west of Crystal on NM Hwy 134. Turn left (south) at the large Bowl Canyon sign and travel south seven miles on the graded dirt road to Lake Asaayi and Camp Asaayi, which is located at the “Group Campgrounds” on the map below.

From south (Window Rock, Ganado, Gallup, etc.) Travel 20 miles north from WR to the newly paved road 8000, about three miles north of Navajo, New Mexico. Head east on route 8000 about eight miles up to road 311. Turn left (north) on 311 and travel three miles to Camp Asaayi, which is located at the “Group Campgrounds” on the map below.

From north (Tsaile, Chinle, Lukachukai, Red Valley, Rock Point, Kayenta) Head south past Wheatfield to NM Hwy 134 at NHA housing and turn left (east). Travel four miles on 134 until you see the large Bowl Canyon sign. Turn right (south) and travel eight miles to the Camp. Turn right (south) and head eight miles to Camp Asaayi.

