CMRA/ McAuliffe School 3rd Annual Middle School 3 KM X-Country Race

Saturday May 13, 2017 Great Lawn Park Denver, Colorado

After a week of rain and gloomy weather race day was almost perfect weather for a May run in the park. This was the 3rd time that CMRA has sponsored a race for middle school kids. This year we partnered with McAuliffe Middle School. McAuliffe's campus is in the Park Hill neighborhood of Denver just a short distance from the race venue. They have a large group of middle schoolers that run their season in the fall so they were a great partner.

Our race venue was Great Lawn Park in Denver's Lowry neighborhood. It featured a large open grass space and many single track and gravel surface trails throughout the park. This venue was a first time visit for the CMRA.

Runners and spectators were happy that the weather turned fine with temperatures in the 50's and 60's for much of the day. Twenty five runners toed the line across the large grass lawn. The racing was fantastic with the runners stringing out over the challenging 3 km loop course. The finish was exciting with the top male finisher Adonai Zavala out kicking the top female finisher Riley Buese by one second.

RESULTS

 Adonai Zavala 	12:35	1 st overall	1 st male
2. Riley Buese	12:36		1 st female
3. Uriel Escobedo	12:38	2 nd M 13-14	
4. Jack Kriekels	12:42	3 rd M 13-14	
5. Ethan Stewart	12:47	1 st M 12	
6. Kai Leonard	13:18	2 nd M 12	
7. Knox Leonard	13:43	3 rd M 12	
8. Ryan Diaz	13:56		
9. Sydney Shelton	13:58	1 st F 12	
10. Tristan Kriekels	14:01	1 st M 11	
11. Efrain Ibarra	14:02		
12. Ezra Caplan	14:40	2 nd M 11	
13. Ryan Hajek	14:59	3 rd M 11	

14. Macy Vogel	15:04	2 nd F 13-14
15. Sophia Sheldon	15:10	2 nd F 12
16. Olivia Ellis	15:24	1 st F 11
17. Will Searfoorce	15:32	
18. Peter Thompson	15:36	
19. Maia Wang	15:57	3 rd F 12
20. Lincoln Espinoza	16:33	
21. Nataly Gutierrez	16:38	
22. Nicolas Cooper	16:40	
23. Helen Miller	17:21	
24. Siena Berry	17:29	3 rd F 11
25. Sadie Magner	17:39	

There were many volunteers that made this event possible. At the finish line there was Joe Baird, Ken Randall, Devin Croft, Kurt Dennis and Gus Johnson. Registration help was provided by Nancy Denniston and Kaeli Donaldson. Kate Kramer from the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership worked behind the scenes to make sure our park permit was complete. Dan Shaw our race director partner designed and did all the course set up. He also was our liaison with the Denver Parks Dept. It is our intent to continue this event into the future. A big thank you to everyone who make it possible.

Kendra Collings, Brandi Wright, Bruce Kirschner and Rob Fisher - Race Committee