

- REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Please Print) -

(Participant Name) _____
(e-mail address)

(Mailing Address) _____
(Telephone #)

(City) _____
(State) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Sex: Male Female (please circle) Age Race Day (9/26/09) _____

Race Time History: 2007 Time _____ 2008 Time _____ Est. Time _____
Historical Time is used to determine wave placement. If no time is given, participant will be placed in wave 4.

Payment

Sorry, No Refunds

Total Paid _____

Registration Fee (\$35 thru 9/23, \$40 9/24 & 9/25, \$50 race day) _____
(Fee includes T-shirt for 1st 500 racers to pick up packets, raffle, refreshments, awards)

Donation to Independence Pass Foundation(\$5) _____

Bib # _____

Wave # _____
(Ute Mountaineer use only)

VASQUE WILL MATCH ANY DONATION GIVEN BY PARTICIPANTS!

- WAIVER AND RELEASE -

I acknowledge that running races have inherent risks and dangers for any competitor, and is physically demanding, that the course is demanding and is laid out on the open streets and trails between the City of Aspen and the Town of Snowmass Village; 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 ALSO GUARANTEE THAT I WILL POSSESS A VALID COLORADO OUTDOOR SEARCH & RESCUE CARD FOR THE DATE OF THIS RACE.

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, Red Wing Shoe Company, Boa Technology, Inc., the United States Forest Service, Pitkin County; Mountain Rescue, Aspen Skiing Company, Maroon Creek Club, Aspen School District RE No. 1 and the City of Aspen, their agents, employees 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 the half marathon is a running race, not a walking event. I understand that aid stations may be closed at the following times after race start: 1hr (1st aid station), 1hr 45 min (2nd aid station), and 3 hours (3rd aid station). I understand that no refunds are allowed for any reason including race cancellation. I also waive any rights to monetary compensation for photos taken during the race or for the actual photos or negatives. 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 have parent's signature)

- RACE INFORMATION -

Vasque Golden Leaf Half Marathon

Saturday, September 26, 2009 @ 8:30 AM

Chosen by Trail Runner Magazine as one of "America's 14 most scenic races", the Golden Leaf is one of the most beautiful foot races in the Rockies. This half marathon traverses from Snowmass Village to the heart of Aspen on mountain trails & roads, at the height of Colorado's breathtaking fall colors.

Maximum Race Participation(800): Due to participation at the 2008 Golden Leaf, the race will have a cap on the number of racers equal to 800.

Wave Starts: In an effort to reduce congestion on the race course, waves starts will be introduced for 2009. Wave placement will be based on historical and estimated finish times. You can determine which wave you are in when you pick up your bib—the wave number will be written on the bib. If you do not provide a time, you will be placed in wave 4. The waves will start 5 minutes apart: Wave 1 @ 8:30, Wave 2 @ 8:35, Wave 3 @ 8:40, Wave 4 @ 8:45.

Race Cost: \$35 Through Wednesday (9/23)
\$40 Thursday (9/24) thru 4pm Friday (9/25)
\$50 Saturday (9/26) Race Day 7-8am

Payment is by cash or check payable to "Ute Mountaineer".

Pre-registration: Ends at 4pm Friday 9/25. Registration form, waiver & race fee must be completed & returned to Ute Mountaineer, 308 S. Mill St, Aspen, CO 81611 by 4pm 9/25. Faxed registrations are not accepted. Online registration (www.utemountaineer.com) is available until 11pm MST Thurs 9/24.

Race Day Registration is available in the Aspen Skiing Company ticket pavilion on the Snowmass Village Mall 7-8am on race day. Participants signing up on Race day may be placed in Wave 4.

Race Packet Pick-up is available at Ute Mountaineer starting Monday(9/21) at 11am, continuing during store hours & ending at 4pm Friday(9/25) It is also available during race day registration times.

Timing Chips will be given out at the race start from 7am-8am. Lost chips will be charged \$50.
All Participants must obtain a timing chip or they will not receive a finish time!

Race Results: Results will be available after the race at the finish line & the Ute Mountaineer, as well as at www.utemountaineer.com on the Monday following the race. Race results will be overall, by gender and by age group. The following are the age group categories: 13 & under, 14-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+.

Awards & Raffle: Awards ceremony & raffle begin between 11:30-11:45am after the race. Awards will be provided to the top 3 overall male & female finishers (1st=\$150, 2nd=\$100, 3rd=\$50) as well as the top 3 male & female finishers by age group. All participants & volunteers are eligible for the raffle.

Aid Stations: Aid stations with medical assistance & beverages will be available at approximately 1.5, 5.5 and 10 miles. These aid stations will be closed at approximately 1 hr, 1 hr 45 min. and 3 hrs, respectively, after the start of the 4th wave.

Race Cancellation: The Golden Leaf has only been cancelled once in 30 years due to extreme weather conditions. 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. There will be no refunds in the event of race cancellation.

Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search & Rescue Card (CORSAR Card): Pitkin County requires that all race participants obtain a valid CORSAR CARD for the date of the event. These are available in Aspen at the Ute Mountaineer and the 10th Mountain Hut Association.

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- TRAVEL & LODGING -

Lodging In Snowmass

Silvertree Hotel - \$95 for 9/23 through 9/30 (any number of days). Please refer to the special rate for "Golden Leaf" when making reservation. Walking distance (100yds) to the start! Call 1-800-525-9402

Lodging In Aspen

Hotel Aspen: Walking distance to heart of Aspen. Pool/buffet Breakfast. 20% Off. Identify yourself as part of Aspen Parks & Recreation program. (800) 527-7369 or www.hotelaspen.com.

Inn at Aspen: Standard rooms \$119/nt. Mention your participation in the Golden Leaf. Pool, hot tub, steam room, spa, bar, restaurant. 800-952-1515 or www.innataspen.com.

St Moritz: Lodge rooms(\$80)/kitchenettes (\$101)/Bed in shared room (\$29). Mention your participation in the Golden Leaf. Affordable Boutique Lodge in town. 1-970-925-3220 or www.stmoritzlodge.com.

Sky Hotel: Luxury Hotel in downtown Aspen. Starting at \$239. Mention your participation in the Golden Leaf. 800-882-2582 or www.theskyhotel.com.

All rooms are on a first come first serve basis. For more details and options, visit www.utemountaineer.com.

Travel Information

Race Start: From Hwy 82, turn south on Brush Creek Rd towards Snowmass Village. Follow Brush Creek Rd into until you hit the Main Bus Stop in Snowmass Village. The Snowmass Village Mall is on the same level as the bus stop. Follow the mall to the end & the Aspen Skiing Company Ticket Pavillion.

Race Finish: From Snowmass Village Follow Hwy 82 into Aspen where it becomes Main Street. Before the first of 4 consecutive traffic lights (just after the Molly Gibson Lodge and before Paepke Park) turn right on Garmisch St. The race finish is at Koch Park which is on the fourth block on your right.

Shuttles: Bus service (Free)from Rubey Park in Aspen to Snowmass Village is at :15 past the hour starting at 6:15 am. There will be 2 buses at 7:15am on race morning. There will also be a school bus shuttle departing at 7:10am and 7:45am. This bus will be parked one block west of Rubey Park in front of Wagner Park. A gear shuttle is available at the race start and will transport gear to the finish. We recommend that people take the 7:10 and 7:15am buses.

- COURSE DESCRIPTION -

The Golden Leaf starts on Fanny Hill just off the pedestrian mall in Snowmass Village at an elevation of about 8650ft. The course climbs up a ski area access road along the Dawdler run for about 1 mile until a "T" in the road. Turn left & follow this road a couple hundred yards to a pond where there is a fork in the road. Take the right fork (the pond will be on your left) & ascend to the 1st aid station at about 1.5 miles (elevation approx. 9620 ft). The Government Trail intersects the road at this point. Follow it to the east (left). The Government Trail is a single track that contours the mountainsides between Snowmass & Buttermilk before descending to the outskirts of Aspen. The trail is dirt with some obstacles (rocks, roots, etc.) and the terrain is hilly aspen forests & meadows.

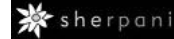
The 1st section is a rolling descent across Snowmass Ski Area. At about 2.25 miles, the trail merges w/a dirt road (Alpine Springs work road). Proceed downhill on this road and look for the trail to your right after 100 yards. Just after three miles do a steady 100yd climb up a ski run to an abandoned work road. Follow this road to the left and slightly downhill until you see the trail resume again on your left. Follow the trail down a steep hill, cross the Elk Camp road & continue down a long gradual hill to a meadow. Soon you will exit the ski area. Just before the five mile mark, there is a significant hill climb of about 300 ft. (elevation approx. 9400 ft.). Shortly after, at about 5.75 mi., you are rewarded w/ an aid station followed by some relatively flat to declining terrain.

The next landmark is a Forest Service gate followed by a very rocky flat section (approximately 7 mi.). Subsequently, the course begins a gradual descent across Buttermilk. Just before 8 miles, the trail begins an extended steeper descent into Maroon Creek. One section of the downhill is a power line cut followed by an intersection with a service road. Abandon the trail and follow the road for about 400 yards, even though the trail falls steeply off to the left. The 10 mile aid station is on this short road section.

The trail from the aid station diagonals across the ski slope following first a double track then a single track until it leaves the eastern margin of the ski area. The trail then winds down to the Tiehack road which is followed to the north until taking a hard right onto the Terral-Wade bridge. After crossing the bridge the route leaves the asphalt, taking a trail to the left (thru the Moore Property). After about a mile running in the sage the route leads out onto the Maroon Creek Pedestrian bridge, takes a left onto the bike path and takes the next left onto the Castle Creek Pedestrian bridge. On the path leaving the bridge where it takes a hard left the route takes a hard right instead. Follow a single track by a pond on the right. The path goes left here and diagonals to the community garden across the parapent/hanglider landing zone. The route goes right where the access to the garden is on the left and follows double tracks to the bike path leading over the Marolt bridge. Taking a left off of the bridge onto 7th street the route leads to Hopkins Ave. where it follows the adjacent bike path a few blocks until the turn up to Little Cloud Park. After taking this turn, a hard left is taken onto the dirt path on the old train right of way. The path is followed a few hundred yards to the finish line.

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