

Blake Haxton Fall Invitational -Griggs Reservoir, Columbus OH 2015

*Camp Randall will be traveling to the third annual **Blake Haxton Fall Invitational** in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday October 24th, 2015. The invitational is hosted by Upper Arlington (UA) and will feature some of the fastest crews in the rowing community to compete on the waters of the Scioto River at Griggs Reservoir. This regatta was created "in honor of a very special rower from UA Crew that, in the spring of 2009, lost his legs, and nearly his life, to rare flesh-eating bacteria".*

The Haxton Invitational honors the athletic tenure of UA Crew's own Blake Haxton, "a true competitor, gifted athlete and a former Captain on the UA Boy's team. Blake is now a part-time coach with Upper Arlington HS Crew and continues to inspire the team members and all those he meets. He is also a fulltime student in the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University". **BE INSPIRED!** <http://youtu.be/GZC8VzzOJ0I> **See Blake on TedTalks**

What to pack: Uniform (all competitors must wear their club colors on the water), hat, **water bottle**, sun screen, clothes for cooler weather, rain-gear, homework, money for race t-shirt, assorted clothing for non-racing time. Bring a pillow for sleeping on the bus. **Please bring a sack breakfast/lunch for Friday's bus ride – we will not stop for a meal.**

Meal plans:

- Each rower to bring breakfast and lunch to have on bus to regatta as well as snacks for weekend
- CRRC to provide 2 hot breakfasts and 2 hot lunches for Saturday and Sunday

Thursday, October 22

4:00pm – 6:15pm Short row and load trailer @ Brittingham Boathouse.

Friday, October 23 (ROWERS WILL MISS SCHOOL)

4:30am Truck and trailer depart from Brittingham Boathouse. **Drivers: Pete Fass/Jeff Beckett**

5:00am Bus departs Copps parking lot, 3650 University Avenue, with rowers, coaches and chaperones.

3:30pm Eastern time ETA - Rig and row at Grigg's Reservoir

6:30pm – Dinner at Hometown Buffet, 3670 Soldono Blvd., West Broad, Ohio (614)279-6228

8:00pm – Check-in at Courtyard Columbus West, 2350 Westbelt Drive, Columbus, OH 43228

10:00pm –Lights out

Saturday, October 24

6:45am Bus departs for Griggs Reservoir from hotel. We will not be returning to the hotel so bring all belongings.

8:00am Coaches and Coxswains Meeting

Be aware that buses will not remain at the racecourse during the day. Rowers will be walking approx. ¼ mile from where buses drop them off to the racecourse. Chaperones will prepare breakfast and lunch for the rowers at our tent.

For race times, see www.regattacentral.com.

5:00pm ETD Depart Griggs Reservoir. Dinner and snacks provided on bus. We will avoid stopping any longer than necessary to speed our return home to sleep.

2:30am ETA Arrive Copps parking lot, 3650 University Avenue. Rowers will call parents approximately 30 minutes prior to arrival.

Monday, October 26– no practice

Tuesday, October 27 – Unload trailer.

Chaperones:

Peter Fass, Jeff Beckett, Angie Neidigh; Emily Johnson; Laura Stienke; Sue Gaard