



You are invited to be a part of the **BLAST! Hiking Fundraiser for Discovery Ministries!**

It's pretty simple. Take the sponsor cards in this packet (make as many copies as you need) and send them to everyone you can or email the link below to give sponsors the opportunity to pledge online. Then show up on Friday, Nov. 6th, or Saturday, Nov. 7th, and hike 'til you drop... or until the time's up, whichever comes first. We are asking each participant to raise money per mile completed within the 24 hours. If you receive pledges in person, that sponsor card will be of great help to you and us as we collect pledges after the event.

We hope it will be challenging, rewarding, and just plain fun to get out and hike with other people for a good cause (a camp you love).

Here is some general information:

- The link for online sponsorships: <http://www.dmchallenge.org/events.html#BLAST>
- Masks/face coverings are recommended at registration and please let us know if you'd like any other social distancing accommodations (ie. lodging, shuttles)
- Event starts at Ronnie and Debbie Beller's (1 mile from D.M.)
- Check-in/registration begins 4:30 PM @ Beller's Fri., Nov. 6th
- Start time is Friday 6PM and end time is Saturday 6PM. Yes, we know it's 24 hours and no, you do not have to hike the whole time!
- Foot travel only (sorry cyclists!)
- You are welcome to register Saturday morning if that's your hiking day

Here's what you need to bring:

- A completed participant agreement and medical form (absolutely necessary!)
- A completed sponsor forms/sponsor list (all forms are included in this packet)
- Rain gear and cold weather gear
- Light source for night hiking
- Batteries for your light source
- Snacks/Food of your own if you have special dietary concerns

Here's what we are providing for you:

- All needed forms are included in this packet
- Parking at D.M. with shuttles to Beller's
- Food/snacks (including breakfast, lunch, and a celebration dinner)
- Water/sports drink/hot chocolate
- Sleeping bags, mats and shelter, first aid, evac. vehicle



SAMPLE SPONSOR LETTER AND RESPONSE FORM

(copy and paste this into your new document, replacing the relevant information with your own!)

Hey *Potential Sponsor!*

I am helping raise money for Discovery Ministries in Eminence, MO, by participating in their annual BLAST! Hike-a-thon November 6th - 7th. I'll be hiking as many miles as I can for 24 hours straight and would really appreciate your sponsorship!

Discovery Ministries is well worth your support as a Christian, nonprofit camp that invites believers to discover the adventurous life in Christ experienced in the midst of adversity and at the end of the trial. Many have personally been challenged and changed through experiences at that camp.

I'm very excited to be a part of a great event, and even more excited to be raising support for a great ministry. Would you consider donating to DM in my name, per mile? Or offering a one-time donation? Below is a form you can either mail in yourself, or hand back to me.

Thank you so much!

My name, the Hiker

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

I WILL SPONSOR *My name, the Hiker* IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- I WILL PLEDGE \$ _____ PER MILE
- I WILL GIVE A ONE-TIME DONATION OF \$ _____

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