



Sunday August 30th, 2015

**TO: 2015 Endless Summer Trail Run Series Volunteers**

Dear Friends,

Where to start. Well, first off, the Summer wasn't actually "Endless" but it was great! The plain, simple fact is that we could not do this without you and even if we could, it would be nowhere near as fun! Whenever possible I like to share the feedback that I (frequently) get from our runners - the detail provided by Dave was really neat to hear and I feel really speaks to the great work you guys do and to the very special event that is the Endless Summer Trail Run Series.

*"Hi John, I would like to extend a huge THANK-YOU to you, Kurt Decker, and all other staff and volunteers for your time and efforts for the Endless Summer Trail Run Series. Running these races the past couple of years has been so much fun, and one of the reasons for all the fun and success goes to you! As a somewhat experienced trail runner, I would like to share with you my own personal reasons why these races are terrific:*

*\*All of the courses in the parks are great trails to run on. It all starts with having a good trail course, period. All trail, no pavement.*

*\*Well marked. Nicely marked with flags and arrows, not overly complicated to follow, "flags on your left" each and every race is a consistently good thing.*

*\*Beer and pizza after. Need I say more?*

*\*Timing is accurate, and results are posted quickly. Awesome. A lot of races could learn this from you.*

*\*Having no mile markers and no one yelling out splits is the **WAY IT SHOULD BE!** Thank-you for not having mile markers or splits. People need to learn to get out on the trails, know your pace, develop a sense of where you are, and be in a situation where it is runner versus the course/nature. I know this is a tough concept for some of our new trail running friends, but they will adjust.*

*\*Not having the races on a weekend is wonderful. Breaks up the week and gives runners a chance to race on days that are not a Saturday or Sunday. Some people work on weekends and this gives them a chance to be involved.*

*\*Communications from you are excellent. Receiving race information the day of the race is really nice and timely. Thanks!*

*\*The attitude of these races to "meet others and go out and have fun" is so refreshing and a great concept. You do a nice job of promoting running in a positive way. Everyone is a winner.*

*\*Great volunteers! A totally thankless time commitment by people that really care about running. Kudos to them all.*

*\*Of course, it all starts and ends with the race director. As an experienced trail racer yourself, you "get it." You put on races that are well done at a cost that is more than fair.*

*Have a great fall of running! Looking forward to summer of 2016 and more ESTRS! Sincerely - Dave Just "*

As volunteers, should you ever have any comments; concerns, questions, suggestions, compliments or complaints please feel free to bring them to me. Until next year friends, where I hope to see you on the front lines with us again or with a race number pinned on - those are your only two options as far as I am concerned!

Sincerely,

John Storkamp | Race Director