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TO: 2017 Endless Summer Trail Run Series Volunteers

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take a minute to thank each of you who volunteered for one, two, three or four Endless Summer Trail Run Series races this year! Each race felt like a homecoming, with so many of you volunteering at every race in the series and many of you back from last year, and the year before and, well, you get the idea.

So where to begin, how do I sum it all up, what will you remember? How Wendi changed ESTRS to Oreo cookie Wednesday? Jen and the Pizza Police? Graduate level cowbell ringing training with Travis and Jess? John Horns always on special assignment and saving the Lebanon 7 mile from course vandalism? Our ever-dedicated sweep team? Bill Pomeranke wearing every hat at every race with enough energy left over at the end to be our Vana White? MC Kurt Decker? Harold, maybe the nicest guy in the world – oh, wait, probably tied with Gary (Gar-Bear) for that. Speaking of Gary, he was always keeping the RD out of trouble. Kayla came back... Kayla came back!!! Lynnea is back too (please don't move away, ever again), Natalie... the new Erik Lindstrom. Travis the Load Master? We met Mikhail's mom (she lives in Russia)! The timers, anyone ever go talk to those guys, they are pretty weird, but they do great work. Trail marking with Boler. My nephew, the sponge boss?... there is certainly more, but I digress.

Hyland was the last race in the series again this year but was a shorter race than in the past as we went from the 7 mile down to a 4 mile – as a result we got done cleaning up pretty early and I watched groups of two and three and four of you standing around visiting well after the trailer was loaded. I know I am usually tired and ready to get home as soon as the race is over, but I felt the same way that night – I was not quite ready to go home either.

Cheri and I may put together these races and haul the trailer to the race, but you make the magic happen, I hope that you all realize it. We cannot thank you enough and we can't wait to get everyone together to do it again next year! Until then...

Sincerely,

John Storkamp
Race Director
Endless Summer Trail Run Series