

Pigman® Long Course Triathlon Release - 1/26/08

There's a chill in the air, snow's on the ground, and we don't even know if the groundhog will see his shadow or not yet ... so why not break the winter blahs and make your plans for the always fun, always warm, always exciting [Pigman® Long Course Triathlon](#) (August 17th, 2008)!

Registration is open and if you sign up by March 1st (before the first price increase), you will save \$15 and be entered into a drawing for a brand-new wetsuit. One wetsuit will be given away to both a male and female winner. Winners will be announced March 15th.

The Pigman® Long Course Triathlon (Swim 1.2M, Bike 56M, Run 13.1M) has a long tradition of excellence. First run in 1998, we have increased our prize money to \$4,950. Plus, we will give away more than \$5,000 in free merchandise. Thanks to Gear West Bike and Triathlon and the Midwest Multisport Series of races, each participant will have a chance at winning a Quintana Roo triathlon bicycle frame, a set of Zipp racing wheels, the popular Geat West Pack, a Quintana Roo Ultra-John wetsuit, a set of Spinervals DVD's and a Kurt's Kinetic Indoor Trainer, plus much more!

[Here are 14 more reasons why you should make the Pigman® Long Course Triathlon a part of your summer racing plans:](#)

1. Plenty of cold water and race food at every station on the run ... ice, water, Powerade, Enduralyte, Hammer Gel, cookies, pretzels, oranges and bananas.
2. Plenty of sanitary portojons -- you won't waste time in long lines.
3. Free, family friendly beach with clean water -- it's open to everyone.
4. Free massages after the race
5. A delicious spaghetti and pizza feed after the race. Plenty of food.
6. A great goody bag, featuring things you can use and keep as a souvenir.
7. Special finishers award. This year we are featuring an original artwork print by Pigman® Long Course champion Carol Smolsky -- a fellow triathlete!
8. Last year the Pigman® races gave back \$13,000 in donations to the community at large.
9. Timing by JMS Racing Services -- the latest and best equipment and lots of experience. We timed the ITU World Duathlon Championships last year, among many other races, too numerous to mention.
10. Immediate results when you finish. You'll get to take home an individual sheet showing your results. Plus, we post age group and overall results quickly, and they'll be up on the website before you get home from the race.
11. Plenty of hotel space that's within 20 minutes of the race start.
12. New Technical T-shirts -- the best I've seen so far.
13. Fastest triathlon club receives \$250.
14. Our Volunteers! They come from the local community and help us keep our costs as low as possible. Plus, we've been told by racers they're among the best they've seen.

There are a lot more! The [Pigman®](#) is truly one of the premier races in the nation. But don't take my word for it. Listen to what your fellow triathletes have to say ...

"The Pigman® Long Course is the best Long Course race I compete in and I usually do three long course races a year. The number of athletes in the race are held under 700 which is great. The bike and run course have many rolling hills which I like because it reminds me of the hills in Wisconsin. Thank you for putting on a great race."

Terry Labinski

"I've come back to race Pigman® Half time and again because of the great organization, challenging course, and volunteers."

David Thompson

"As a 6 time finisher and past champion of the Pigman® Long Course, what keeps me coming back is the beautifully challenging course, notoriously hot weather, great volunteers, stocked aid stations, downhill to the finish line, post-race pizza, yummy spaghetti, fruit, pop and of course the ever so generous free massages ... "

Julie Hull

So don't hesitate a moment longer. We do limit the total number of racers. [Register now](#) for the Pigman® Long Course Triathlon and save \$15, and [get entered in our drawing](#) for wetsuits!

Looking forward to seeing you August 17th, so train safe and race happy!

Sincerely,

John Snitko
JMS Racing Services
Race Director, Pigman® Long Course and Pigman® Sprint

PS Mark your calendars for June 1st, 2008 and [register now](#) for the [Pigman® Sprint](#). You can register and get all the details at www.pigmantri.com for this race (.5K Swim, 25K Bike, 5K Run), one of the nation's premier sprint events.

PPS The Pigman® races are a part of the [Heart of America Triathlon](#) (HOA) series. This series – consisting of 10 separate races held in Iowa and Minnesota -- began in 1993. Hundreds of elite athletes from the Midwest and other parts of the United States consider the races among the best they've ever entered. Participants earn points by participating in the races and can track their progress throughout the racing season at our website. Those who finish near the top can win awards and qualify to compete in the series Championship in September. If they place high enough at the Championship, they can win entries into next year's races. Get all of the details at www.pigmantri.com/hoaseries.html.