



5th Annual “Rally @ The Valley” Marcus Whitman XC Invitational

Who: **30 Teams Maximum**
When: Saturday October 10th, 2026
Where: Valley Elementary School
 149 Route 245, Rushville, NY 14544
Time: 10:00am Start

Course Description:

Now in it's 8th season, The Marcus Whitman XC Course @ Valley Elementary is a challenging, spectator-friendly, 3.1 Mile course that features breathtaking views of the fall foliage of upstate NY. The uphill and downhill nature of the course has allowed for plenty of FAST TIMES for many runners! The entire 1st mile is out in the open before the runners take a left into the woods, where they will encounter a **HILL** that will knock your Aunt Connie's socks off. The runners will then emerge downhill from the woods and loop again before coming out of the woods a 2nd time for an exciting 400m sprint to the finish line. The course is entirely on grass, with wooded trails in the woods. Spikes are recommended for all runners. **We welcomed 29 teams last year in 2025 in a highly competitive meet!** Come check out the “Rally @ The Valley” in 2026!

NEW FOR 2026: LIVE RACE RESULTS provided by Yentiming!

Race Schedule:

9:00am	Course Opens: Pick up Race Packets and Tour the Course
10:00am	Girls Modified Race - 1.96 Miles (Unlimited Entries – 7 score)
10:30am	Boys Modified Race – 1.96 Miles (Unlimited Entries – 7 score)
11:00am	**Boys Varsity ‘B’ Race – 5k (Unlimited Entries – 7 Score)**
11:45am	Girls Varsity Race – 5k (Unlimited Entries – 7 score)
12:30pm	Boys Varsity Race – 5k (Top-7 Only)

****We will run a Boys Varsity ‘B’ Race IF we get 20+ teams signed up. Otherwise, we will move up the Varsity Girls Race to 11:00am, and the Varsity Boy Race (with unlimited entries) to 11:45am****

Awards:

- **Team Trophies to the Top-3 Varsity Teams in each race – *Need 5 runners to score.***
- ****Team Trophy to the top Boys Varsity ‘B’ Team (if applicable) – *Need 5 runners to score*****
- **Team Trophy to the top Modified Team (Boys & Girls) – *Need 5 runners to score.***
- **Medals** will be awarded to the Top-20 Finishers in each Varsity Race. **Ribbons** to 21st – 50th place.
 - Boys Varsity ‘B’ Race will award **Ribbons** to 1st – 50th place.
- **Ribbons** will be awarded to the Top – 20 Finishers in each Modified Race.
- **“Champion” T-Shirts** awarded to each 1st Place Finisher in every race

“Rally @ The Valley” Invitational T-Shirts will be on sale – CASH ONLY

Concession Stand and FOOD TRUCKS will be on site!!

Entry:

Email your intent to participate **ASAP** to Coach Jody McLaughlin: jmclaughlin@mwcsd.org

Entry is guaranteed to the 1st **30 TEAMS** that express interest.

Submit entries through yentiming.com. **Entries Due Wednesday October 7th at 8:00pm.**

Cost:

- \$200 per school if entering both Modified **and** Varsity Teams.
- \$100 for 1 Varsity Team (Just a Boys Team **OR** Just a Girls Team) **OR** Just Modified Team(s)
- \$25 for Individual Runners

Make checks payable to ***“Marcus Whitman Track Boosters”***

- W-9 form will be sent to each school for payment purposes
- ****Payment due in advance of the Invitational****

Mail form (see below) and payment to:

Marcus Whitman High School
c/o Jody McLaughlin – Head Coach
4100 Baldwin Road
Rushville, NY 14544

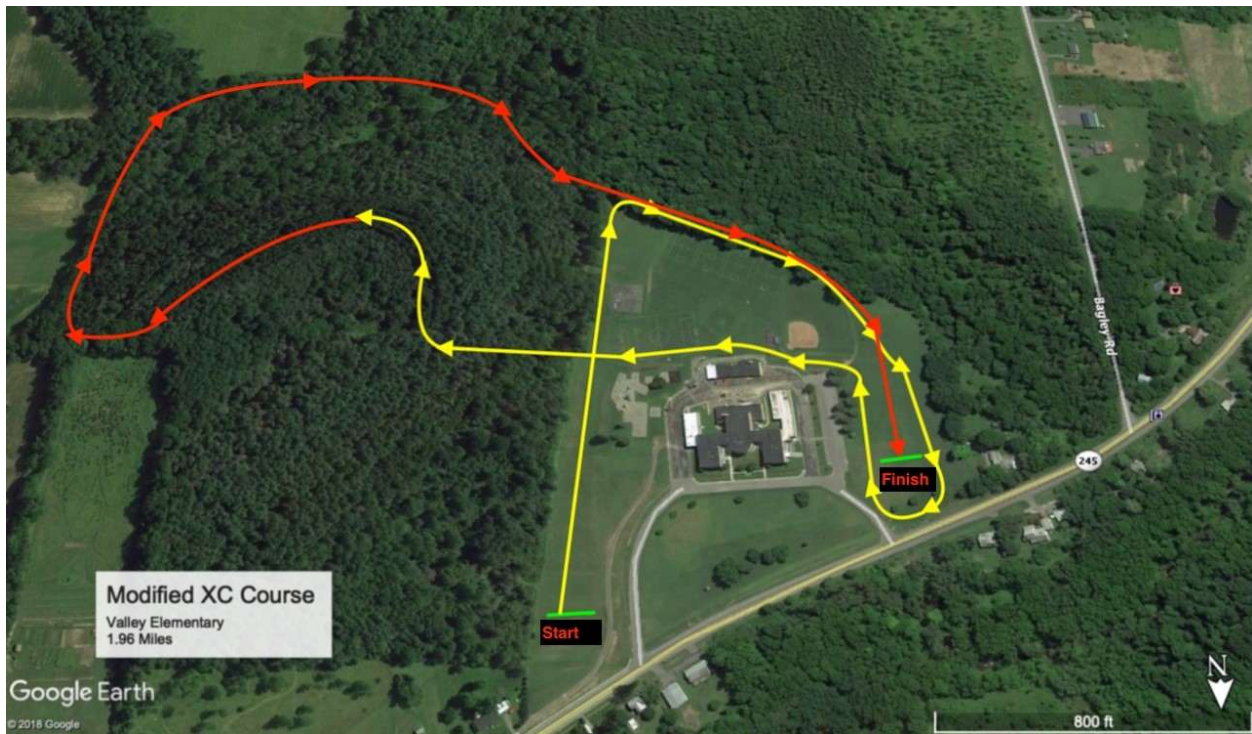
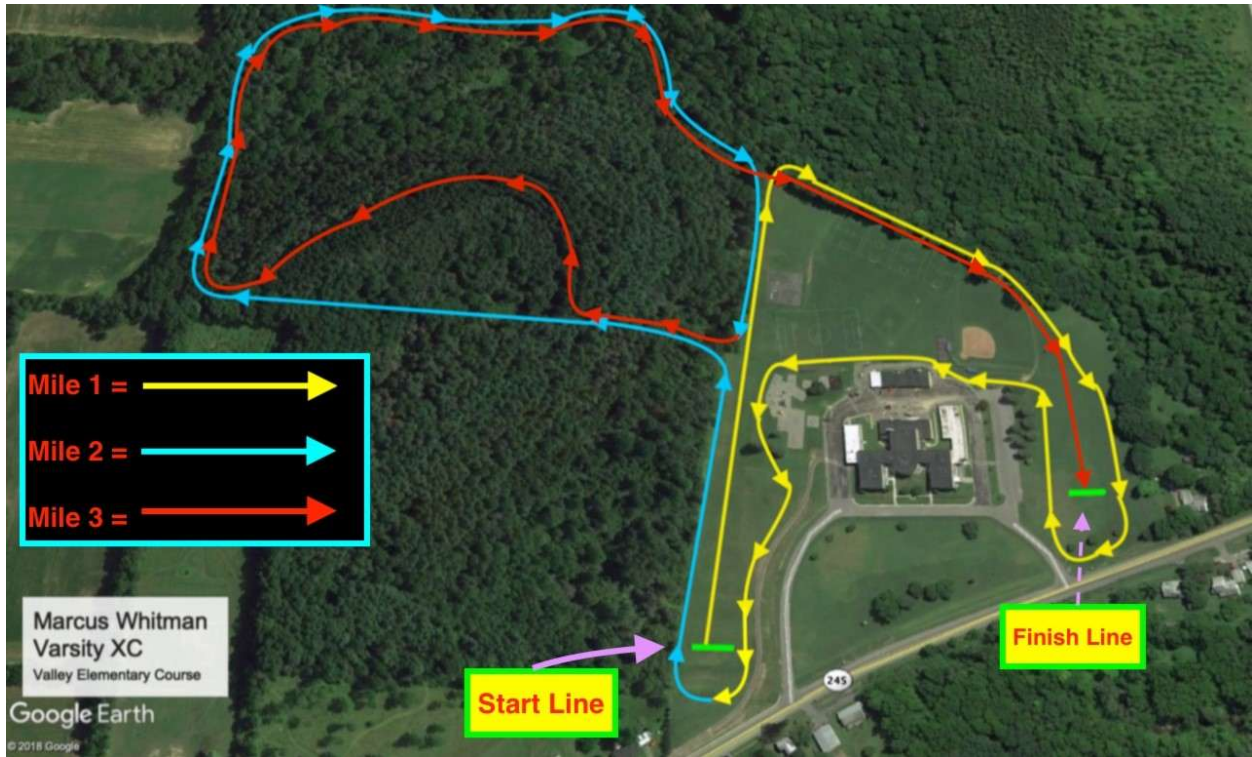
Course Records:

Varsity Boys: **15:40** – Caleb Lantz (Rush-Henrietta) – 2025

Varsity Girls: **18:13** – Hannah Governor (Williamson-Marion) – 2025

Course Maps:

Copies will be available on Meet Day as well.



Entry Form: Marcus Whitman “Rally @ The Valley” XC Invitational

School Name: _____

Coach: _____

Coach email: _____

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\$25 per Individual Runner

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