

## **Event Description – Zion Ultras 2026**

### **Town of Apple Valley Special Event Application Support Document**

Event Name: **Zion Ultras**

Host Organization: **Vacation Races (VR Sports LLC)**

Event Location: **Ruby Rider Ranch and surrounding permitted lands**

Event Dates: **April 11–12, 2026**

Setup & Bib Pickup: April 10, 2026

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### **Event Overview**

The Zion Ultras is a permitted endurance trail running event featuring multiple race distances including:

- **100 Mile**
- **100K**
- **60K**
- **30K**
- **Half Marathon**

**All races begin on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Ruby Rider Ranch.**

Due to the nature of ultra-distance events, race operations continue into Sunday, April 12, 2026, with the final 100-mile participant cutoff at 5:00 PM on Sunday

Event operations conclude once the final participant finishes and the course is cleared.

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### **Schedule of Operations**

#### **Friday, April 10, 2026 – Setup Day**

- Infrastructure setup at Ruby Rider Ranch
  - Packet pickup and runner check-in
  - No race course activity
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#### **Saturday, April 11, 2026 – Primary Race Day**

##### **Start Times (All distances begin Saturday):**

- **100 Mile – 5:00 AM**
- **100K – 5:30 AM**
- **60K – 6:00 AM**
- **30K – 8:00 AM**
- **Half Marathon – 8:30 AM**

Most participants complete their races on Saturday. Aid stations and course operations remain active throughout the day and evening.

## **Sunday, April 12, 2026 – Ultra Distance Completion**

### **The following race cutoffs extend into Sunday:**

- **100K cutoff – 3:00 AM Sunday**
- **100 Mile cutoff – 5:00 PM Sunday**

Ultra-distance participants may be on course until the 5:00 PM cutoff. Course sweep teams and event staff will remove signage and equipment immediately following final participant passage.

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### **Attendance & Staffing**

- Estimated Participants: Approximately 1,200–1,400 runners
  - Event Staff & Volunteers: Approximately 50
  - Access: Registered participants, volunteers, and approved crew only
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### **Camping & Facilities**

Ruby Rider Ranch will provide limited on-site tent and vehicle camping (approximately 150 individuals).

Event infrastructure includes:

- Portable restrooms and handwashing stations
- Potable water
- Clearly maintained emergency access routes

All operations will comply with local fire restrictions and Town requirements.

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### **Traffic & Public Impact**

The majority of activity occurs on Saturday. Sunday activity is limited to remaining ultra-distance participants and support personnel.

No full road closures within the Town are anticipated. Any roadway crossings or signage will be managed under approved Traffic Control Plans.

All equipment, traffic control devices, and temporary infrastructure will be removed following final course closure on Sunday, April 12, 2026.