





**Body Marking:** Body marking will take place at Packet Pick-Up on Friday and from 5:00 am – 7:30 am on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the check-in tent. You will not be permitted in the transition area on race day without your body markings. **Do not apply** body lotion or sunscreen until after you have your body markings. Body markings should match your bib number.

**Transition Area Access:** from 5:00–6:00am. Only athletes with body markings and race bibs will be allowed access to the transition area. Transition area on race day will close at 6:00am sharp. **SWW KHERFOMLRM RIWKHUDONE** Parent/Guardian may enter the transition area ONLY to assist with equipment removal. The transition area is expected to open when the bike course is all-clear which we anticipate will be around 9:00 am. *The Tampa Bay Kids Triathlon Race Director has the final say of when the transition area will open for equipment removal. We thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter as athlete safety is our number one priority.*

**Note:** NO parents/guardians are allowed in transition area before or during the race. We will have bike techs and knowledgeable volunteers to assist the athletes in transition.

**Transition Area Conduct:** For safety reasons, you will not be permitted to ride your bike in or out of the transition area. You must walk while in the transition area. Please be aware of other athletes as you move through the transition area and follow all instructions from race officials, bike techs and volunteers. Participants will not be allowed to exit transition until their bike helmets are securely fastened.

**Timing Chips:** You will receive an ankle chip in your race packet. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR CHIP.** Each chip is unique to you so do not trade your chip with another athlete. Please make sure that the number on the chip, matches your bib number. We will attached the ankle chip when the athlete arrives for body marking. The chip must be worn around either ankle prior to the start of the swim and must be worn during the entire race.

**Illegal Items:** Aero bars, training wheels, wheel pegs and all musical devices/headphones are not permitted.

**Special Needs Table:** There will be a table set up at the swim finish for the collection of your eye glasses, medications or other special needs items. You will be responsible for clearly marking all your items with your name and race number. You will also be responsible for leaving them at the table prior to the swim start – volunteers will guard the table and help monitor the distribution of items as you exit the lazy river.

**Transition:** The swim-to-bike transition and the bike-to-run transition are in the same place. Each participant will have a spot to rack his/her bike and set up necessary equipment.

**Note:** The transition area will have bike rack numbers to help easily locate each bike.

**Bike Techs:** Velofix Tampa Bay will serve as the 2022 Official Bike Technician providing safety inspections during packet pick-up.

**Swim Start:** Participants will be walked to their starting areas and lined up according to age groups. Varsity division will start at 7:15 am and the JV division will follow behind (*expected* start time is 8:00 am). The JV division will be staged in a waiting area near their swim until their start time. Groups of two-three athletes will start every (5) seconds.

**Swim Course:** No diving or running – participants must enter the water at a safe pace. Please note, the swim takes place in the Rambling Bayou (lazy river) and athletes will be swimming with the current. Lifeguards will be staged every 20–30 yards. The swim course ends at the steps leading up to Mango Joe’s concession area.

**Reminder:** Athletes are NOT permitted to run out of the swim portion of the race. Race officials and volunteers will monitor the swim course and enforce this rule.

**Noteworthy:** The participants will run through sand on their way from swim finish to designated transition area. Kiddie pools will be provided for a quick rinse. We recommend participants stage a towel with their bike in the transition area.

**Bike Course:** The bike course is a loop through Busch Gardens’ parking lot. The loop begins and ends at the Busch Gardens’ parking lot gates located on Linebaugh Ave. Volunteers will be on course helping direct participants. Each athlete is required to wear a helmet during the bike segment. You must have your helmet securely fastened on your head before you mount and dismount your bike. Drafting and blocking other athletes is not permitted during the race. Race officials and volunteers will monitor the bike course and enforce these rules.

**Parents and Spectators:** Due to safety measures, spectators will not be permitted in Busch Gardens’ parking lot to watch the bike portion of the race. Volunteers will be staged throughout the course to assist spectators on where they are permitted.

**Run Course:** The run course is a loop in a grassy field. Volunteers will be on course helping to direct participants. You must complete the entire course with the course cones on your right at all times.

**Course Maps:** To view the Course Maps, please visit [www.tampabaykidstriathlon.com](http://www.tampabaykidstriathlon.com)

**Bike Course Cut-Off Time:** All participants must complete the bike course by 8:45 am or else they will be disqualified and considered a DNF (did not finish).

**Aid Stations:** There will be two aid stations on course providing water and first aid. The first station will be located along the transition path (located in the sand area) from swim to bike. The second station will be located outside the transition area from bike to run.

**On-Course Entertainment:** Enjoy the entertainment provided by Busch Gardens and Adventure Island.

**Finish:** The run course officially closes at 9:00 am. All participants still on the course will be asked to return to the finish line/ awards ceremony and considered a DNF.

**Drop out or DNF “Did not Finish”:** Staff and volunteers are trained to call in the DNF athlete immediately so the race directors can track the participant. **Athletes and parents:** please notify a race official and return your timing chip at the finish line if you drop out of the race.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Unsportsmanlike conduct or verbal abuse of any race official or volunteer during the race will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification. Participants will also be disqualified if caught littering.

**Timing and Results:** Official race results will be posted prior to the awards presentation. Please report any discrepancy to the race director or event manager prior to the start of the awards presentation.

Athletes who do not wear the timing chip during the entire event will not be scored. Please note that the clock at the finish line reflects the start time of the first swim wave.

**Medical Care:** Adventure Island will provide first aid and comprehensive medical care for all participants during the event. Be sure athletes drink plenty of fluids and hydrate throughout the race weekend!

**Course Safety:** The Tampa Bay Kids Triathlon is self-contained within the parameters of Busch Gardens and Adventure Island. There will be little to no vehicular traffic along the course but we encourage all athletes to be aware of their surroundings, obey the instructions of traffic control officers, race directors and volunteers. Also please be considerate of others during the competition.

**Awards Ceremony:** The awards ceremony begins as soon as the last participant crosses the finish line! Please stick around and enjoy music, entertainment, post-race snacks and beverages. The estimated start time for the awards ceremony is 9:00 am. Trophies and awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers in their age group. The five age categories are 6 year olds, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

**Adventure Island Tickets:** Up to six (6) additional “stay and play” tickets to Adventure Island can be purchased during online registration for a discounted rate of \$38.00.

**Results:** Race results will be posted online immediately following the race.

**BE SAFE AND ENJOY THE FUN AND SUN!**

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