

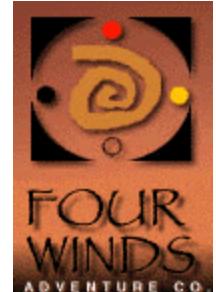


Utah

Supreme Adventure Race

Race Results

August 16-24, 2002



The time had finally arrived - when teams from around the US, international teams, teams from three branches of the military, and the largest adventure racing club gathering invited to any adventure race (representing thousands of club members across and outside the US) stepped on the start line at world-renowned Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort for the 2002 Four Winds USA Supreme Adventure Race, continuing as the longest running expedition-level adventure race competition on US soil. TV and news media crews were full body-harnessed into the open tram at Snowbird, poised to hang and capture the grueling starting hours of the event as racers assaulted the stark mountain thrusting straight up into the sky behind the Cliff Lodge at Snowbird. National Geographic Adventure Magazine was on the spot for what would be a week of coverage and interviews with the racers, day and night through the good and tough times, as teams fulfilled their charge on what still exists unchallenged as the longest and toughest adventure race in the US, the Four Winds USA Supreme Adventure Race.

Teams were spurred on by many VIP's and guests, including Jeff Robbins, President and CEO of the Utah Sports Commission (responsible for helping to bring the 2002 Winter Olympics to Utah and the Salt Lake region) and Gary Herbert, Utah County Commissioner, a key facilitator for permits and contacts with over 30 agency representatives in 3 counties for the over-350 mile race course. Regional media during the event included KSL-TV, the NBC affiliate and major sponsor of the event that ran live interviews and solid race coverage from start to finish. The regional ABC affiliate was also on-hand helping to expand the media footprint during the race. Additional regular print coverage appeared in the Salt Lake City Tribune among others, as locals were caught up in the fascination of watching and following this US based expedition level competition.

The Start:

At 7:42 AM Saturday the 17th of August the Four Winds USA Supreme Adventure Race began. The starting elevation at approximately 8,500 feet was just the initial system shocker to most of the teams that came from sea level or slightly above. And the race went straight up from there, traversing the sheer mountain face, lacing racers along a narrow ridge line just in front of the towers of the main Snowbird ski tram. Television and media crews harnessed into the tram with all doors flung open shot the racers in high definition format throughout their ascent to the top of the mountain. Teams were climbing one of the toughest ascents at the start of a race in this sport to crest the top of the mountain, a lung-busting summit at over 11,500 feet and into the Uinta National Forest.

Over the next 7-9 days teams would hike over 85 miles in 3 sections, bike over 200 miles in 5 sections, paddle over 60 miles in two sections, horseback ride 11 miles in one section and swim less than a mile in one section to complete the over 350 mile course.

The Finish:

The sun was on its downward arc into the horizon when Team T & T Avengers from Scotland arrived at the Utah Lake finish line for the 2002 Four Winds USA Supreme Adventure Race on August 23, seven days after the previous Saturday's start at Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort. Team T& T Avengers, named after their helpful sponsor from Sandy, Utah tirelessly pummeled the course through the wilds of Utah near Provo and Salt Lake, with elevation gains of forty-some thousand feet and weather variables of blistering heat to freezing nights. They graciously pursued the winners' spot seemingly effortlessly, drawing farther ahead of the competing teams day after day. Always a pleasure to staff across on the course and always with a smile, they were excellent ambassadors from the British Isles, as this mixed twosome ran, biked, paddled, swam, horse back rode, climbed and trekked through nearly 350 miles to come in as first place winners at around 5 pm on that Friday afternoon in Provo.

The second and third place overall winners were also twosome teams, all male, and both from the local Utah region. They hammered the course and arrived at the finish line late Friday night as it grew into Saturday's dark hours. In second place was Team ARGear.com, a team which had the TV cameras fascinated on the previous Saturday's over 3000 foot vertical climb up the Snowbird ski mountain as they pulled far out in front of all the other teams arduously straining up and over the narrow mountain spines cresting 11,500 feet south of Snowbird. Sneaking up all along the week were the third place overall winners, Team Xponential - a combination of neophyte and experience, a tribute to heart and the willingness to finish. Team Xponential earlier in the race had been teamed up with representatives from TV station KSL - the regional NBC affiliate - a group eager to try the race and filled with trepidation. Team Xponential inspired and cajoled, and despite the probable slower pace engendered by this TV liaison early on - still managed to steadily gain ground on others as the week progressed.

The stunning course - over the crags and peaks of the Wasatch Range east into other mountains and waterways and back to Provo again, provided challenges to the teams pushing themselves to the finish. Thunder storms, winds, a forest fire not a mile from the course thankfully quelled by air support, all combined with the natural difficulty of the terrain to create this expedition level adventure for the teams. Teams from all over the US and outside (Canada and Scotland), adventure clubs, and armed service branch representatives, met in northern Utah to experience the beauty of the region and the challenge of the 2002 Four Winds USA Supreme Adventure Race competition, in which half the field met their match and did not make it to the finish line, but were left to dream of another try in future years. The remaining successful teams came in through Saturday and into Sunday morning August 24th and 25th as the 2002 Four Winds USA Supreme Adventure Race drew to a close.

Four Winds plans to bring the USA Supreme Adventure Race back to Utah in future years, working with the state and county governments and other agencies to make more successful and appropriate recreational uses of the natural resources with events such as this.

Team Times for USA Supreme, Utah USA 2002 in order of crossing the finish line are given in Tables 1 & 2 below.

TABLE-1

Team Name	Team #	Start	Hike-Bike/TA2 in	Δ [h:mm]	Paddle in TA2A	Δ [h:mm]	bike in TA3	Δ [h:mm]	hike in TA5(bikeTA4)	Δ [h:mm]	paddle in TA6	Δ [h:mm]
1 T & T Avengers	12	8/17 7:42A	8/17 11:14P	15:32	8/18 10:30A	26:48	8/19 10:16P	62:34	8/20 7:28P	83:46	8/21 3:30P	103:48
2 ARGear.com	3	8/17 7:42A	8/17 7:15P	11:33	8/18 10:23A	26:41	8/20 4:15A	68:33	8/21 7:30A	95:48	8/21 10:20P	110:38
3 Xponential	9	8/17 7:42A	8/17 9:57P	14:15	8/18 10:42A	27:00	8/20 3:51A	68:09	8/21 5:10A	93:28	8/21 11:27P	111:45
4 Burnin' Daylight	5	8/17 7:42A	8/18 3:00A	19:18	8/18 3:57P	32:15	8/20 3:01P	79:19	8/21 6:20P	106:38	8/22 9:55A	122:13
5 Moonlighters	36	8/17 7:42A	8/18 4:13A	20:31	8/18 6:35P	34:53	8/20 3:06P	79:24	8/21 8:20P	108:38	8/22 1:11P	125:29
6 NYARA	16	8/17 7:42A	8/18 1:14A	17:32	8/18 5:38P	33:56	8/20 5:00P	81:18	8/21 11:01P	111:19	8/22 4:15P	128:33
7 BAR	32	8/17 7:42A	8/17 11:44P	16:02	8/18 12:07P	28:25	8/21 11:14A	99:32	8/22 2:05P	126:23	8/23 8:15A	144:33
8 Pine Nuts	7	8/17 7:42A	8/18 8:55A	25:13	8/18 7:21P	35:39	8/21 10:20P	110:38	8/22 8:42A	121:00	8/23 2:14A	138:32
9 Wasatch	26	8/17 7:42A	8/18 4:35P	32:53	8/18 6:20P	34:38	8/20 3:19P	79:37	8/21 10:01P	110:19	8/22 2:20P	126:38
10 Seattle SOAR	14	8/17 7:42A	8/18 3:47A	20:05	8/18 2:36P	30:54	8/19 11:30P	63:48	8/21 11:47A	100:05	8/22 1:50A	114:08
11 Defiant	2	8/17 7:42A	8/18 3:53A	20:11	8/18 6:43P	35:01	8/20 7:12P	83:30	8/21 11:04P	111:22	8/22 4:20P	128:38
12 Aardvark	28	8/17 7:42A	8/18 6:45A	23:03	8/18 8:20P	36:38	8/20 3:04P	79:22	8/21 6:18P	106:36	8/22 3:40P	127:58
13 Chicago Area AR	10	8/17 7:42A	8/18 4:19A	20:37	8/18 7:45P	36:03	8/21 8:06P	108:24	8/22 10:03A	122:21	8/22 7:30P	131:48
14 Go	34	8/17 7:42A	8/18 11:28A	27:46	8/18 6:40P	34:58	8/20 2:29P	78:47	8/21 2:12P	102:30	8/22 2:11A	114:29
15 Funky Chunky Monkeys	4	8/17 7:42A	8/18 9:32A	25:50	8/18 6:24P	34:42	8/20 3:33P	79:51	8/22 6:42A	119:00	8/21 2:12P	102:30
16 SOS	18	8/17 7:42A	8/18 4:13A	20:31	8/18 7:50P	36:08	8/19 10:16P	62:34	dnf			
17 Dayton AR	8	8/17 7:42A	8/18 10:32A	26:50	8/18 7:37P	35:55	8/20 3:43P	80:01	8/21 3:20P	103:38	dnf	
18 KSL	30	8/17 7:42A	dnf						dnf		dnf	
19 Atlanta Trailblazers	wd											
20 Froggies	wd											
21 Gecko	wd											
22 Karma	wd											
23 Mead Rangers	wd											
24 Nachin	wd											
25 Northwest	wd											
26 SMAC	wd											
27 Torsoris	wd											
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29 Wasatch Adventure Win	wd											
30 Weekend Warriors	wd											

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≈ adjusted time finish w/credits, penalties, course changes, etc.

* modified course

TABLE-2

Team Name	Team #	bike/swimTA7/bike in TAB	Δ [h:mm]	horse in TA8A	Δ [h:mm]	hike/ropes/bike to Real Time Finish ☺	Δ [h:mm]	Modified course	Adjusted Time Finish ≈	Δ [h:mm]	Overall Ranking	Final Ranking in category
1 T & T Avengers	12	8/22 4:50 A	117:08	8/22 10:50 A	123:08	8/23 5:06 P	153:24		8/23 10:06 A	146:24	1st	1st 2M
2 ARGear.com	3	8/22 1:38 P	125:56	8/22 6:00 P	130:18	8/23 10:11 P	158:29		8/23 3:11 P	151:29	2nd	1st 20
3 Xponential	9	8/22 1:38 P	125:56	8/22 6:00 P	130:18	8/24 12:27 A	160:45		8/24 5:27 A	165:45	3rd	2nd 20
4 Burnin' Daylight	5	8/23 2:45 A	139:03	8/23 12:10 P	148:28	8/24 8:04 P	180:22		8/24 7:24 P	179:42	4th	2nd 2M
5 Moonlighters	36	8/23 8:45 P	157:03	8/23 2:38 A	138:56	8/24 10:31 P	182:49		8/24 10:31 P	182:49	5th	3rd 20
6 NYARA	16	8/23 12:03 P	148:21	8/23 4:25 A	140:43	8/24 10:53 P	183:11		8/24 10:53 P	183:11	6th	1st 4M
7 BAR	32	8/23 11:55 A	148:13	8/23 6:50 P	155:08	8/25 12:39 A	184:57	*	8/25 9:39 A	193:57	7th	2nd 4M
8 Pine Nuts	7	8/23 8:30 A	144:48	8/23 3:38 P	151:56	8/25 6:05 A	190:23	*	8/25 3:05 P	199:23	8th	3rd 2M
9 Wasatch	26	8/23 10:35 A	146:53	8/23 2:53 P	151:11	8/24 5:40 P	177:58	*	8/25 1:10 A	185:28	9th	unranked
10 Seattle SOAR	14	8/23 1:00 P	149:18	8/23 5:35 P	153:53	8/24 10:25 P	182:43	*	8/24 10:25 P	182:43	10th	unranked
11 Defiant	2	8/23 12:25 P	148:43	8/23 5:23 P	153:41	8/25 12:11 A	184:29	*	8/25 12:11 A	184:29	dq	
12 Aardvark	28	8/23 8:48 A	145:06	8/23 2:30 P	150:48	8/25 12:37 P	196:55	*	8/25 12:37 P	196:55		unranked
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