



**Hart County High School
Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
59 5th Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643**

02 August 2026

Memorandum For: Hart County High School Raider Challenge Participants

Subject: SY 26-27 Hart County Raider Meet

1. Purpose: To establish rules and requirements for all events at the Hart County Raider Challenge competition to be held 19 September 2026 at Hart County High School.
2. Concept. The competition will consist of five events: Team Run, Rope Bridge, Obstacle Course, Tire Flip, and Kettle Bell Relay. Awards will be presented to the top three teams in each event and top three teams overall for each category.
3. Registration: Schools can register a maximum of three teams, not to exceed two teams per division. Only one team per school in each category will count towards the event and final standings. Registration is open until we have a maximum of 40 teams registered or until 15 SEP 2026. To register, please email cmcarter@hart.k12.ga.us. The cost to participate will be \$100 for the first team, and \$25 for each additional team. Checks should be made to Hart County High School. A hard copy registration form can be found at Annex Z and a W-9 form can be provided upon request.
4. Schedule of Events. A coach and grader meeting will commence at **0730** in the JROTC classroom. Schools may bring one Cadet per school to this meeting. The team run will begin immediately after the coaches meeting and will be first come, first start (controlled by 1SG Julien) and teams will be staggered every 60 seconds. Teams may choose the sequence of events after the run. The award ceremony will be held in the stadium 15 minutes after that last event is finished.
5. Team Composition. Each team will consist of up to 14 Cadets per category. Ten Cadets per category will compete in each event with the Mixed Team category having at least four females on each event. No Cadet may participate in two different categories and this will result in both teams being disqualified if it occurs.
6. Raider Events (A Slideshow of The Little Nick Obstacle Course will be shared the week of the Raider Meet):
 - A. Team Run: The team run will consist of two laps around the Hart County High School and Hart County Middle School block. The approximate distance of the run is 2.6 miles. Uniform is OCP bottoms, t-shirts, and running shoes. Cadre will time their own teams. A 10 meter box will be provided for reference. Time will end when the last runner crosses the finish line. Coaches are required to bring an appropriate number of stopwatches to time their own teams.
 - B. Rope Bridge: This is a telephone pole course where each lane is 60 feet in length with three lanes (Male, Female, and Mixed). Standard Raider rope bridge rules apply. Reference FM 3-97.61, TC 90-6-1, and the current 6th BDE HQs Raider SOP. Uniform will be OCPs with boots.

C. Obstacle Course: The Little Nick Obstacle Course consists of 10 obstacles through our woods (and creek). Raiders will have one attempt to negotiate each obstacle and they will receive a band if successful with a goal of receiving 100 bands (10 per Raider). Scoring will be bands first then time. Stumping is allowed on the Incline Wall and 9 Foot Wall only. One Raider may mount the last horizontal beam on the Under/Over obstacle to assist fellow Raiders but stumping is not authorized and will result in both Raiders involved not earning a band. Time limits for each team category before disqualification will be announced in the Coaches meeting.

D. Kettle Bell Relay: This 10-Raider activity has the Raider team breaking up into two groups of five. Raiders 1 through 5 will move ten, 30-pound kettle bells (six for female division) from Circles A through F. Raiders 6 through 10 reset the course. Time stops when all bells are returned to Circle A. To start, Raider 1 will grab up to two bells from Circle A, carry them around a cone 25-yards away, and then run the kettle bells to Circle B where they will be set (not dropped or thrown!) down. Raider 1 will then return to Circle A in the most direct manner possible to repeat this process until all ten bells have been moved to Circle B. Raider 2 will carry any available kettle bells from Circle B to Circle C by carrying them around a cone 25-yards away. As soon as Raider 3 has any bells to carry in Circle C, Raider 3 will carry those bells around a cone 25-yards away and place them in Circle D. This process will continue until all ten bells have been moved by Raider 5 from Circle E to Circle F. At this point, Raiders 6 through 10 repeat the process in reverse Circle order until all bells have been returned to Circle A. Male, Female, and Mixed teams will all execute the same conditions and standards.

E. Tire Flip: The team will find their appropriate tire positioned on the tire's start/finish line. The team will flip the tire 50-yards and return to the start/finish line. The tire must completely clear the mid-point and finish lines. Teams must have five Cadets for flipping the tire in one direction to the turnaround line and five different Cadets for flipping it back to the start/end line. The turn-around point will be the opposite sideline of the football field, in which the team must flip the tire around to return to the start/finish line. If the tire fails to clear the opposite sideline before the Cadets rotate and flip in the opposite direction, a 30-second penalty will be assessed for the violation. At the finish line, the tire must be completely flipped past the start/finish line between the two cones designating the start/finish line. There will be a separate lane for Male, Mixed, and Female teams.

5. Grading: Graders will be provided by UNG SROTC, UGA SROTC, USMC Recruiters, USAREC Recruiters, and GAANG Recruiters. Score sheets will be provided to each team at the Coach/Captain meeting. At the conclusion of the team run, score sheets for the run should be turned into SFC Deaton at the finish line. Teams should provide their score sheet for the remaining events at the control station for each event. Upon completion of the event, the Raider Team captain should sign their score sheet and one of our runners will take the score sheet to the control room. Score sheets will be available to take home at the conclusion of the meet. Discrepancies with graders and/or score sheets should be brought to the attention of 1SG Julien or LTC Carter. Cadre are welcome to come into the control room during the meet to track scores.

6. Miscellaneous:

A. Excessive breaks between events is discouraged. Compete, stretch, and compete again. Please do not take long lunch breaks. Raiders can stuff their bellies on the way home.

B. Each school is required to provide their own forms (power of attorney/medical release, covenant not to sue---examples included) and have Cadet physicals available for review if necessary.

C. Trophies will be presented to the top three male, top three mixed, and top three female teams overall and in each event.

D. Parking. Parking is available in any parking lot at the high school or middle school. Schools are responsible for policing their area and leaving it clean before they leave. Please securely close and leave all trash bags by the wrestling building next to the tennis courts.

E. Grilling. Grilling is no longer allowed on our campus. A concession stand will be available in the high school stadium. Please inform your booster clubs/families to not bring grills.

F. Latrines. There will be two Male and Female latrines in the stadium field for Raiders/spectators to use. Raiders must not have muddy uniforms inside the latrines. There will be a hose available for Raiders to wash off.

G. Safety. Hart County EMS will have an ambulance on site for the duration of the meet. The ambulance will be located at the start of the run initially and then move vicinity of the obstacle course start point. Raider Coaches are required to move with their teams at each event. A first aid bag will be located at the start point of the obstacle course. 911 is the immediate means of calling for any serious injury followed by reporting of the injury to the control room.

H. Hydration & Heat. Please discourage Raiders from consuming energy drinks for at least 72 hours prior to the Raider Meet. Water will be available at each event in the case of an emergency but each school should bring enough water for their teams. There will be a water hose located at the top of the hill from the obstacle start point to for cooling off and cleaning off purposes.

I. Unsportsmanlike Behavior. Undue profanity at any event will result in a one minute penalty. Excessive profanity may result in disqualification. Raiders are expected to compete hard but respect all other teams. Parents and other spectators may be subject to removal from campus for profanity directed at Raiders and or judges.

7. The POC for this action is the undersigned at cmcarter@hart.k12.ga.us.

Christopher M. Carter

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CMC', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

LTC, U.S. Army (Retired)
Senior Army Instructor

Annex B: Covenant Not to Sue

Statement Required by Privacy Act of 1974

1. AUTHORITY. Title 10, US Code 2031

2. PURPOSE. To release the U.S. Government, Army Junior ROTC, and Hart County High School from liability for injury, death, or damages for Junior ROTC cadets participating in voluntary training programs.

3. ROUTINE USES. Normal personnel actions. Disclosure of information may be provided to proper authorities in actions regarding law enforcement, legal actions as a result of injury or death, investigations of accidents resulting from such voluntary training.

4. Mandatory or voluntary disclosure and effect on individual not providing information: disclosure is voluntary. Failure of the individual to complete this form will disqualify the Junior ROTC cadet from participating in specific voluntary training.

I (parent/guardian), _____, residing at (street address, city, state, zip) _____ do hereby agree that in consideration for allowing my child to participate in the Junior ROTC Raider competition conducted at Hart County High School, and whereas she/he is doing so entirely on her/his own initiative, risk and responsibility; and being fully aware of the risks adhering to this type of training, I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FOREVER the United States Army, the State of Georgia, Hart County School District, Hart County High School and all of its officers, agents, and employees, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions, or cause of action, on account of my child or on account of any injury to my child which may occur from any cause during said activity or continuances thereof; and I do further covenant and agree to hold the said organizations above, their officers, agents, and employees blameless for any and all damage which my child may cause either intentionally or through his/her negligence.

(Signature of parent or guardian)

(Print Name of Parent or Guardian)

(Signature of participating Cadet)

(Print Name of participating Cadet)

(Date of Signature)

(Date of Signature)

(Signature of Witness)

(Date of Witness Signature)

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HART COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL
BULLDOG BATTALION
HARTWELL, GA 30643**

Registration Form: Hart County Raider Meet – 19 SEP 2026

From (School) _____

POC (Please Print) _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

Number of Teams: _____ (Three team limit)

Name of Teams (Please indicate Male, Mixed, Female)

Team 1 _____ (\$100.00)

Team 2 _____ (\$25.00)

Team3 _____ (\$25.00)

TOTAL _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (Make checks payable to: Hart County JROTC)

Signature of POC: _____

**** No refunds will be returned after 18 September 2026.

Mail checks and forms to: Hart County High School
Attn: JROTC Department
59 Fifth St.
Hartwell, GA 30643