

2026 Warhawk Raider Challenge

Standard Operating Procedure

SUBJECT: The Veterans High School “Warhawk” Raider Meet will be conducted on **3 October 2026 at Veterans High School, 340 Piney Grove Rd, Kathleen, Ga 31047.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Entry Fees: \$125.00 flat fee per school (Max 4 Teams). Mailing in advance is the preferred method but payment on the day of the event will be accepted by checks or cash. Checks need to be made out to: Veterans High School AFJROTC. Registration form is attached in this S.O.P.
2. The coach's meeting will take place @ 0730 in the **JROTC classroom (1503)**. **Team Commanders from each team will be allowed to participate in this meeting. Registration will start at 0715.** Competition will begin at 0815. The awards ceremony will be held on the **baseball field** shortly after the conclusion of the competition.
3. Trophies will be given to the runner-up and winner in each event for each category. Trophies are awarded for the top three overall teams in each category.
4. ***IMPORTANT*** Coaches must turn in all participating cadets' waivers during registration.
5. Locations for teams to set up their Tailgating “Base Camp” are identified on the enclosed maps.
6. In the event of rain, all events will continue as planned or may be paused until the weather has passed and the event is deemed safe to resume. In the event of severe weather (Lightning in the area), the holding area is the new school gym all personnel will shelter until all clear is given. A weather call will be made by noon on 2 Oct 2026. If the event needs to be postponed/canceled due to weather, there will be no plans this semester to reschedule.
7. Please park all cars in the parking area outlined on the map and around the gym. Equipment vehicles can park in the designated area also outlined on map.
8. Instructors, please bring a stopwatch for backup timing of events.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All coaches will receive a packet at the coaches meeting with the sequence of events

2. Teams may have 14 cadets per team, only 10 will compete per event. Female teams can include only females. Mixed teams must have at least four females competing on each event. Male teams may include males or females. Coaches may substitute cadets using only cadets that have not competed on another team. Once out, cadets are no longer eligible to compete. If any team drops below the required 10, the team may continue, but without eligibility for awards on those stations. Likewise, if a school must “cross-level”, they lose eligibility for awards. Teams may skip some stations/events, but they must remain in assigned sequence order. Teams will be assigned to a starting location and a rotation sequence and complete each event within the time limit. Teams delayed will be skipped and rotated in when there is an opening within the event.
3. Competing cadets will be allowed to compete on one team only; meaning a cadet on the male team cannot be a substitute for a cadet on the mixed team, etc.
4. **Teams are encouraged to move through their respective rotations as quickly as possible.** In the event there is a bottleneck or backup at an event, teams are welcome to move to another open event.
5. Only the Raider team members will be allowed to be on the courses. Coaches, parents, or spectators must observe the events from the spectator’s area or a safe distance without interfering with competitors. Coaches and parents are not allowed to coach teams once the event has started. Any coaching during the event will result in that team being disqualified from that event.
6. Judges will **briefly** brief teams before each event. Penalties will be clearly defined. After each event, the team commander will go to the judge for the time and notification of any penalties assessed. Do not argue with the Judge. Address all concerns with SMSgt Martin.
7. If a team member is injured during an event and cannot finish, the team will be penalized for that event. The team must leave one member with the injured Cadet and continue along the course and inform the judge of the injured Cadet. The event judge will notify the Event Organizer for medical assistance.
8. Scoring- Score sheets are used at each event, and the overall rankings and scores will be emailed out after the event. If a tie occurs, we will use the run time as the tie breaker.
9. If a team or school decides not to compete in any event please inform SMSgt Martin or SMSgt Brooks.
10. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as profanity, will be subject to a 1-minute penalty each time a member of a team does not conduct themselves as a JROTC Cadet. Judges may disqualify a team for unsportsmanlike conduct, **to include actions of Team coaches and parents.** Coaches, please ensure your parents know that sportsmanship and professionalism resides with them also. If incidents occur, they will be instructed to depart the school property or be escorted out by law enforcement.
11. Coaches please instruct your Cadets about taking care of the equipment. **Do not drop any equipment before, during, or after each event. Dropping equipment before,**

during, or after an event can result in a penalty. This is to help preserve the equipment. Dropping of equipment is defined as uncontrolled contact with the ground from above the top of the Cadet's boots.

12. Team Commanders will sign all score cards. Once the score card is signed, **no protest may be submitted**. Judges will inform Team Commanders if there is a penalty and adjudicate it on site. If it cannot be decided within a 2-minutes, find SMSgt Martin/SMSgt Brooks to resolve the issue. Do not delay other teams.
13. Team run will begin at 0815. Male teams followed by Mixed and then Female will start, schools will be grouped together in pods and there will be a 1-minute stagger between each pod/. Normal rotation schedule will continue for remaining events.

COMPETITION EVENTS:

The Raider Competition will consist of five events that are designed with minimal chance for penalty. Raider Team will rotate to each event together.

1. **Team Run:** The team run will be between 1.5-2 miles on a designated course. Coaches will be responsible to keep time of their teams and turn in their score sheet at the end of each of their teams run. Most of the route will be on flat terrain. Teams will start and finish at the same location. Uniform is **ACU/ABU/OCP trousers OR SHORTS (ALL OR NONE)**, team shirt and running shoes. Boots can be worn but are not recommended. Team run is the ONLY event in which running shoes/**SHORTS** are allowed. The team run will begin for all schools at 0815. Male teams followed by Mixed and then Female will run, schools will be assigned a pod group with a 5-minute staggered start between pods. Normal rotation schedule will continue for remaining events.
2. **Item Carry Relay-** This 10-Raider activity has the Raider team breaking up into two groups of five. Raiders 1 through 5 will move **NINE** items (**SEVEN** for female cadets) from Circles A through F. Raiders 6 through 10 reset the course. Time stops when all sandbags are returned to Circle A. To start, Raider 1 will grab up to two items from Circle A, carry them around a cone 25 yards away, and then run the items 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 items have been moved to Circle B. Raider 2 will carry any available items from Circle B to Circle C by carrying them around a cone 25 yards away. As soon as Raider 3 has any items to carry in Circle C, Raider 3 will carry those items around a cone 25 yards away and place them in Circle D. This process will continue until all ten items 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 items have been returned to Circle A. First, every Raider will only carry the appropriate number of items (**NINE or SEVEN**). In other words, no Raider can do the course twice, so a weaker Raider does not get a turn.

-Uniform will be Team-shirt or appropriate Uniform T-shirt, military boots, and ACU/ABU/OCP trousers. All team members must be in the same shirt.
3. **Cross Country Rescue:** The course length is approximately .5 mile. The Raider team will negotiate the course around the designated area, navigate through a culvert,

over a wall, through a suspended tire, and complete the event at the starting point. The mission is to get all ten team members and all equipment through the course safely and as quick as possible. Uniform will be ACU with boots.

- a. Cadets will have up to 6 rucksacks and 1 litter. **The rucksacks will weigh 35 lbs and the litter will weigh approx. 130 pounds for male & mixed teams. The rucksacks will weigh 25 lbs and the litter will weigh approx. 80 lbs for female teams.**
- b. Teams do not have to stay together on the course; however, they must finish together.
 - a. **There will be a Rally Point 10 yards from finish line.** All team members must be there before the team sprints to the finish line.
 - b. **Do not leave any equipment unattended anywhere on the course to include the Rally Point.** If you go back to help leave your ruck with a teammate. This is to prevent rucks getting mixed up with multiple teams on the course.
 - c. Any team leaving equipment on the course will be assessed a **5-minute penalty** per each piece of equipment.
 - d. **Culvert:** Litter will NOT go through the culvert. The litter will be placed in a designated area upon arrival at the culvert. All cadets and rucks must go through the culvert.
 - e. **Suspended Tire:** Litter will NOT go through the tire. The litter will be placed in a designated area upon arrival at the tire. All cadets and rucks must go through the culvert.
 - f. **Mud Pit:** All cadets and ALL EQUIPMENT must wade through the mud pit, navigating around the mud pit will be result in a “failure to complete the course” penalty (DQ).
 - g. **Crossing the wall:** All cadets and rucks must go over the **6.5’ wall or a 1 minute penalty will be assessed per occurrence.** Do not pass the litter over the wall. Raiders will set the litter down on the far side of the wall, cross over the wall, and pick it back up. Teams will be assessed a 1 minute penalty for dropping or throwing a rucksack from the top of the wall, per occurrence. Someone should be on the other side of the wall receiving the rucks and setting them down. (Please take care of equipment) Raiders will not jump from the top of the wall – they must lower themselves down to the ground to reduce the risk of ankle/knee injury. Teams will be disqualified for jumping from the top of the wall.
 - h. **Over-Under:** All cadets/rucks AND LITTER must go either over or under the obstacle. The obstacles are marked on which direction the cadets/rucks and litter must go. No items can be thrown or dropped over the obstacle.

4. **One Rope Bridge (ORB)**- At the rope bridge site each team is responsible for providing a rope and associated equipment for their use. Each team will report to the site area ready for team to sign in. Teams will put on their Swiss Seats in the ready area. Seats will be inspected by the judges for proper construction. Any incorrect seats will be identified and must be corrected prior to the start of the rope bridge. When the team is called forward to the start line, they will be told that they have 10 minutes total to prepare and conduct a one-rope bridge. The 10 minutes includes prep time and execution time (10 min. max). Ropes may be bagged or coiled. Rope bridge time will start when the cadets say "GO" or touches the rope. No extra time allowed. Knots tied and bridge construction must be safe and IAW brigade standards. * * The only knots allowed on the near side and anchor point will be: Anchor Point Knot must be a round turn and two half-hitches (NOTE: half-hitches must be over all ropes next to anchor point) Wireman's Knot OR Figure 8 Slip Knot (no hybrid knots use FM for correct techniques) The only knots allowed on the far side anchor point will be: Round Turn with TWO Half Hitches or Tensionless Anchor (minimum of 4 wraps on anchor)** After all raiders are across, all knots are cleared of the rope and the team has gathered all equipment, the time will stop. Any team that has not completed the event within 10 minutes will be disqualified. Loss of equipment or using feet to propel any member on the rope will incur scoring penalties. Dangerous or unsafe acts will cause a DQ. **40' length for female teams, 60' length for male/mixed teams.** (Rope Bridge is subject to change, as an alternate site may be utilized for this event, all coaches will be notified if changes occur). Uniform will be Team-shirt or appropriate Uniform T-shirt, military boots, and ACU/ABU/OCP trousers. All team members must be in the same shirt.

5. Obstacle Course (O-Course):

This event is approximately a 300-yard course. All 10 Raiders will run this event as a team. Teams will start at the designated starting point, and the judges will brief all obstacles prior to the start of the event. The objective of this event is to move the team through the obstacles safely and as quickly as possible. Cadets will be given two attempts at an obstacle, if they are not able to complete the obstacle, the judge will advise them to move on to the next obstacle. Any obstacle that a Raider cannot complete will assess a :30 penalty per occurrence. **No more than 2 cadets on each side of any wall obstacle (Doghouse, Inverted, Rope Wall and 9' Wall) Team assistance is not allowed on the monkey bars or balance beams.**

Obstacle details:

5' Wall

Culvert

Monkey bars

Step over

Incline Wall

Windows (Cadets must pick a lane)

Sand pit (low crawl)

Inverted Wall

Belly Buster

Doghouse

Suspended Balance Beam

9' Wall

Tire Dance

The Uniform will be Team-shirt or appropriate Uniform T-shirt, military boots, and ACU/ABU/OCP trousers. All team members must be in the same shirt.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ANNEX A – COVENANT NOT TO SUE

These forms will be collected and held by the instructors/cadre from each school.

OFF-CAMPUS TRAINING AND PRACTICAL FIELD/HIGH –RISK TRAINING

- 1. AUTHORITY:** Title 10, M.S. Code 2301. **2. PRINCIPLE PURPOSE(S):** To release The U.S. Government, the host institution, The Unified Government of Houston County Georgia and the state in which said institution is located from liability for injury, death, or damages while participating in voluntary off-campus training programs, practical field trips/exercises, drill meets, raider competition, and high risk training. **3. ROUTINE USES:** Normal personnel actions. Disclosures of information may be provided to proper authorities in actions regarding law enforcement, legal actions as a result in injury or death, and investigations of accidents resulting from such voluntary off-campus training, practical field trips/exercises, drill meets, raider competition, and high risk training. **4. MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AND EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Voluntary.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE FORM WILL DISQUALIFY STUDENT FROM PARTICIPATING IN SPECIFIC VOLUNTARY TRAINING EXERCISES.

I, _____,
RESIDING AT: _____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF STUDENT)
(ADDRESS)

AGE OF STUDENT: _____ PERIOD COVERED: 3 October 2026

Do hereby agree that in consideration for being allowed to participate in the Veterans High School (VHS) Warhawk Raider Challenge Competition to be conducted at VHS, a supervised activity, and whereas I am doing so entirely on my own initiative, risk and responsibility: and being fully aware of the risk adhering to this type of training, hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FOREVER, the United States Air Force, VHS, Houston County Board of Education, Georgia, and all its officers, agents, and employees, acting agents and otherwise, from any other claims, demands, actions, or causes of actions, on account of myself or on account of any injury to me which may occur from any cause during activity or continuances thereof, and I do further covenant and agree to hold the said Government of the United States, Houston County Government, Georgia, VHS and the State of Georgia blameless for any and all damages which I may cause either intentionally or through my negligence.

Type/Print Name of Parent/Guardian,
If Student is a Minor (below 18 years of age).

Signature of Parent/Guardian,
If Student is a Minor (below 18 years of age).

Student) Relationship to
(Date)

(Witness)

Signature of Student

WARHAWK RAIDER CHALLENGE

Team Run Score Sheet

School: _____

Male Mix Female

Team Commander: _____

Penalties Assessed:

Penalty	Penalty	Number of occurrences	Total Penalty Time
Less than 10 Raiders finish the event	5 Minutes per occurrence		
Profanity/Unsportsmanlike conduct	1 Minute per occurrence		
Raider crosses finish line prior to ALL team members are within the 10-meter box	:30 Sec per occurrence		
	TOTAL PENALTY =		

Run Time: _____

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Penalty Time: _____

Total Time: _____

Head Judges Signature: _____

Commanders Signature: _____

WARHAWK RAIDER CHALLENGE

CCR Score Sheet

School: _____ Male Mix Female

Team Commander: _____

Penalties Assessed:

Penalty	Penalty	Number of occurrences	Total Penalty Time
Failure of any team member to go over the wall	1 Minute per incident		
Leaving equipment on the course	5 Minutes per incident		
Any equipment not placed into the appropriate box	30 Seconds per incident		
Failure to complete the course	DQ		
Profanity	1 Minute per incident		
Leaving equipment unattended	1 Minute		
Dropping equipment at any point on the course	:30 Seconds per incident		
	TOTAL PENALTY =		

Event Time: _____

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Penalty Time: _____

Total Time: _____

Head Judges Signature: _____

Commanders Signature: _____

WARHAWK RAIDER CHALLENGE

Item Carry Relay Score Sheet

School: _____ Male Mix Female

Team Commander: _____

Penalties Assessed:

Penalty	Penalty	Number of occurrences	Total Penalty Time
Item dropped anywhere on the course from Higher than ankle.	30 seconds per incident		
Any cadet starting prior to the previous teammate moving all their bags	30 seconds per incident		
Any Cadet not completing the event	DQ		
Boundary Violation: Any item not in the marked spot before the next cadet begins.	30 Seconds per incident		
Profanity	1-minute per incident		
	TOTAL PENALTY =		

Event Time: _____

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Penalty Time: _____

Total Time: _____

Head Judges Signature: _____

Commanders Signature: _____

WARHAWK RAIDER CHALLENGE

Rope Bridge Score Sheet

COMMANDER: _____ Male Mix Mixed

SCHOOL:			
ROPE BRIDGE SCORE SHEET	Penalty	# of penalties	Total
Rope Bridge exceeds 10 MINUTES.	DQ		
Rope improperly laid out. Beyond the nearside pole.	30 SEC		
CONSTRUCTION OF ROPE BRIDGE			
Far Side Raider –Improper Bowline or Figure 8 when crossing	30 SEC		
Far Side Raider not clipped in with snap link prior to entering dead zone	30 SEC		
Far Side Raider not belayed properly across the dead zone	30 SEC		
Far Side anchor knot not two round turns w/2 half hitches or tensionless anchor	DQ		
Improper Transport Knot: wireman's knot or figure 8 knot with a bite	DQ		
One steel locking snap link not locked	DQ		
Two snap links in transport knot do not have opposite gate openings	DQ		
Near-side not secured w/round turn, 2 half hitches with or without quick release	30 SEC		
CROSSING			
Any Raider hooked up before near side or far side is complete	30 SEC		
Failure to face rope, mount onto rope w/snap link <i>then</i> rotate body under rope	30 SEC		
Dead zone violation (touching obstacle during loading/unloading, equipment loss)	30 SEC		
Crossing Raiders FEET or HANDS touch the dead zone and use feet or hands for momentum across the Dead Zone.	30 SEC		
More than three (3) Raiders clipped into the bridge rope at any one time	30 SEC		
BREAKDOWN OF ROPE BRIDGE			
Breaking Down rope bridge before last cadet is off rope	30 SEC		
Near Side Raider not clipped in with snap link prior to entering dead zone	30 SEC		
Near Side Raider not belayed properly across the obstacle	30 SEC		
Near Side Raider bowline w/overhand safety or figure 8 incorrect while crossing	30 SEC		
Rope or any item left in the dead zone after time is called	30 SEC		
Knots left in the Rope after bridge break down and "TIME" is called	30 SEC		
ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND NOTES			
Improper markings on rope that are obviously an advantage	DQ		
Rope Bridge Failure	DQ		
Use of Speed Tighteners (do not twist stick or snap-links)	DQ		
LESS THAN 8 Raiders CROSS ON BRIDGE	DQ		
Sportsmanship violation/coaches and Cadets (profanity, disrespecting judge, etc) per incident	1 minute		

	TIME	
	PENALTIES	

WARHAWK RAIDER CHALLENGE

Obstacle Course Score Sheet

School: _____

Male Mix Female

Team Commander: _____

Penalties Assessed:

Penalty	Penalty	Number of occurrences	Penalty Total Time
False Start	:30 Second per occurrence		
Did not complete an obstacle	:30 Second per occurrence		
Moved on without 2 attempts at the obstacle/ Skipped obstacle	2 Minute per occurrence		
Team assistance on obstacles (Monkey Bars and Balance Beam)	1 Minute per occurrence		
Jumping off 9' Wall (not using the platform)	1 Minute per occurrence		
< than 10 Raiders finish the event	5 Minutes per occurrence		
Profanity	1 Minute per occurrence		
	TOTAL PENALTY =		

Event Time: _____

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Penalty Time: _____

Total Time: _____

Head Judges Signature: _____

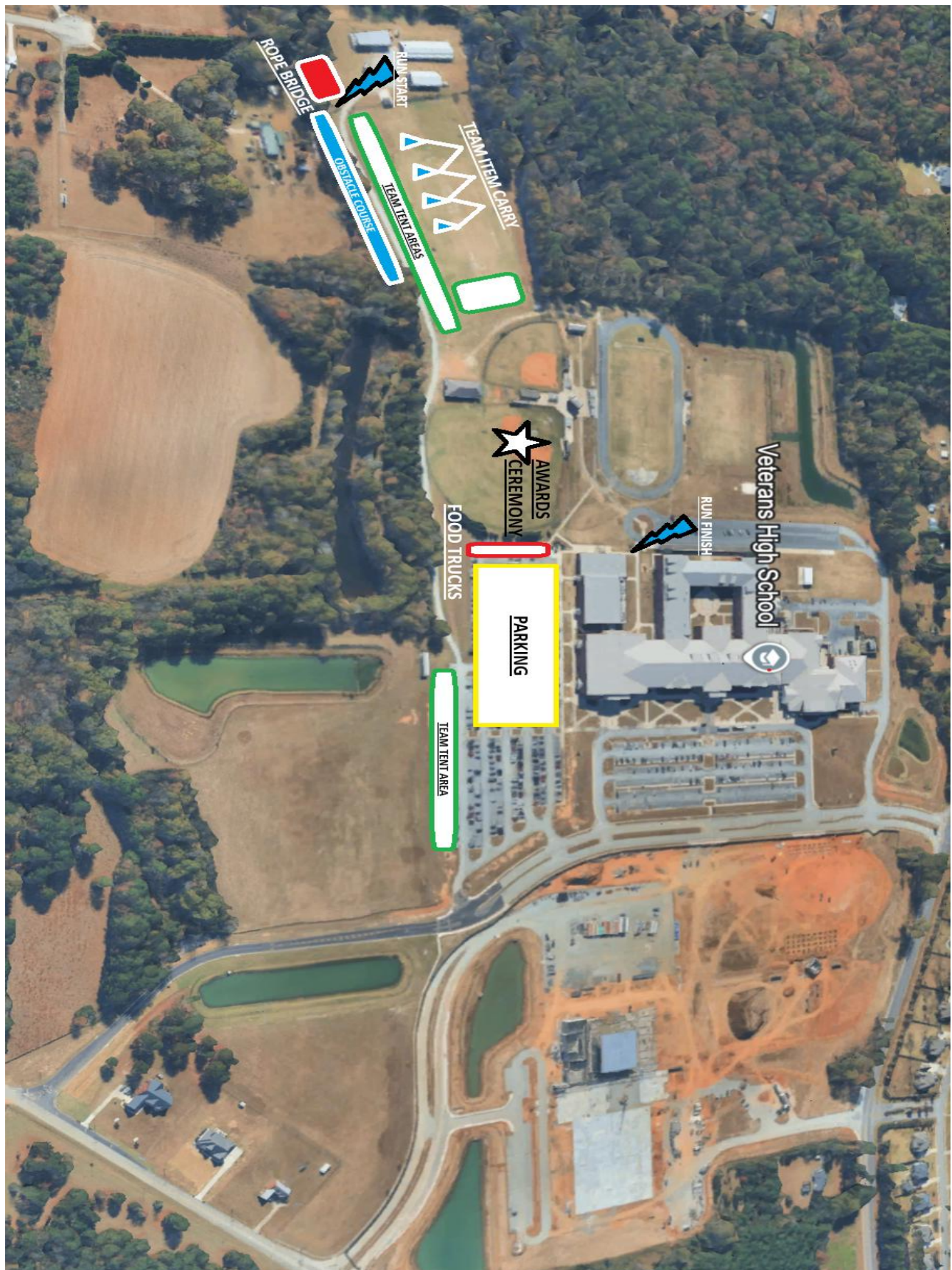
Commanders Signature: _____

Registration Form: WARAHWK Raider Challenge

Information Needed	Please fill out boxes in this column
Name of School	
School Phone Numbers	
Raider Coach Name/Rank	
Phone Numbers	
E-mail Address	
Estimated Date/Time of Arrival in Perry	
School Bus coming?	Yes or No
Will your team be staying overnight?	Yes or No
Total number of teams:	\$125.00 per School (Maximum 4 teams)
# Male Teams: _____ # Female Teams: _____ # Mixed Teams: _____	
Estimated number of: Cadets + Adults = Total	_____ Cadets + _____ Adults = _____ Total

Check Number:	Amount Enclosed:
POC for Check:	Phone Number:
Mailing Address for Receipt	

Checks can be mailed or brought to school on day of event:
 Make checks out to VHS AFJROTC or cash is acceptable.
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WARHAWK CHALLENGE LAYOUT



TEAM RUN 1.7 MILES



CCR .5