LAMPLIGHTER 2026

Meet Overview

Six Mile Track Club with the support of Gazelle Sports will host year five of the Lamplighter Invite. Lamplighter is a unique way for cross country teams to kick-off the 2025 season in a fun and festive invitational environment. The highlight for runners is the chance to race a flat and fast 5k course under the lights of Ford Field in Livonia, MI. The meet also includes the best music Patrick Whinnery & Spotify has to offer, metro-Detroit's top rated food trucks, and all the best running brands sold at Gazelle Sports.

Invite Date/Location/Contact

Date	Friday, August 21, 2026
Site	Ford Field in Livonia, MI ~ 33841 Lyndon St
Meet Director	Chris Inch
Phone (Mobile)	(248) 910-9481
Email	chrisinch@ymail.com
Meet Website	https://lamplighterinvite.com

Race & Awards Schedule

Race	*Race Start*	*Awards*
1.5 Mile Coed Open Jr. Lamplighter - (2^{nd}–5^{th} Grade)	5:30 PM	In Chute
1.5 Mile Coed MS Jr. Lamplighter – (6^{th}–8^{th} Grade)	6:00 PM	In Chute
JV Boys – Flight One	6:30 PM	In Chute
JV Girls – Flight One	7:05 PM	In Chute
JV Boys – Flight Two	7:50 PM	In Chute
JV Girls – Flight Two	8:30 PM	In Chute
National Anthem & Mascot Dash	9:10 PM	-
Varsity Boys – Flight One	9:20 PM	10:05 PM
Varsity Girls – Flight One	9:55 PM	10:40 PM
Varsity Boys – Flight Two	10:35 PM	11:20 PM
Varsity Girls – Flight Two	11:05 PM	11:50 PM

** Please note sundown on August 21st, 2026 takes place at 8:30 PM.*

Entry Fees

HS Entry Fees	$450 = One School/Two Teams (Boys & Girls) $295 = One School/One Team (Boys or Girls)
CYO/MS Entry Fees	$225 One School/Two Teams (Boys & Girls) $150 One School/One Team (Boys or Girls)
1.5 Mile Jr. Lamplighter Entry Fee	$20 = Per Runner/Lamplighter ~ 1.5 Mile Jr. Lamplighter Race Sign-Up
Open HS 5K Race Entry Fee	$30 = Per Runner/Lamplighter ~ Open HS 5K Race Sign-Up
Mascot Dash Sign-Up	$0 = Per Mascot/Lamplighter ~ Mascot Dash Sign-Up
Checks Payable	Six Mile Track Club
Mail Checks	Six Mile Track Club Attn: Chris Inch 23522 Longacre St Farmington, MI 48335
Payment Due Date	Thursday, August 20th

Entry Procedure

Team Limits	Teams will be assigned to a race based on school size and/or competitiveness (last year's results minus graduated Seniors).
JV Girls & Boys	Unlimited Participants – This race is for anyone not running the varsity race.
Varsity Girls & Boys	**Please register your top 10 runners in your respective varsity race** – this will allow us to evenly distribute runners across multiple races. Race assignments will be emailed to coaches the last week in July.
Meet Registration	Register your team at www.athletic.net.

Awards

Team Awards	Team Results Only >>> No Team Awards
JV Awards	Top 20 runners medal in chute in each JV Race
Varsity Awards	Top 20 runners medal in each Varsity Race at awards ceremony
Awards Ceremony	Each individual varsity award ceremony will take place on the south side of the press box 45 minutes after each scheduled race start time - see awards time schedule.

Meet Details

Packet Pickup	Meet Day at 4:00 PM, White Tent on West Side of Press Box
Timing Company	Fairchild Sports Timing/Steve Aspinall

Spectator Parking

There is significant spectator parking in and around Ford Field. (see Spectator Parking Map). Each parking area will be overseen by event volunteers. There is no charge to park in the designated lots – please refrain from parking on the residential streets surrounding Ford Field.

Spectator Fee

In lieu of charging for parking, we charge $10 per spectator via Ticketleap -or- $10 cash per spectator at admissions. Senior Citizens and Kids 8 & Under are Free.

Team Buses

Team buses are welcome to drop off and pick up from Eddie Edgar Ice Rink in lot 1. Buses will enter from Stark Rd and exited from Lyndon St. Buses are welcome to park at the Livonia Public Schools building on Farmington Rd and just north of Five Mile Rd.

Team Tent Camp

Teams will setup team tents in the flat grassy area east of the press box between baseball fields 1 and 2 and along the perimeter of the two large baseball diamonds. The grass will be clearly marked with paint. **Teams are welcome to decorate their tent and team area (power will not be provided). The team with the best-looking tent will be recognized for their efforts.**

Grounds Clean-Up

We ask teams thoroughly cleanup your team area at the conclusion of the meet – the goal being to leave your space as good or better than its original state. Thanks!

Race Results

Race results will be available near real-time online. All race results will be posted on athletic.net as well.

Food Trucks

Some of the area's most highly rated food trucks will be at the meet (see Food Truck Map). Who does not love a good food truck? The food trucks are there for the enjoyment of family, friends, coaches, spectators, and athletes. Help spread the word about the awesome eats at the meet.

Vendors

All the best running vendors will be onsite for Lamplighter (see Vendor & Team Tent Village Map).

T-Shirts

Lamplighter Invite t-shirts will be on sale onsite for $20 - Credit Cards & Cash Accepted.

Social Media

Website	www.lamplighterinvite.com
Instagram	lamplighter_invite