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Amazing Race-like Event Coming to Silver Lake in June

The Michigan Adventure Race: Silver Lake Edition will occur June 6, 2015. The race will start and finish at Grace Adventures on Upper Silver Lake and weave throughout the entire Silver Lake area. Registration is now open at www.miadventurerace.com. Over 350 racers have signed up so far. Last year's race at Hoffmaster State Park and Grand Haven drew over 400 participants, making it the largest event of its kind in the Midwest.

Two-person teams (solos also allowed this year or make an informal threesome) will set out running and biking to hidden checkpoints pre-marked on a map, collecting as many points as they can within the time limit. Map reading is critical and basic compass skills are helpful as well (a free clinic will be available on May 30 at Robinette's Apple Haus in Grand Rapids; clinic presentation also available online).

The 5-hour race includes the opportunity to conquer several Amazing Race-like challenges on the course. These include paddleboarding, sandboarding down the dunes and possibly a giant waterslide that ends in Silver Lake, along with some mystery challenges. Five-hour racers can use a mountain or road bike to get from one area to another. Newer racers find that the challenges and checkpoint hunting give them just enough of a break in between the running and biking sections to catch their breath. The five hours of racing flies by.

Those choosing the 8-hour race must trek, bike and paddle to more difficult and distant checkpoint locations in place of the Amazing Race challenges. Eight-hour racers must have a mountain or cyclocross bike.

"Silver Lake is an amazing place. By offering such a unique race in a unique place, we can offer a one-of-a-kind experience. The opportunity to camp before or after the race and enjoy a fun pizza dinner, awards, and raffle at Grace Adventures add to the experience.

Sponsors of the race to date include Gazelle Sports, West Michigan Bike & Fitness, Wave Club Watersport Rentals, Silver Lake Pizza Factory, Bill & Paul's Sporthaus, Let Us Inc. and TecLabs.

The charity partner is Grace Adventures. Visit their campus of nearly 400 acres in Silver Lake, Michigan. Grace provides custom retreats, Christian summer youth and horse camps, as well as leadership and character training programs.

For more information about the race and to register, go to www.MIAdventureRace.com and visit www.facebook.com/MIAdventureRace to join a growing community of adventure racers.

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