



Thursday September 12th, 2013

TO: All Superior 100MI, 50MI and 26.2MI Trail Race Volunteers

Dear Friends,

We did it again but this time we ventured into the realm of true refinement. Consistency not only makes a great runner but also makes a great event and consistency is what we have attained. New faces dotted this years volunteer landscape but all were welcomed, mentored and made to feel at home by those of you who continue to volunteer year after year - without your leadership we would be lost and without new blood we would not have the bright future that lays out ahead of us (leadership in the making).

A number of experienced Superior runners told me that in the past we had an outstanding race but that this year we put on a world-class event, from what I saw and felt, I have to agree - again, only made possible by all of your efforts, knowing where to be, what to do and truly mastering your post within the event. A quick estimate of volunteer hours put into this years race tallies up to 2000 hours on race weekend alone - truly incredible. Never one to break an arm patting myself on the back, or content to rest on my laurels, I still see room for improvement, almost exclusively on my end and I will dig in again throughout this year and do everything in my power to identify and improve upon any deficiencies that existed in this years event.

Read just a select few comments from our incredible runners and you will know the impact you have and will realize that you are a part of a movement, something greater and bigger than any one of us.

~ I just want to thank you for an awesome experience from start to finish. The aid stations that you coordinate are amazing and were a very large part of my finishing my first ever 100 mile race.

~ I wanted to say thank you to everyone that helps in any way to put this event on. I was told by a friend that has run with you before that everyone in this race is treated like family, and I have to say he was understating this. This was my first trail race and marathon, and I have to say after this experience it will not be my last.

~ Dear John and all the amazing race volunteers, I just wanted to write a quick note to thank you for putting on such a wonderful event. Your passion, positive energy, and sincerity are without equal. I've never been to a race so well organized and where the volunteers did such an amazing job of taking care of the runners. Their efforts were nothing less than heroic. Although the race didn't turn out for me the way that I had hoped, I can't say enough great things about all of you. I hope to give it another try in the future!

~ John and all your many, many friends and family (blood, marriage, trail) who showed up to volunteer, crew, pace, run: thank you thank you, thank you for such a wonderful weekend. It's so fun to be a part of such a great communal happening and it's hard to think of a more happening happening than this one. The blisters, bruises and toenails will be gone soon enough but the memories last a lifetime.

I need all of you back with us again next year so please give it some thought. As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, compliments or complaints, please feel free to drop me a line.

Sincerely,

 John Storkamp - Race Director