

Agenda Summary
February 24, 2026

Agenda Item No. A-3

Special Event Application – Catamount Ultra at Trapps

Summary: Ironwood Adventure Works has submitted a special event application for their annual Catamount Ultra Race – June 20, 2026 from 7am to 4pm. The race takes place on the Trapp Family Lodge nordic ski trails (see map). The event will host approximately 500 runners and 50 volunteers. They will serve catered meals to the racers. No alcohol will be served. Amplified sound will be limited to a small PA speaker. Chief O’Steen has determined police presence is not required for this event.

Town Plan & Policy Impact: N/A

Fiscal & HR Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to approve the special event application on the condition that there is no parking in the public right of way, volunteers stay out of the road, and runners must stop first before crossing the road if any motor vehicle traffic is approaching.



Town of Stowe

Special Event Permit Application

1. Name of Event: Catamount Ultra 25/50K Trail Race
2. Date(s) of Event: June 20, 2026
3. Location of Event: Trapp Family Lodge
4. Hours of Event: 7:00am to 4:00pm
5. Event Organizer (Contact person): Ironwood Adventure Works LLC (Will Robens)
452 Levesque Dr Hyde Park VT 05655. 802-793-1104 rd@catamountultra.com

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

If this is a new event to Stowe, and the Organizer has done similar events in the past, Organizer must provide three references, with contact information, from other communities in which you have hosted events. At least one of these references must be the municipality where an event was held and one must be the landowner where an event was held. If Organizer has not held similar events they should provide three personal references.

6. If the Event Organizer will not be on-site the day of the event, name & phone number for contact person for the day of the event: _____
7. Event Sponsor (organization putting on event): Ironwood Adventure Works LLC
Same as above.

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

8. Property Owner (If not Sponsor): Trapp Family Lodge DRye@trappfamily.com
700 Trapp Hill Rd Stowe VT 05672

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

If Event Organizer is not the Property Owner, please attach proof of owner's consent to use property, unless applying to use Town Property.

9. Event Description: Attached

(Please attach any promotional information – schedule, poster, flyer etc.)

10. Use of Town Owned Property/Streets Requested (**attached Recreation Field Use Forms**):

11. Anticipated Attendance: 500

Public Assembly Permit is required for attendance of 2,000 or more. Permit application & information can be found at <http://vsp.vermont.gov/permit/assembly>

12. Number of Staff/Volunteers that will be in attendance: 50

13. If food and/or beverage is to be provided, please describe: _____

Runners are provided with a catered meal post race. This is included in their registration fee.

If alcohol will be served, all vendors must have Liquor Permits filed through Vermont Department of Liquor and Stowe Town Clerk (253-6133).

14. Please contact Stowe Police Chief Donald Hull (802)253-4329 and EMS Director Scott Brinkman (802)253-9060 to determine if coverage is required by their Departments for your event and attach the completed *Special Event & Traffic Detail* form (Appendix A) and *Emergency Services* form (Appendix B). If coverage is not required by these Departments, attach the form indicating that coverage is not required. **Application is not considered complete unless these forms are attached.**

15. Attach site plan indicating event location/layout, state and local highways, entrances/exits, traffic flow patterns, parking and surrounding land uses.

16. Will there be any form of amplified entertainment (i.e. music) at the event? Only a small PA speaker.

If yes, describe and mark location on site plan: _____

17. The Selectboard must approve all signage for Special Events. Please include all proposed signage with this application. No off-site signage will be allowed except for directional signage. Directional signage must include directional information and may be posted in the public right-of-way up to seven (7) days before the event. Attach a map that includes location of all proposed directional signage.

18. A Certificate of Liability Insurance demonstrating \$1 million of general liability insurance per occurrence, \$2 million aggregate must be provided to the Town. If the event is held on Town Property the Certificate must name the Town of Stowe as additional insured. Certificate of Insurance must be filed with the Town at least ten (10) days prior to the event.

19. I hereby represent that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in this application is true and correct:

<u>Will Robens</u>	<u>Will Robens. 2/2/2026</u>	
Signature	Printed Name of Applicant	Date

File application with the Town Managers Office at least thirty (30) days prior to the event accompanied by a \$25.00 application fee. Each event will require a separate permit.

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Fee Received: _____ Certificate of Insurance Received: _____

Department Head Review: _____ Police & EMS Forms Received: _____

Selectboard Review on _____ Application has been ☐ approved ☐ denied

Conditions of approval by the selectboard: _____

Will Fricke

From: Will Robens <rd@catamountultra.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 8:56 PM
To: Will Fricke
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Ironwood Adventure Works events 2026.

Hey Will, does this email suffice for the police coverage piece of our permit request?

Thanks!

Will Robens
Race Director



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www.ironwoodadventureworks.com

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From: Brooke O'Steen <bosteen@stowevt.gov>
Date: Tue, Feb 10, 2026 at 2:18 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Ironwood Adventure Works events 2026.
To: Will Robens <rd@catamountultra.com>

Hello Will Robens,

Thank you for the information. Yes, I concur with you that you do not need police assistance for your two races.

Thanks,
Chief O'Steen

From: Will Robens <rd@catamountultra.com>
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 11:21 AM
To: Brooke O'Steen <bosteen@stowevt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ironwood Adventure Works events 2026.

Good afternoon, I hope you are well. I am writing in reference to a couple of trail running events that we host at Trapp Family Lodge. We are applying for selectboard approval of these events and as you probably know, we need your approval in terms of the impact to public roads. The two events are:

Catamount Ultra Trail Run 25/50k. June 20, 2026.
Von Trapp Mountain Marathon October 17, 2026.

Both events occur primarily in the trail systems of Trapps, but both cross Trapp Hill Rd in several locations. I have attached a brief description of both with maps.

Historically we have not needed Stowe PD presence on site. Trapp staff manage the parking situation in their lots and we use volunteers in high vis vests to make sure runners don't run into traffic on Trapp Hill Rd. (They stop runners, not cars).

I would be happy to discuss in detail if you have any questions but if you are comfortable moving forward as we have in the past that would be great too. Just let me know what you need from me, if anything!

Thanks in advance for your time,

Will Robens
Race Director



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Catamount Ultra Marathon

June 20, 2026 Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe VT

DESCRIPTION

The Catamount Ultra-marathon will start and finish at the Outdoor Center at Trapp Family Lodge outside of Stowe VT. The course is 99% hard-pack dirt trail. Race organization and direction by Ironwood Adventure Works, LLC. Volunteers recruited through partnership with Catamount Trail Association. Race originated in 2014. 2024 participant estimated to be approximately 500 runners.

COURSE

The course consists of a 25k loop circumnavigating the Trapp Lodge property. There will be appropriately stocked aid stations located at approximate five mile intervals, including one aid station at the start/finish area. In order to complete the 50k race, runners will complete the same loop twice. This will give 25k runners two on course aid stations and one finish/recovery station. 50K runners will have 5 on course stations and a finish/recovery station. All racers and volunteers will also be provided with a post-race meal for recovery.

- Race occurs Saturday 6/20 7:00am – 4:00pm
- Course will be professionally marked with pin flags, cones, easily identifiable arrows and directional signage.
- Three on course Aid stations will be equipped with:
 - Basic First Aid Supplies
 - Radios (Trapp's repeater) and or Cell Phones with appropriate hard copy contact lists.
 - Appropriate hydration options including water, a Gatorade type option, and ice if temps are high.
 - Typical ultra -race food. (gels, electrolytes, candy, chips, fruit)
 - 3-8 volunteers assigned to stations according to experience and first aid capability.
 - The most remote aid station (Aid 1) will have a vehicle on site for emergency use during the race.

- There are three road crossing locations where volunteers will be stationed with cones and wearing high visibility vests/shirts and equipped with signage. (Both locations are on low-speed secondary roads.) These road crossings will be permitted with the town of Stowe and crossing signage and safety approved by Stowe Police Dept.
- The entire course is accessible by high clearance vehicle. Sections of the course that are not accessible by car are accessible by ATV which will be on site and available for accessing injured participants or volunteers.

SAFETY RESOURCES

Precautionary measures:

- Pre-race safety meeting for all race participants before the race.
- Appropriate last minute safety updates immediately prior to race start.
- On site volunteer med staff at start/finish area. Will coordinate any necessary medical response while event is underway, including transfer to urgent care, etc. Staff will be primary care physicians and/or RN certified nurses.
- As available, Stowe Mountain Rescue/EMS will be on-site at centrally located location with off road capable emergency evac equipment as available.
- There will be a sweep runner who will be equipped with a phone to contact race officials in case of an emergency.
- Local EMS will be briefed pre-race and provided maps, appropriate contact info, etc.
- All race details are available to participants at www.catamountultra.com including course maps.

