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NEWS RELEASE

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Cross Country Season Peaks with State Championships on Saturday

One of the most colorful of all IHSAA state championship events takes place this Saturday as the top teams and individuals from across the state will come together at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute to determine this year's state champions. The girls race begins at 1 pm ET with the boys race to follow at 1:45 pm ET.

Gates to the course will open at 9 am ET / 8 am CT, an hour later than in previous years.

Twenty-four full teams and 40 more individuals who qualified without their squad (208 runners in each race) will compete in each race over the 5,000 meter course with a reputation as one of the finest in the nation.

Twenty of last year's 24 girls teams return including top-ranked and four-time defending state champion Carmel. Another first-place finish would equal the state record of five straight the school set from 1984-1988.

Sixteen of last year's top 20 finishers also have managed to earn a return trip including semi-state champions Alexandra Dalton of Greenwood and Lauren Johnson of West Lafayette.

Anna Rohrer of Mishawaka will be looking for her second state title in three years on Saturday. After winning it all two years ago as a sophomore, she sat out last year's tournament due to injury.

The list of boys teams competing includes 14 from the 2013 final meet led by top-ranked Carmel. The Greyhounds are the two-time defending team champion and are aiming for their fourth crown in seven years.

Last Saturday's semi-state champions – Cameron Clements of Carroll (Fort Wayne), Ben Veatch of Carmel, Cooper Williams of West Lafayette and Set Williams of Columbus North – are among eight returnees from last year's top 20 finishers.

69th Boys and 34th Girls Cross Country State Finals

Date: Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014.

Site: LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course

Wabash Valley Sports Center, 599 S. Tabortown Road, Terre Haute, IN 47803 | [Course Layout](#)

Times: Girls at 1 pm ET; Boys at 1:45 pm ET.

Admission: \$8.00 per person.

Feeder Semi-States: Brown County, Carmel, New Haven, New Prairie.

Videoboard Webstream: <http://m.ustream.tv/channel/terre-haute-north-video>



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Notables

Defending Girls Team Champion

Carmel is the four-time defending team champion and looking for its sixth title in last seven years.

Defending Girls Individual Champion

None.

Former Girls State Champions in the Field

Senior Anna Rohrer of Mishawaka was the 2012 state champion as a sophomore.

Girls Teams Qualified (24)

Team	Best Finish	State Champion (Last)	Runner-Up (Last)	Top 5 Finishes (Last)	Top 10 Finishes (Last)	State Finals Appearances
Avon	5 th	0	0	1 (2013 5 th)	1 (2013 5 th)	5
Bloomington South	7 th	0	0	0	2 (2009 7 th)	17
Carmel	1 st	15 (2013)	8 (2009)	29 (2013 1 st)	31 (2013 1 st)	34
Carroll (Fort Wayne)	3 rd	0	0	3 (2010 5 th)	10 (2013 7 th)	12
Columbus North	1 st	1 (2009)	3 (2011)	16 (2013 3 rd)	25 (2013 3 rd)	30
Floyd Central	1 st	4 (1992)	1 (1987)	7 (1992 1 st)	8 (1994 9 th)	20
Hamilton Southeastern	2 nd	0	1 (2013)	2 (2013 2 nd)	3 (2013 2 nd)	4
Homestead	8 th	0	0	0	2 (1996 8 th)	14
Huntington North	10 th	0	0	0	2 (2009 10 th)	10
Indianapolis Cathedral	3 rd	0	0	1 (2004 3 rd)	7 (2005 6 th)	10
Jasper	16 th	0	0	0	0	6
Lake Central	2 nd	0	2 (2008)	2 (2008 2 nd)	5 (2008 2 nd)	11
LaPorte	5 th	0	0	1 (1998 5 th)	3 (1998 5 th)	4
Northridge	2 nd	0	2 (2002)	7 (2005 4 th)	13 (2012 8 th)	21
Pendleton Heights	6 th	0	0	0	1 (1987 6 th)	4
Penn	3 rd	0	0	5 (1995 3 rd)	10 (2013 6 th)	15
Portage	2 nd	0	1 (1988)	2 (1996 3 rd)	6 (1996 3 rd)	18
Seymour	--	0	0	0	0	1
Terre Haute North	9 th	0	0	0	2 (2011 10 th)	15
Valparaiso	1 st	5 (2004)	3 (2006)	12 (2011 3 rd)	21 (2011 3 rd)	27
Warren Central	15 th	0	0	0	0	2
Warsaw	11 th	0	0	0	0	5
West Lafayette	2 nd	0	1 (2012)	6 (2013 4 th)	7 (2013 4 th)	12
Zionsville	9 th	0	0	0	1 (2013 9 th)	2

Returning Girls Teams from 2013 (20)

Avon, Bloomington South, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Floyd Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Huntington North, Jasper, Lake Central, LaPorte, Northridge, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Portage, Terre Haute North, Warsaw, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

Most Consecutive Girls Team Appearances

34 by Carmel, 1981-current.

Active Streaks of Girls Team Appearances (Three or more years)

34: Carmel.

11: Carroll (Fort Wayne), Terre Haute North.

8: Bloomington South, Columbus North.

7: Huntington North, Portage.

5: West Lafayette.

4: Avon, Hamilton Southeastern, Northridge, Penn, Warsaw.

3: Homestead.

Girls Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)

26: Warren Central (1988).

Girls First Team Appearance

Seymour.

Semi-State Team Champions

Carmel, Columbus North, Penn., West Lafayette.

Semi-State Individual Champions

Alexandra Dalton (10), Greenwood.

Lauren Johnson (11), West Lafayette.

Anna Rohrer (12), Mishawaka.

Presley Warren (9), Evansville Memorial.

Top 20 Returnees from 2013 State Finals

4	Rachel Nichwitz	Hamilton Southeastern	18:04.0
5	Taylor Nicholson	Avon	18:06.9
6	Madison Woods	Penn	18:09.5
10	Alexandra Dalton	Greenwood	18:23.7
11	Sierra Lax	Columbus North	18:27.6
12	Mary Abramson	Avon	18:29.6
13	Jenna Halderman	Northfield	18:29.7
14	Haley Harris	Carmel	18:31.8
15	Sierra Moore	Elkhart Memorial	18:32.3
17	Kelsey Harris	Carmel	18:33.8
18	Lauren Johnson	West Lafayette	18:34.7
19	Alex Buck	Pendleton Heights	18:35.1

Defending Boys Team Champion

Carmel is the two-time defending team champion and aiming for its fourth crown in seven years (2008).

Defending Boys Individual Champion

None.

Former Boys State Champions in the Field

None.

Boys Teams Qualified (24)

Team	Best Finish	State Champion (Last)	Runner-Up (Last)	Top 5 Finishes (Last)	Top 10 Finishes (Last)	State Finals Appearances
Avon	--	0	0	0	0	1
Bloomington North	1 st	1 (1980)	0	6 (2006 4 th)	13 (2006 4 th)	28
Bloomington South	4 th	0	0	6 (1981 4 th)	18 (2013 6 th)	44
Brebeuf Jesuit	4 th	0	0	1 (2013 4 th)	1 (2013 4 th)	2
Carmel	1 st	13 (2013)	9 (2004)	35 (1 st)	38 (1 st)	41
Carroll (Fort Wayne)	2 nd	0	1 (2008)	3 (2013 3 rd)	5 (2013 3 rd)	8
Columbus North	1 st	5 (2011)	1 (2001)	9 (2013 2 nd)	14 (2013 2 nd)	24
Crown Point	2 nd	0	3 (1977)	4 (1981 5 th)	13 (2005 8 th)	22
East Noble	7 th	0	0	0	2 (1997 7 th)	6
Fishers	1 st	1 (2007)	0	2 (2008 5 th)	3 (2008 5 th)	4
Goshen	3 rd	0	0	1 (1976 3 rd)	1 (1976 3 rd)	7
Hamilton	2 nd	0	1 (2011)	3 (2012 5 th)	9 (2012 5 th)	10

Southeastern						
Lafayette Jefferson	8 th	0	0	0	1 (1981 8 th)	8
Lake Central	2 nd	0	1 (1983)	2 (1983 2 nd)	6 (1996 6 th)	12
Mt. Vernon (Fortville)	4 th	0	0	1 (1984 4 th)	2 (1984 4 th)	4
Munster	9 th	0	0	0	1 (2007 9 th)	5
North Central (Indianapolis)	1 st	1 (1969)	2 (1968)	11 (2010 4 th)	20 (2013 7 th)	30
North Harrison	5 th	0	0	1 (2009 5 th)	3 (2011 6 th)	7
South Bend Riley	6 th	0	0	0	3 (2001 9 th)	9
Terre Haute North	1 st	1 (1972)	0	4 (2010 5 th)	9 (2010 5 th)	18
Terre Haute South	5 th	0	0	1 (2013 5 th)	3 (2013 5 th)	13
Valparaiso	1 st	6 (2000)	1 (2005)	19 (2012 3 rd)	25 (2012 3 rd)	41
West Lafayette	1 st	1 (1964)	1 (1963)	3 (1966 3 rd)	6 (2013 9 th)	13
West Noble	5 th	0	0	2 (1993 5 th)	4 (1997 9 th)	10

Boys Teams Returning from 2013 (14)

Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Crown Point, Lake Central, Munster, North Central (Indianapolis), South Bend Riley, Terre Haute South, Valparaiso, West Lafayette.

Most Consecutive Boys Team Appearances

39 by Carmel, 1976-current.

Active Streaks of Boys Team Appearances (Three or more years)

39: Carmel.

9: Bloomington South.

8: Columbus North.

7: Valparaiso.

5: Carroll (Fort Wayne), Terre Haute South.

3: Bloomington North, West Lafayette.

Boys Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)

30: Mt. Vernon (Fortville) (1984).

10: East Noble, Lafayette Jefferson (2004).

First Boys Team Appearance

Avon.

Semi-State Team Champions

Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, West Lafayette.

Semi-State Individual Champions

Cameron Clements (11) Carroll (Fort Wayne).

Ben Veatch (11) Carmel.

Cooper Williams (11), West Lafayette.

Seth Williams (12) Columbus North.

Top 20 Returnees from 2013 State Finals

5	Ben Veatch	Carmel	15:44.0
6	Cooper Williams	West Lafayette	15:44.3
9	Mark Beckmann	DeKalb	15:48.5
10	Zack Snider	Brebeuf Jesuit	15:50.3
14	Cameron Clements	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	15:52.1
17	Seth Williams	Columbus North	15:54.0
18	Solomon Rice	North Central (Indpls.)	15:54.9
20	Brandon Arnold	West Noble	15:58.6

Media Information

Tournament Administrator: Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner.

Media Hosts: Sports Information Director Jason Wille will be on hand to assist in your coverage.

Media Credentials: The 2014-15 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential issued previously for the girls golf and boys tennis state finals will allow for admission. To apply, please e-mail your request (with name of individual) as soon as possible to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Deadline is Thursday, October 30, at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Approved requests will be available for pickup at the Wabash Valley Family Sports Center adjacent to the course beginning at 11 am ET. Please have media identification available and enter the grounds using the east gate nearest the Sports Center.

Media Services: Official programs will be available at the Sports Center facility along with computer-generated results following the races. Wireless access will be available for filing stories and photographs. Please be aware that the building will close promptly at 6:30 pm ET/5:30 CT.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association’s mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association’s tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.

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