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First KLAA cross country invite still needs teams

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Teams still might have time to get in under the wire and participate in Saturday's Salem-hosted Kensington Lakes Activities Association Cross Country Invitational.

The first annual invite will take place at Willow MetroPark in New Boston.

Event organizers Geoff Baker and Dave Gerlach (coaches of Salem's varsity boys and girls teams, respectively) said all 24 schools who comprise the second-year KLAA have been invited.

As of Thursday afternoon, Gerlach said only 13 girls teams and 10 boys teams had signed up.

"We just thought it would be important to have everybody together for one race," noted Gerlach, adding that the KLAA as a whole does not have a meet.

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All registration info is at www.salemcrosscountry.org.

The race will be at the Chestnut Picnic Area of Willow MetroPark. The varsity girls will begin at 9 a.m., followed by varsity boys (9:40 a.m.), reserve JV girls (10:15 a.m.) and reserve JV boys (10:55 a.m.).

Both men said they are optimistic the event can be an annual one, much like the Wayne County Meet (also hosted by Salem).

They said the number of squads lined up for the debut invitational guarantees at least a respectable start.

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