

# Team Warriors' Ascent: Hero's Journey Race Series

Warriors' Ascent is proud to announce an incredible new opportunity for the WA community: our new race series! This series is designed to be inclusive of the entire WA community, and offers opportunities at every level of fitness. All three options provide a way to grow alongside other WA community members—whether that growth is post-trauma or simply personal growth as a supporter of the community. Join us in 2026 to give back to those who serve while taking another step towards your best self.

## The Basics

- Runners pay their own admission fee, transportation, and lodging for race(s).
- To join Team WA, you must have registered for a race and purchased a team shirt.
- Commit to a fundraising goal: \$500 | \$1,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,000 | \$3,000 | \$5,000\*
- Earn incentives for reaching your fundraising goal or for completing multiple events.
- Be a part of an exciting WA community! Sport your gear, participate in virtual meetings and make memories on race day!
- You'll receive your own GoFundMe fundraising webpage, provided by WA, and helpful fundraising assets to help you get your campaign started!

*\*Fundraising goal requirement for CO races starts at \$2,000*

## About the Events

The Warriors' Ascent Hero's Journey Race Series provides fundraising opportunities to individual runners (alumni, supporters) via a series of races as part of a single fundraising campaign.

Each runner receives their own individual GoFundMe fundraising page as part of an overarching Team Warriors' Ascent fundraising campaign that begins January 1, 2026 with entry-level races across the country and ends with our culmination event, the Pikes Peak Ascent half-marathon in September.

You have three opportunities to answer the call to adventure and move beyond your comfort zone and you can choose to participate in as many races as you like. The fundraising goal for a runner participating in multiple races can be bigger since it combines two fundraising opportunities. Spring runners can add on a second September race at home or in CO to reach their fundraising goal, too. Flexible options—all designed for the most fulfilling experience possible!

## How it Works

Each racer will purchase a Team WA race shirt and register for a race to complete in 2026. You'll receive a **personal donation page** that they can send to their network via text or email for donations. WA will provide email and social media templates to help you, and may even feature you on our socials to help your reach! Your job is to reach out to people you know until you reach your goal.

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"The call to adventure signifies that destiny has summoned the hero."-Joseph Campbell

### RACE SERIES OPTIONS

#### **Local Warrior | A Town Near You, USA | Choose a Goal Between \$500-\$5000**

WA graduates, come together with fellow grads and continue your healing journey by expanding your limits through a race of your choosing. So long as the race runs during the year 2026, the rest is up to you. Run a 5k, obstacle course race, bike race, ruck march—just find one and get it done!! This is your chance to connect with other members of the WA family to give back so other warriors can complete the program. You'll also help raise awareness about WA and the race series, gathering allies for Warriors' Ascent grads.

How to join:

1. Sign up with a friend, family member or fellow WA grad for a qualifying race **any weekend of 2026**. Runners are required to pay their own application fees and purchase their own race shirt.
2. Choose your personal fundraising goal. **We encourage you to start with a simple goal and try to beat it.** For example, a \$500 goal can be reached if 20 people each pledge 25 dollars. Doable, right?
3. Receive your runners' t-shirt and marketing assets. Post, text, and email using the tools to raise your funds.
4. Drive to meet your fellow racers on race day!

#### **Spartan Race | Colorado Springs, CO | May 30-31, 2026| Choose a goal between \$1,500-5000**

Marcus Aurelius said, "The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way."

The obstacle is the way, and this series of Spartan OCR's provides a multitude of them. In the Hero's Journey Race Series this event can be a stand-alone race or preparation for the Pikes Peak Ascent (the last race of the series) offering multiple distances to match your level of fitness and readiness.

### **How to Participate:**

1. Sign up for your desired events at the [2026 Colorado Springs Spartan Trifecta Weekend](#). Runners are required to pay their own application fees.
2. Choose your personal fundraising goal. Fundraising goal requirement for CO races starts at \$2,000.
3. Receive your runners' t-shirt and marketing assets. Post, text, and email using the tools to raise your funds.
4. Drive to meet your fellow racers for this exciting event and spread the word to save and change lives through your hard work and dedication in a beautiful mountain setting.
5. Check your mailbox for badges and gear for reaching certain fundraising or racing goals and sport them at next year's race and at home.

**Pike's Peak Ascent | Colorado Springs, CO | September, 2026** *Choose a goal between \$2,000-5000*

"Opportunities to find deeper powers within ourselves come when life seems most challenging".

-Joseph Campbell

Pikes Peak Ascent (half-marathon)

This event will be the ultimate test starting in Manitou Springs at about 7,000 ft and ending at the top of Pikes Peak at over 14,000 for an elevation gain of more than 7,000 ft over 13.1 miles.

Don't let up on your training—but proceed with confidence! The Pike's Peak Ascent team encourages newcomers that **the difficulty of this event is similar to the Heavy Half at Leadville**. The event has

an incredible festival and culture, with many of the same runners in attendance each year. It is also the longest running continuous race in the United States.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Poles and headphones are not allowed** for safety reasons as the course gets very narrow, so please consider this before signing up.

### **How to Participate:**

6. Sign up for your desired events at the [2026 Pike's Peak Ascent](#) (half-marathon). Runners are required to pay their own application fees. NOTE: Signups are March 1st!
7. Choose your personal fundraising goal. Fundraising goal requirement for CO races starts at \$2,000.
8. Receive your runners' t-shirt and marketing assets. Post, text, and email using the tools to raise your funds.
9. Drive to meet your fellow racers for this exciting event and spread the word to save and change lives through your hard work and dedication in a beautiful mountain setting.
10. **As always, our WA community starts and finishes this race together.**
11. Check your mailbox for badges and gear for reaching certain fundraising or racing goals and sport them at next year's race and at home!

We are thrilled you are considering joining us for this incredible experience. We can't wait to ascend this new summit together—and celebrate the lives saved!

## **Ready to Choose Your Event?**

Submit your choice here and [join Team Warriors' Ascent!](#)

Didn't get a chance to see last year's photos of Team Leadville? [View them here!](#)