

## The White Mountains 100 Lottery and How It Works

The interest in the WM100 since the inaugural year in 2010 has increased beyond our expectations. The entries received the past two years have greatly exceeded the number allowed by our Bureau of Land Management permit. For 2012, that limit is 65.

The registration process became a “race” in itself as entries were received either online or through the mail on a first-come, first-serve basis. This resulted in an unfair advantage to applicants with a speedy internet connection or the convenience of directly dropping an entry form into our mailbox.

Therefore, a lottery will be instituted in an effort to provide the fairest means possible of choosing the starting field. The registration period for the lottery will be open for 30 days (see below), which will eliminate the rush to submit entry forms for the race. In addition, this process will not discriminate against applicants based on their internet speed, for those that may not have internet access when registration opens, etc. A 30-day registration period should provide adequate time for individuals to find a computer (or a friend with a computer) and register for the race.

The WM100 race directors have elected to reserve a number of slots for certain individuals. Below is a summary of reserved spots for the 2012 race:

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> place male finishers for each category from the 2011 race (ski, bike, foot);
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> place female finishers for each category from the 2011 race (ski, bike, foot)
3. Four race volunteers from the 2011 race.

All individuals that qualify for a reserved spot on the roster **MUST** complete the online application at UltraSignup.com and observe the same deadlines as those imposed for all other registrants during the lottery registration period. In the case that a top male or female finisher does not submit an entry form for the WM100 during the 30-day registration window, their reserved slot will be forfeited. If more than four volunteers from the 2011 race submit entry forms, a separate lottery of volunteer entries will be performed to fill the four reserved slots. Any remaining volunteer entries will be placed in the general applicant pool. Should it become an issue as to the definition of a volunteer (i.e. number of hours given, pre-race volunteers versus during race), the race directors will have the ultimate discretion. The intent is to show our appreciation for the significant amount of time and effort that our volunteers have given to make this race successful.

ALL other applicants' names will be put into a "Hat" and drawn at random by members of the audience at a public lottery held at the Silver Gulch Brewery in Fairbanks on Saturday October 1, 2011 at 6:30pm. After the first 65 slots are filled, the remaining names will continue to be pulled from the “Hat” to determine the order of the waitlist roster. The lottery is open to the public, and applicants, volunteers, friends and family are encouraged to attend. Special prizes will be given to Lottery winners who are present. Registration will remain open after the lottery and additional entries will be placed on the waitlist roster in the order they are received.

**Lottery Registration period:** Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 12:01 AM through Friday, September 30, 2011, at 11:59 PM (Alaska daylight time)