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BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS TO PARTNER WITH SPARTAN, THE WORLD'S LARGEST OBSTACLE RACE

Woodstock Site to be home of the 2020 New York Spartan Race, held on August 22, 2020

BETHEL, NY (December 24, 2019) – Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, located at the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock festival, today announced the nonprofit cultural arts organization will host **Spartan Race**, the largest obstacle race and endurance brand in the world, on **Saturday, August 22, 2020**.

Spartan, with more than 250 events across more than 40 countries on six continents, will move from its previous New York location to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, located in Bethel, NY for the **Tri-State New York Sprint**. This race will be the first of its kind both for the site and Sullivan County. The center, with more than 800 acres of property, is known for its mud and wooded terrain, promising a race as challenging as it is beautiful and rewarding.

On August 22, the site will deliver 20 different obstacles over the course of 5K. At three miles, the Spartan Sprint is the shortest distance race offered by Spartan, but still a favorite amongst both new and returning racers. "It's the perfect distance for those looking to start their Spartan journey," explains the official Spartan website. "The Sprint also allows returning racers a manageable distance to see how far they can push themselves."

"We are thrilled to be hosting Spartan at Bethel Woods. It is a wonderful opportunity to bring new audiences to our community and the area while providing diverse offerings to our loyal fans, guests, and supporters," said Eric Frances, General Manager, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

For more details visit BethelWoodsCenter.Org or Spartan.Com.

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About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts inspires, educates, and empowers individuals through the arts and humanities by presenting a diverse selection of culturally-rich performances, popular artists, and community and educational programming. Located 90 miles from New York City at the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival in Bethel, NY, the lush 800-acre campus includes a Pavilion Stage amphitheater with seating for 15,000, an intimate 440-seat indoor Event Gallery, the award-winning Museum at Bethel Woods, and a Conservatory for arts education programming.

Through the in-depth study and exhibition of the social, political, and cultural events of the 1960s, as well as the preservation of the historic site of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, Bethel Woods educates individuals about the issues and lessons of the decade while inspiring a new generation to contribute positively to the world around them. The not-for-profit organization relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations, and foundations to develop and sustain programs that improve the quality of life in the region and beyond.

For more information please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org.

About Spartan

With more than 250 events across more than 40 countries on six continents, Spartan is the world's largest obstacle race (OCR) and endurance brand. Providing transformation through sport, Spartan attracts more than one million annual participants across all fitness levels, from beginners to elite. More than five million participants have finished Spartan events, creating a lifestyle that extends beyond races including health and wellness products, training and nutrition programs, and popular media content, which has made OCR one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Spartan events feature races at various distances, Stadion and Sprint: 3-mile/5-km and 20 Obstacles; Super: 8-mi/13-km and 25 Obstacles; Beast: 13-mi/21-km and 30 Obstacles; and Ultra: 30-mi/50-km and 60 obstacles. Visit spartan.com for more information and registration.