XC Photos, Website

LOVEJOY XC
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Athlete Photos, Secure Website

▶ website: https://www.lovejoyxctf.org

  ▶ **password protected** for privacy, athlete security

  ▶ a login is good for **90 days**

  ▶ current password = '**typhoon**'

  ▶ **new** password effective 01-Sep = '**century**' (no user ID)

▶ photos: https://dador.smugmug.com/Sports/LISD-XC/

  ▶ but **access through LovejoyXCTF website photos page**

  ▶ same password as XC website

▶ Twitter: **@webphoto_ljxctf**

  ▶ marquee photos published same day

LovejoyXCTF home page components

- top tools
  - links to LovejoyAthletics.com, Twitter, Facebook
  - current **weather**, forecast link
  - sunrise/sunset times
- schedule lists
  1. upcoming meets (**bolded races**)
  2. practice schedules (Coach C)
  3. other upcomings
- news ticker on **key** items

- main content area
  - **current** postings
  - **reverse chronological** ordering
  - includes recent coaches messages
  - booster club info
  - links, links, links
  - marquee photos
  - meets results, analysis

Calendar page

- entries for …
  - **meets**
  - meetings
  - key events of interest
  - LISD academic calendar

- each entry …
  - date(s)
  - time(s)
  - name/description
  - location
  - info/form link

Locations page

- locations of meets and events
- generally **link to this page** from a meet listing or event posting

Contacts page

- LISD administrators
- coaches
- trainers
- booster club officers
- booster club coordinators
- strive to include …
  - name
  - cell phone number (texting)
  - email address
  - head shot

- **goal: help members connect with leaders**
- website is **password protected**
  - Google searches cannot see in
- go away meta tags
  - `<meta name="robots" content="noindex">`
  - `<meta name="robots" content="noarchive">`
- SSL certificate added / https enabled
  - redirect from http address
- weather widget issues on home page

Tools page

- social media, texting tools
- applications
- articles (needs clean up)
- books (needs prioritizing)
- website links
- videos

Documents page

- LovejoyXCTF forms, handouts
- LISD Athletics forms and documents, links
- LLI forms
- UIL forms and documents, links
- Buzzz Photos links
- Booster Club meeting minutes
  - Board meeting minutes ???

Results page

- results from **prior** seasons
- it will get better organized (some day)

Photos page

► meet photos are stored in individual galleries on SmugMug.com

  ► SmugMug is best photo gallery site I know of

  ► galleries are organized hierarchically by season

► all photos are available **FREE** of charge; photos/prints are not sold

  ► ability to purchase on SmugMug is disabled (too expensive)

► year-by-year listing of links to meet photo albums

► started adding in senior retrospective video links

► **instructions on how to get a digital copy** of a photo

  ► link to YouTube video

► **hint: photo gallery links appear here first**

notes on photos

- photo galleries are listed on SmugMug in reverse chronological order
- photos in a single gallery are listed chronologically
  - Varsity Girls race
  - Varsity Boys race
  - JV Girls race
  - JV Boys race

- photos taken at multiple spots throughout the race course
  - single loop courses (e.g., State) provide only one (1) decent shooting spot
  - crossback, multi-loop courses have more shooting spots
- photos of your athlete in a meet gallery will be spread throughout her/his race

tweets @webphoto_ljxctf

▶ same day marquee photos

▶ 2018 change: back to rotating athletes – **JV coverage**

▶ retweets of @LovejoyXCTF tweets, other relevant tweets

   ▶ Red Ledger

   ▶ TX MileSplit

   ▶ TX Running

   ▶ college XC action about alumni

why do photos take so long to process?

- 2017 by the numbers
  - ~3,500 raw photos per full LHS meet
    - raw format, ~25 Mb per photo
  - first pass to select marquee photos
    - Tweets, Coach Kelly article(s)
  - second full pass to select candidates
    - 10% 'baddies' permanently deleted
    - 50% selected for further processing
  - import candidates into LightRoom tool

- LightRoom processing
  - race by race, athlete by athlete
  - gather all photos for an athlete
  - evaluate, select best shots
    - Varsity: 18 photos ➔ 5 selected
    - JV: 12 photos ➔ 3 selected
    - huge variability in usable photos
  - straighten, crop
  - 17 adjustments (contrast, color, etc.)

2018 changes
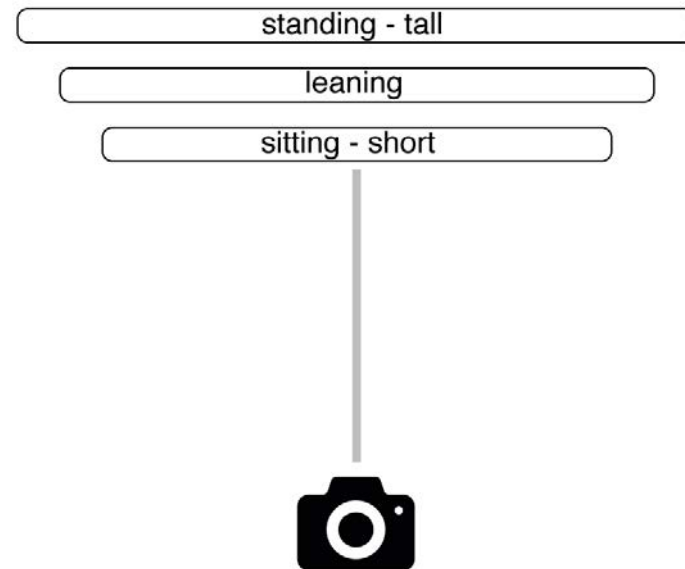
- 100+ LHS runners
  - 'century'
- may *not* be able to get every athlete every meet
  - mostly depends on shooting spots
  - sunlight, direction highly relevant
  - will try to make up for misses in subsequent meets
  - District is the great equalizer
    - only 6 teams in District for 2018

- candid shots
  - reintroduction
  - shows nice variety and personalities
  - helps to cover for missed running shots
- 2nd camera
  - candid, group shots
  - 45 Mp sensor (3X resolution)
    - no place to hide
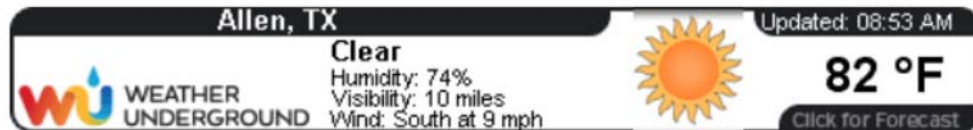 - WiFi, Bluetooth capable

examples of candids

group photos setup request

- ▶ large group difficulty (100+)
- ▶ helpful if …
  - ▶ perpendicular, straight line
  - ▶ pack lines in closer
  - ▶ hats ➤ bills up, backwards, off
  - ▶ try and keep your eyes open
  - ▶ avoid talking

standing - tall

leaning

sitting - short

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new weather widget for home page

- now have to build one
- almost unlimited data items
  - 1700 lines of response data
- very precise on location
- need feedback on what data to show

- straw man list:
  - general conditions
  - current temperature
  - current real feel
  - humidity
  - wind direction & speed
    - sustained & gust velocity
  - visibility
  - sunrise/sunset
  - forecast: but what, how far forward?

Allen, TX

Clear
Humidity: 74%
Visibility: 10 miles
Wind: South at 9 mph

WEATHER UNDERGROUND

Updated: 08:53 AM

82 °F

Click for Forecast

questions, comments, conversation

- ▶ sideline conversations with parents are a joy
  - ▶ I will bore you to death talking about your kids, Lovejoy XC
  - ▶ in my 13th season, still fascinated by what our harriers do
  - ▶ ask questions, make comments, give feedback, converse, don't hold back
- ▶ try to avoid conversations with athletes
  - ▶ I'm not a coach
    - ▶ avoid setting a bad example for others
  - ▶ don't want outsiders getting the wrong idea
  - ▶ exception: go-to senior Varsity boys when coaches unavailable