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For immediate release:

CEDARVILLE -- Cedarville College will host the National Christian College Athletic Association cross country championships on Sat., Nov. 12 at John Bryan State Park near Yellow Springs. It will be the 16th annual event for the men and eighth annual for the women.

The women's race will get the festivities underway with a 10 a.m. start. The men's race begins at 11. This will mark the 11th straight year that Cedarville has served as host.

More than 20 schools from around the nation will be represented including teams and runners from the states of California, Texas, Minnesota, and Virginia. Last year, nearly 200 competitors took part.

"We are really trying to promote the NCCAA national meet," stated meet director and Cedarville coach Elvin King. "I don't think a lot of people realize the caliber of competition in this meet, and this is a 'national' meet. Anyone that is fan of cross country would enjoy this meet."

Last year's meet featured six eventual NAIA All-Americans. That list includes the defending NCCAA men's champion Eric Fillinger of Cedarville who went on to place 8th at the NAIA as sophomore.

There are currently five NAIA Top 20 schools who will be competing in the NCCAA Nationals. In the women's division, Malone (13th) and Cedarville (20th) will be two of the favorites. For the men, Malone (5th), Anderson (6th), and Taylor (20th) are all top teams who will challenge for the title. Malone College is the defending champion in both the men's and women's divisions.

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