

Team S.C.A.R. First To Cross Finish Line At Inaugural Mountain Rage Series Race



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Sedona, AZ. — In a little less than 30 hours after taking off in canoes from Roosevelt Lake's Windy Point Saturday morning, March 21, the three-person squad Team S.C.A.R. jogged to the finish Sunday afternoon, March 22 at the Grapevine Campground to become the first team to complete the inaugural Four Winds Adventure Race: The Mountain Rage Series.

Team Dusk2Dawn followed shortly to win the five-person division. Placing second and third were Teams SLLAM and Subaru Outback, respectively.

Runner-up to Team S.C.A.R. in the three-person division was Team Thin Air AKC.

Covering more than 100 miles, the course kicked off with a 10-mile canoe leg, followed by more than 50 miles of mountain biking that was interspersed with four foot and bike water crossings. Racers then paddled for about 12 miles before heading into the mountains again on foot for a hike-run and mountaineering section that included a high line, rappelling and ascending. Then back to Lake Roosevelt for their last lake crossing and one more switchback climb on foot to the finish.

On the overall experience, S.C.A.R. team member Jacques Boutet of Anchorage emphasized that "while adventure racing requires a lot of commitment and tenacity, it can still be enjoyed as much from the 'back of the pack' as from the front. [The Four Winds] organization did a great job of finding the balance point between a 'tough' race that most everyone can finish, and an 'impossible' race that only a few can finish. We look forward to seeing everyone in June."

The company's next race, Four Winds '98, will take place June 13-20 in Montana's Rocky Mountains.

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