

## "Y Not Tri" Sprint Triathlon

By Janet Davis

Upon a somewhat overcast morning, the first ever Preble County Y Triathlon emerged victorious. Saturday, July 16 will be noted in the record by the PCYF (Preble County Youth Foundation) as a "must do" event at Lakengren next year. The "Y Not Tri" Sprint Triathlon was welcomed at 7:55 a.m. by Judge Wilfred Dues, which began exactly at 8 a.m. Local runners, bikers and swimmers tested their skills in this mini-length course. About half had pre-registered, while others did so upon arriving after unloading bicycles, and also meeting friends who participate on a regular basis in these local triathlons.

The Professional Time Keeper, operated by Jeff Coudron of Speedy Feet, set up the electronic timing system and digital clock.

Josh Haynes, Director of the Preble County YMCA, gave brief instructions, then the starting flag was dropped and the first individuals or team members jumped into Lake Lakengren near the marina. This segment was a 500 yard water course - 250 yards out to a buoy and a return. Lakengren property owners had stationed their pontoon boats along the course, with each having a certified lifeguard/spotter aboard. Gasper Township Fire Department and EMT's were on hand with their new Medic 17 piece of equipment. Chief McWilliams and qualified personnel were on hand in case of an emergency. Also available was the Camden Fire Department water rescue boat.

Upon completion of the water course, all participants went immediately to their designated marked off square, donned helmets, gear, and shoes to board their bikes. The route took them on Paint Creek Road, Consolidated Road, and Wayne Trace Road, with a return back on Paint Creek. This consisted of 13 miles of rural, hilly and smooth roads.

With two events under their belt, participants returned their bikes to their square and began the 5K run course within the Lakengren community. Runners traversed over the dam, covering several roads and returned back via West Lakengren Drive to the end. Each contestant's time was recorded by the Speedy Feet professional timing devices as they crossed the finish line. When all had returned, Josh Haynes, along with his wonderful team of volunteers, presented medals to the winners. Stats: 1st, Brian Baker, 2nd James Raddin, 3rd was Relay Team of Boyd, Wilson & Hewitt. Soon good-byes were in order and everyone repacked their bicycles and gear to head home for that much needed shower.

The PCYF issued a challenge to everyone to log onto their Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PCYFoundation](http://www.facebook.com/PCYFoundation)) and check "like." For each affirmative answer, the foundation will donate \$5 to the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign.

*(Editor's Note: For full Triathlon race results and photos, go to: [www.Speedy-Feet.com](http://www.Speedy-Feet.com) Select Preble County YMCA Triathlon Lakengren results or pictures))*



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