



Dear Interested Enthusiast,

First I would like to personally say thank you for interest with this project. As someone who was devastated by Hurricane Ike it was even more devastating to know that UTMB Children's Hospital would not reopen as it was prior to the storm. The storm, and the flood waters, wiped out the entire bottom floor of UTMB Galveston causing facility wide closure for several months (please visit www.utmb.edu for more info). As a member of this community, a health care worker, and someone who has children it was great to hear that inpatient services were being brought back up (although slow) to serve our pediatric population.

It is with this in mind that I move forward with determination to do something to help the UTMB Pediatrics department in anyway I can. So the UTMB PUP Project was born. It is my dream that children, especially those that are inpatient at UTMB, design my helmet for the year. (Maybe even my speed suite if I can find a way to make it happen before regionals). The outcome of this is to raise funds to donate to the UTMB Pediatrics department for their use in renovation their facilities to make their patients stays as enjoyable as possible.

I ask you to please make a pledge or donation for this cause. You can choose to make a pledge for a specified amount per run down the track for the season. (Please keep in mind that 4 runs in one day is beyond physically exhausting and that I do not live there but will traveling as much as possible.) If you would like to do this please fill out the form below and email it to brad.starkey@starktheshark.com. If you would rather do a one time donation you can also fill out the form below or you can click on the 'Donate' button on "Feed the Sharks" page at www.starktheshark.com and specify "UTMB PUP Project" in the comments section.

Q: Are these donations Tax deductible?

A: No, unfortunately at this time I do not have a venue to collect donations for taxdeductible purposes.

Q: How will I (or organization) know how many runs you have done?

A: Once you fill out the form below you will be updated following each trip. Because of track safety all runs down the track are logged and accounted for by the tracks ops department and upon request I will send scanned copies of the run sheets to your organization or yourself.

Q: Can I donate more if it was less that I thought?

A: Of course!!!! You can donate as much or little as you would like to this project.

Q: Will all the money you raise go to UTMB Pediatrics for this project?

A: Yes Absolutely! Which is why it is so important to fill out the forms. All money for this project will be given directly to UTMB Pediatrics. No money is coming out of these funds for supplies, travel expenses. ALL funds go to UTMB Pediatrics.

Q: Can we support you with traveling back and forth for this project?

A: Absolutely, Skeleton is an expensive sport costing over \$12,000 a season. Those interested please contact me at brad.starkey@starktheshark.com or via phone at 409-739-6853.

Q: *What are you going to do with your helmet after season?*

A: After the season is complete the goal is to auction off the helmet for any last minute funds that we can get for the project. The helmet will be signed by as many Olympians I can get to sign so stay tuned if your interested in the auction.

If you have any other questions that were not answered here, please feel free to contact me and I will answer your questions as best I can. Thank you in advance for helping achieve this dream of not only mine but help in giving back to the kids in our community.

Sincerely,

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