Dear Topanga 10K Runners...

Regrettably, we're postponing the 2014 race till this fall or 2015. It's simply due to a lack of money, time, and need for pre-race volunteers.

As you know the Topanga 10K is an entirely volunteer and charitable event put on by Runtopanga LLC, a 501 3c charitable organization. Our race in 2013 barely paid for itself due to the ever increasing fees and requirements of the State Parks.

This year we had meager profits, which we used to purchase athletic shoes for the sports program at Camp Kilpatrick, a Los Angeles County Probation Department juvenile facility. These young people had <u>no</u> shoes for their baseball, basketball, soccer, football, and track programs. Consequently, we decided that the immediate support of this program was more important than funds for this year's race. This was a difficult decision, but necessary, as our primary objective is to support youth athletics in the Santa Monica Mountains.

In addition, the Topanga 10K requires much of our time in the weeks beforehand and we simply don't have the time. In the past we've endeavored to have volunteers help with the pre-race organization and contact with potential sponsors. Our success with this has been mixed.

Jill and I, together with our other volunteers, are committed keeping the race going, which is a 30 year plus event and is now an important date for our runners. WE WILL GET IT GOING....just not Memorial Day 2014.

We appreciate all your past support and we'll be in touch.

Thanks ...

Sparky Greene & Jillian Palethorpe Topanga 10K Race Directors