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### **Creek Cross Country Third at CamRock Invitational**

Cambridge, WI – The Johnson Creek High School Varsity Girls' Cross Country team earned third place at the CamRock Invitational Thursday afternoon. The young team including three freshmen finished nearly under a blanket, two recording the exact same finishing time. The girls' third place finish (of fourteen teams to score) was earned with 123 points – a team record at this meet, and one of the best five-person scoring teams the school has ever had. The boys placed twelfth of seventeen scoring teams with 309 points, without any Seniors running this year.

Coach Ben Hail recapped, “What an incredible meet for both the girls' and boys' teams! The boys' team was led by Junior Evan Chowanec this week, and every boy on the team set big personal records. This boys' team is young, and they just keep getting better. The girls' team was led by Freshman Lia Constable. This is a team of five girls, and when you need five runners to place as a team, we need every girl to run well and place well. While Rylee (Hucke) and Lauren (Nadboralski) consistently run near the front of the race, the three freshmen stepped up in a huge way to propel the girls' team to a third-place team finish behind always impressive Cambridge-Deerfield and Lakeside Lutheran programs. This meet will be a huge confidence boost for both the boys' and girls' squads and set the tone for the rest of the season.”

Coach Beth Hanna added, “The Bluejays had a huge night at CamRock. Boys and girls, as teams and as individuals, Johnson Creek continues to prove that they are ready to race this season.”

The Bluejays race again Thursday September 12 in Poynette.

Scoring varsity girls: Freshman Lia Constable (13<sup>th</sup>, 21:33.63), sophomore Lauren Nadboralski (16<sup>th</sup>, 21:40.50), freshman Kiara Dach (21<sup>st</sup>, 21:54.77), senior Rylee Hucke (22<sup>nd</sup>, 21:54.77), and freshman Avril Gutierrez-Flores (60<sup>th</sup>, 25:10.24).

Scoring varsity boys: Junior Evan Chowanec (33<sup>rd</sup>, 18:43.39), junior Francisco Gutierrez (40<sup>th</sup>, 19:06.93), sophomore Collin Hucke (51<sup>st</sup> 19:32.45), freshman Max Chowanec (86<sup>th</sup>, 20:56.80), and sophomore Duncan Thomas (102<sup>nd</sup>, 21:50.97).

### Middle School

Seventh-grader Bradley Hail advanced from seventh place at the one-mile mark to win the race outright by more than six seconds in the three-kilometer middle school race. Eighth-grader Reed Wilbanks advanced from eighth at the mile to finish seventh for the boys. Four of the seven middle schoolers didn't run this meet last year to have any experience on the course to draw from, including Wilbanks. Sixth-grader Charli Wendt placed 17<sup>th</sup> for all middle school girls.