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## Josh Priester

### *Big Sur Marathon Foundation*

Josh Priester was recently named the new Executive Director/Race Director of the 36-year-old Big Sur Marathon Foundation (BSMF). Josh, who offers a wealth of experience in sports management, athlete coaching, and business development, is tasked with furthering the nonprofit organization's mission to create beautiful events that promote health and benefit the community.

In his role with BSMF, Josh oversees the organization's world-class races, including April's Big Sur International Marathon and November's Monterey Bay Half Marathon. He is also responsible for the organization's youth fitness

programs, including the national elementary school "Just Run" program and the new Palo Corona cross-country trail.

Before BSMF, Josh founded the Santa Barbara Track Club at Westmont (SBTC) in 2012, one of the most decorated track clubs in the United States, where he served as Executive Director and Head Coach for the past decade. Prior to founding the SBTC, Josh was the Associate Director of Track & Field at UC Santa Barbara. In his new role with the BSMF, Josh has aimed to implement the organization's strategic and financial goals, develop a visionary culture, and manage the nonprofit's several local initiatives. Beyond the track at Westmont College, Josh is a three-time member of the Team USA coaching staff.

Josh began his coaching career at his Alma-Mater, George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. He earned a Master's Degree in Sports Management from the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Alabama. Josh and his wife, Nicole, recently relocated to the Monterey Peninsula and are enjoying creating new relationships on the Central Coast.









## CLUB EVENTS

**Thursday, April 20**  
Board Meeting  
10:30 AM  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Peninsula Room

**Tuesday, May 2**  
COG Meeting  
5:30 PM  
Renata Barnwell's Home  
4157 Crest Road,  
Pebble Beach

**Rotary**   
Club of Monterey

## APRIL – MAY 2023

**Thursday – 04/20 Board Meeting – 10:30 AM – Hilton Garden Inn, Peninsula Room**

**Thursday – 04/27 Dennis McCarthy – Alton Walker Award**

**Tuesday – 05/02 COG Meeting – 5:30 PM – Renata Barnwell's Home  
4157 Crest Road, Pebble Beach**

**Thursday – 05/04 Hans Uslar – State Of The City Of Monterey**

**Thursday – 05/11 Jonathan Geisler & Dan Kreer – Outstanding Teacher  
Recognition And Student Scholarship Awards**

**Thursday – 05/18 Ruth Bennett – Migratory Birds**

**Thursday – 05/25 PDG Michael Andritch – Water Project In Thailand**

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