

Eastern Alum to appear on TNT's "72 Hours" Friday

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Eastern High School alum Daniel Retone will make his reality TV debut on Friday night.

The show, "72 Hours" will air Friday night (July 5) on TNT at 10 p.m.

Each week, 72 HOURS literally DROPS you into the wild as they release nine strangers in exotic locations with nothing but a bottle of water and a GPS tracking device.

In teams of three, they have just 72 hours to navigate the wilderness against treacherous terrain in a race to be the first to find a hidden briefcase filled with the \$100,000 Grand Prize!!

Retone, 30, describes himself as a professional couch surfer and wants to win the \$100,000 grand prize so he can put his daughter through college and send his mom on a vacation.

He said he got the opportunity to appear on the show after googling "how to get on a reality TV show."

He said he took a shot and applied for the show and one thing led to another and he found himself in Los Angeles doing an interview for the show.

Retone said he couldn't reveal the results of the show, but said he is looking forward to seeing it.

He will host a watch party at a bar near his Louisville home.

Other facts about Retone include:

- He is a sports fanatic and fan of the Louisville Cardinals.
- He's a good poker player.
- He's scared of opossums.
- If he could give one piece of advice to upcoming 72 HOURS participants it would be to take some time out to enjoy the surrounding beauty.
- His motivation in doing the competition was his daughter.

On Retone's episode, the competitors are stranded in the stunning heat and beauty of New Mexico's desert, three teams composed of three strangers must embark on a 36-mile adventure across soaring red rock mesas and steep river canyons in order to locate a briefcase full of cash in just 72 hours.

All they have to accompany them in their quest for \$100,000 are their teammates, the clothes on their backs, a GPS and one bottle of water. Brandon Johnson hosts.

Retone said being on the show was an incredible experience.