



Saturday, October 15, 2011

Final Race Information

Congratulations!

Congratulations on being registered for the 2011 Community Health Network Indianapolis Marathon & Half Marathon on October 15. In this email, you will find important race information including times, packet pickup information, and parking information. We are very excited about this year's event. The race committee, volunteers, and local community are looking forward to putting on a terrific event, that will be a great experience for everyone involved. The race course is beautiful during the fall and will take participants through many scenic areas such as Historical Fort Harrison and the Parade Grounds of Lawton Loop, Fort Harrison State Park and the Fall Creek Corridor Greenway. We will have plenty of water and Gatorade at our 20 aid stations along the course.

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Important Race Information

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- Late Packet Pickup - Sterrett Center (8950 Otis Avenue); 6:30am - 7:30am
- Indianapolis Marathon, Half Marathon, and Marathon Relay Start - Ft. Harrison (Otis Avenue & Lawton Loop E. Drive); 8:30am
- Lawrence 5K Run & Walk Start - Ft. Harrison (Otis Avenue & Lawton Loop E. Drive); 9:00am
- Kids Marathon & Fun Run Start - Ft. Harrison (Otis Avenue & Lawton Loop W. Drive); 12:45pm

NOTE: Indianapolis is on Eastern Daylight Savings



Important Pace Note

The Marathon course will be open and supported from 8:30am until 3:13pm (15min/mile pace plus 10 minutes for clearing the start line). The Half-Marathon course will be open and supported from 8:30am until 12:23pm (17min/mile pace plus 10 minutes for clearing the start line).

Packet Pickup

Race packets cannot be mailed. All packets must be picked up at the Expo & Packet Pick-Up at the Fort Harrison YMCA, 5786 Lee Road, on Friday, October 14th between 11:00am and 9:00pm. After you pick up your bib number, please verify that your name corresponds with that on the bib number. Chips have already been activated, so there is no need to activate your chip at the expo. Please be sure to check your race packet for accuracy. If you are unable to pick up your packet on Friday, there will be limited packet pickup on race day from 6:30am - 7:30am at the Sterrett Center, 8950

Otis Avenue.

PRE-REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ARRIVING AFTER 7:30am TO PICK UP THEIR PACKETS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED THEY WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE START. PLEASE COME FRIDAY!

NO TRANSFERS OR REFUNDS PLEASE. Costs are now realized through purchases and rentals.

YOUR RACE PACKET WILL CONTAIN:

- Race participant T-shirt
- Your bib number and four safety pins
- Your IPICO Timing Tag and instructions on how to attach it.
- Coupons for discounted merchandise and services
- Flyers for merchandise and services

If you are picking up a packet for another person, you need to have a copy of their photo ID.

If you want someone to pick up your race packet, they must have a copy of your photo ID.

Expo & Packet Pick-up Parking - Friday Only

Parking will be at the YMCA parking lot on Lee Road (5786 Lee Road), 0.25 miles north of 56th Street. Lee Road is 0.50 miles east of Post Road.

Start Line Information

The start line for all events is located along the beautiful Parade Grounds of the former Fort Harrison Military Base on Otis Avenue just east of Lawton Loop West Drive. This beautiful setting will make your experience start off on the right foot. This is the former Army Parade grounds of the Historic Fort Benjamin Harrison property.

The 2011 Indianapolis Marathon & Half Marathon will feature Starting Corrals for all events. Each participant will be assigned a "Start Corral" designated by a letter on their race bib. This letter will indicate which corral to line up in at the start of the race. The first corral will be for seeded runners, then there will be additional corrals where participants will be assigned based on their estimated finish times. This will make for an orderly start of the event, spread the participants out more on the course, and help participants start with people of similar speeds.

The 5K starts 30 minutes after the Full and Half Marathon. The 5K participants should go to the Staging Area in the Christians United Church parking lot (just south of the start line) during the start of the Full and Half Marathon. Once the Full and Half Marathon participants clear the starting area, the 5K participants will then be able to enter their 5K designated starting corrals.

On race morning, look for the tall signs in the starting area with your corral letter, and enter

the corral. Reminder: the event is Chip Timed so your starting times are recorded when you actually cross the start line and NOT WHEN THE STARTING GUN GOES OFF!

Special Note: The top 5 overall Male and Female Awards (top 3 for 5K) will be based on Gun Time - if you believe you have a chance at being top 5 overall, you should make sure you have a seeded number to be placed in the first corral.

[Click here for a map of the corral locations.](#)

Be sure to arrive early to find your corral.

Raceday Parking

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY! All participants should plan to arrive and be parked at the race site by 7:30am. Please plan your arrival accordingly and allow extra time as there will be thousands of people coming to the race site. Roads will begin closing shortly thereafter as we prepare for the start of the race at 8:30am.

Once parked by 7:30am, you will then have plenty of time to relax and focus on your race. You can listen to tunes in your vehicle or head over to the race site to enjoy the pre-race buzz and excitement.

Parking for raceday activities will be mainly in the Major General Emmett J. Bean Center parking lot, south of 56th Street, located on the southwest corner of 56th Street & Post Road. There will be 25 police and 50 volunteers helping you park as efficiently as possible. Please follow their directions as they know which parking lots will be open and which parking lots are getting filled up.

Parking ran fantastic last year! Please follow instructions and it will run smoothly again this year!

Below are general instructions for getting to the Race Site area.

If arriving from the North:

- From I-465, take exit 40 and head east on 56th Street approximately 1.5 miles.
- Turn right at the traffic light at Herbert Lord Road into the Bean Center parking lot. This is 0.5 miles east of the traffic light at Franklin Road.
- Follow Police and Parking Director guidance.

If arriving from the South:

- From I-465, take exit 42 and head east on Pendleton Pike 1.5 miles to the light at Post Road.
- Turn left or north on Post Road, go over the railroad tracks.

- Turn left or west on Hess Road into the Bean Center parking lot.
- Follow Police and Parking Director guidance.

If arriving from the East or West via I-70:

- From I-70, take exit 91 and head north on Post Road for approximately 3.5 miles to the light at Pendleton Pike.
- Continue north on Post Road, go over the railroad tracks
- Turn left or west on Hess Road into the Bean Center parking lot.
- Follow Police and Parking Director guidance.

There are additional parking lots that will also be used by Police and Parking Directors so please follow their directions as you approach the site. It is generally a 2 to 7 block walk from the parking areas to the Start/Finish area. Don't get stressed out - plan to ARRIVE EARLY! You can then relax in your parked car listening to music, or come over to the Race Site to enjoy the pre-race excitement and activity.

You will need to be parked by 7:30am as roads will start closing shortly after. There will be a lot of people driving to the race site at once, so please plan accordingly!

[Click Here for Parking Instructions](#)

[Click Here for a Parking Map](#)

Race Regulations

Participants will:

- not be allowed on the course before the official gun start (no early starts will be allowed).
- not be allowed to participate with another participant's number.
- not exchange (by selling or giving away) their bib number.
- obey all directions by course monitors, police and safety personnel.

Unregistered participants, unauthorized vehicles, bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, strollers, baby joggers, walking poles, and animals are prohibited along the course. All race regulations comply with liability insurance requirements and ensure your safety and the fairness of the race. For your safety and the safety of others, please allow room for faster individuals to pass you. If you are running or walking with friends, please do not line-up more than two abreast.

Race officials may cancel, delay, or change the race to a non-scored event in case of extreme weather or other conditions that may affect the safety and health of the participants. In the event of cancellation, no refunds will be issued.

Spectator Information

The Race Site is an excellent place to view the race! Besides the exciting start and finish, the participants will come back by the race site along 56th Street at 4.5 miles! If you are watching the Full Marathon, you can walk 4 blocks North on Post Road to 59th Street and

watch your runner go into the State Park at 12.5 miles. The next place to go is straight west down 56th Street (3.5 miles) to Fall Creek Parkway in the Windridge area. (Right before you get to Emerson Avenue on the South side of 56th Street.) The participants run under 56th Street on the bike path and pass this park-like area twice - outbound near mile 17 and then back again near mile 21! We offer a FREE SHUTTLE to this location!

NEW in 2011 - Marathon Cheer Zone

We will be running a free shuttle bus from the Race Site to the Windridge Area to take you out to cheer on your runner / walker! The shuttle will make continuous round trips from 10:00am to 1:30pm to the Marathon Cheer Zone. This is the part of the race where the going gets tough so cheer them on twice - at miles 17 and 21, and then we'll get you back to the Race Site in time to see them cross the finish line! Treat yourself as well ... we will have music playing and there is a Starbucks, CVS, Walgreens, Hardees, Burger King, and other food places all within walking distance of the Cheer Zone!

Additional Information

Please review all areas of our web site for event information including: Map & directions to race site, hotel information, Friday and Saturday packet pickup, schedule of events, course map & elevation chart, event highlights, marathon relay details, awards info, aid station/mile marker info, course certifications, group volunteer fundraising program, and information on our benefiting charity K.I.D.S. Inc.

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For More Information

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