



13th Annual Indianapolis Marathon & Half Marathon October 18, 2008

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on being registered for the 2008 Indianapolis Marathon & Half Marathon on October 18. 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. Participation numbers have increased once again and 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 21 aid stations along the course.

IMPORTANT RACE INFORMATION

Marathon, Half Marathon, & Relay Start: 8:30 a.m.

5K Start: 9:10 a.m.

Kids Marathon/Fun Run Start: 12:00 p.m.

EXPO & PACKET PICKUP INFORMATION - NEW LOCATION!

Race packets will not 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 17th. After you pick up your bib number, please verify that your name corresponds with that on the bib number. If you are unable to pick up your packet on Friday, there will be limited packet pickup on race day from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. at the Sterrett Center, 8950 Otis Avenue. **PRE-REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ARRIVING AFTER 7:30 A.M. TO PICK UP THEIR PACKETS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED THEY WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE START. PLEASE COME FRIDAY!**

THERE WILL BE NO EXPO OR RACE DAY REGISTRATION IF THE MAXIMUM OF 6,000 PARTICIPANT LIMIT IS REACHED. FOR THE FULL & HALF MARATHON AND NO THERE ARE NO TRANSFERS OR REFUNDS. 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

RACEDAY PARKING

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY! Parking for raceday activities will be in the Major General Emmett J. Bean Center parking lot, south of 56th Street, located on the southwest corner of 56th Street & Post Road.

If arriving from the North:

- o From I-465, take exit 40 and head east on 56th Street approximately 2 miles
- o Turn right or south at the traffic light at Herbert Lord Road. This is = mile east of the light at Franklin Road

If arriving from the South:

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

If arriving from the East via I-70:

- o From I-70, take exit 91 and head north on Post Road and travel approximately 3.5 miles to Herbert Lord Road
- o Turn left or east on Herbert Lord Road into the Bean Center

Please do not try to park North of 56th Street - there is more than enough parking available at the Bean Center, and you will not get blocked in by the road closures that occur after the event begins. It is a 2 or 3 block walk to the start/finish area. Plan to ARRIVE EARLY. There will be a lot of people driving to the race site at once, plan accordingly!

RACE REGULATIONS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Participants will:

- not be allowed on the course before the official gun start (no early starts will be allowed)

- not 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.

POST RACE COOKOUT

All Marathon, Half Marathon, and Marathon Relay finishers will receive a finisher's medal. Food, water and Gatorade will be available at the finish. All volunteers and participants are welcome at the free Post Race Cookout prepared by our benefiting charity K.I.D.S. Inc. which will be held at the Party Tent near the finish line. Volunteers will receive a meal pass while participants should use their race number for their meal pass. You must have your race number to eat! Extra meal tickets may be purchased for family and friends for \$5.00 each at the Help Table at the Expo.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

The race site is an excellent place to view the race! Besides the exciting start, the participants will come back by the race site at miles 1.5, 2.5, and then at 5.0 miles! If you are watching the Full Marathon, you can walk 5 blocks North to watch your runner go into the State Park at 12.5 miles. Another great place to go next is straight West down 56th Street 4 miles to the Windridge area. (Right before you get to Emerson Avenue on the South side of 56th Street.) There is parking in this area. Runners actually will be running Under 56th Street and Under Emerson Avenue on the bike path. There is an aid station here, there is the Joe O Malias grocery store across the street where you can buy snacks/drinks, and you can watch your runners going out at mile 17, then coming back at mile 21. This will allow you plenty of time to get back to the finish line to watch your runner finish!

MORE INFORMATION

Full confirmation information will be emailed the week before the event. This update addresses several new items from last year. For all race information including maps, schedules, rules, entry confirmation, hotel information, along with much more, please visit our website at www.IndianapolisMarathon.com. We look forward to seeing you on October 18th and best of luck in your remaining training.