

**For Immediate Release**

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## **Indianapolis Marathon and Half Marathon Race Update #2 - October 14, 2007**

### Registration Confirmation Update

Our website is now updated with all registrations received through Noon of October 11th! All participants should visit the race website at [www.indianapolismarathon.com](http://www.indianapolismarathon.com) and click on the registration confirmation tab to confirm your entry.

Please print out the page from the confirmation list with your name / event / race number and bring it with you to packet pickup to help you move through the process quickly! If you received a post card confirmation in the mail, that is acceptable as well. If you did not receive a postcard – not a problem, just follow the process above. (There is something wrong with the bulk mailing that went out last Monday because many people did not get postcards – not a problem.)

### Packet Pickup

As mentioned in our previous update – please try to pick up your race packet on Friday from 11:00am-8:00pm if at all possible. Packet pickup is at the Sterrett Center located one block north of 56th Street and Post Road. Maps/Directions are located on the website.

If you would like to have someone pick up your race packet for you on Friday ... that is fine. They should have a copy of your confirmation Post Card (faxed or scanned copy is OK), or a copy of your registration confirmation from our website (as mentioned above). If they have the registration confirmation from our website, please send them an email stating you give them permission to pick up your packet.

Same rules apply if you are going to pick up someone else's packet. Not a problem, just bring the information as outlined in the previous paragraph.

If you must pick up your race packet on Saturday, please arrive at the Sterrett Center between 6:30am and 7:30am which is our packet pickup time. Please remember to allow an extra 15 minutes to park and walk to the Sterrett Center from the race day parking lot (see "Parking Reminder" below).

### Expanded Field Size and Registration CAP

We have expanded our field significantly in 2007. In an effort to allow us to focus our attention on those who have already entered, and to prevent race day surprises and problems, we will NOT be offering race day registration this year on Saturday, October 20th. Please tell your friends! We will continue to receive registrations online until we hit our CAP of 4,500. If we have not hit the CAP prior to Friday, we will take walk-up registration on Friday. We will be updating our information line continually regarding the status registration – whether it is still open or filled. Our information line is (317) 826-1670. In any case, there will be NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION on Saturday, October 20th.

### No Gel at Mile 9

As mentioned previously, there will not be gel at Mile 9. There will be gel at Miles 17 and 21. Please plan accordingly. There will be Gatorade at all aid stations. See course map for locations.

### Race Merchandise

Please go to the following URL to view and purchase Indianapolis Marathon and Half Marathon race merchandise:

[http://indypromoproducts.com/featuredproduct/index.aspx?DPSV\\_Id=162565](http://indypromoproducts.com/featuredproduct/index.aspx?DPSV_Id=162565).

We will get this posted on our race site as well with-in the next few days.

### 1-Mile Kids Run

The 1-mile kids run is 1 loop around beautiful “Lawton Loop” – the former Ft. Harrison Army Parade Grounds. This starts and ends at the finish line area. Parents of young children are welcome to run the loop with their child. This event is not timed or scored, but somehow the kids always end up being the crowd favorites as they come through the finish line!

### Parking Reminder

Friday parking for packet pickup can be at or around the Sterrett Center. Parking is free.

Saturday Parking MUST BE AT THE Emmett J. Bean Center parking lot. This is on the South side of 56th Street and just West of Post Road. You can access the parking lot easily from either 56th Street or Post Road. Please visit our website for maps and directions. This is an enormous parking lot and FREE! This will take all of the hassle out of trying to find a parking space on race morning so you can relax and concentrate on other things! Once you park, proceed north to 56th Street, then cross 56th Street and walk one block to the race site. Allow about 15 minutes to park and walk to be on the safe side.

### Friday Pasta Dinner

The location of the Friday night pasta dinner (for those who purchased dinner tickets) will be at the finish line party tent. This is two blocks due west of the Sterrett Center down Otis Avenue. You will receive your meal tickets at packet pickup, then proceed down Otis Avenue to the Pasta Dinner. The pasta dinner is being catered by Fazzoli's and is from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The tent is enclosed and is heated and lit in the case of bad weather.

### Saturday – Post Race Cookout

Please join us for the post-race cookout located at the party tent near the finish line. The cookout is FREE for all participants. Extra meal tickets may be purchased while supplies last for \$5 each. The cookout is presented by our benefiting charity K.I.D.S. Inc. and it is a great way to relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere after you have completed your race! There will also be a massage tent in the finish area. Massages are \$5 for 10 minutes – cash only!

### Enjoy Your Experience

We are excited for you, the participant, as you make your final preparations for this event. Everyone has a story – a reason for running or walking your race, at the distance that you have chosen. Whether your goal is to qualify for Boston, to set a P.R., raise money for charity, or simply to cross the finish line, we know you have invested a lot of time and effort into your training. We wish you the best at your race on Saturday! And whether or not you meet your race day goals, we encourage you to take in the moment, enjoy the journey, and remember fondly those friends and family members who have helped and supported your efforts to get to the starting line and who are proud of you! Don't forget to thank them! Try to take time to thank the Police and Volunteers out on the course as well – without them there is no race!

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