



2026

FirstEnergy Akron
Marathon Weekend

Official Program & Events Guide

September 25-26, 2026

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Welcome, Blue Liners!

On behalf of the City of Akron and the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 24th annual FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay.

For nearly 25 years, the Blue Line has become an Akron tradition, bringing our community together each fall to run, walk, volunteer, cheer and celebrate our city.

This tradition is made possible by the incredible support of our sponsors, volunteers, safety forces, neighborhoods and community partners. Their energy and commitment bring the Blue Line to life year after year.

As we look ahead to our 25th year, we are proud to celebrate a Blue Line tradition that continues to connect our community, inspire movement and keep Akron moving forward.

We look forward to celebrating with you and cheering you across the Finish Line!

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Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shammus Malik'.

Shammus Malik

Mayor, City of Akron



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeannine Marks'.

Jeannine Marks

Race Founder & Board Chair,
Akron Marathon Charitable
Corporation

Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation

OUR MISSION.

The mission of the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation is to provide a world-class marathon and other events that promote health and fitness, stimulate the local economy, galvanize the community and benefit charitable organizations.

OUR VISION.

Our vision is to create and manage dynamic, customer-centric events and programs that deliver opportunities to promote active lifestyles for all.

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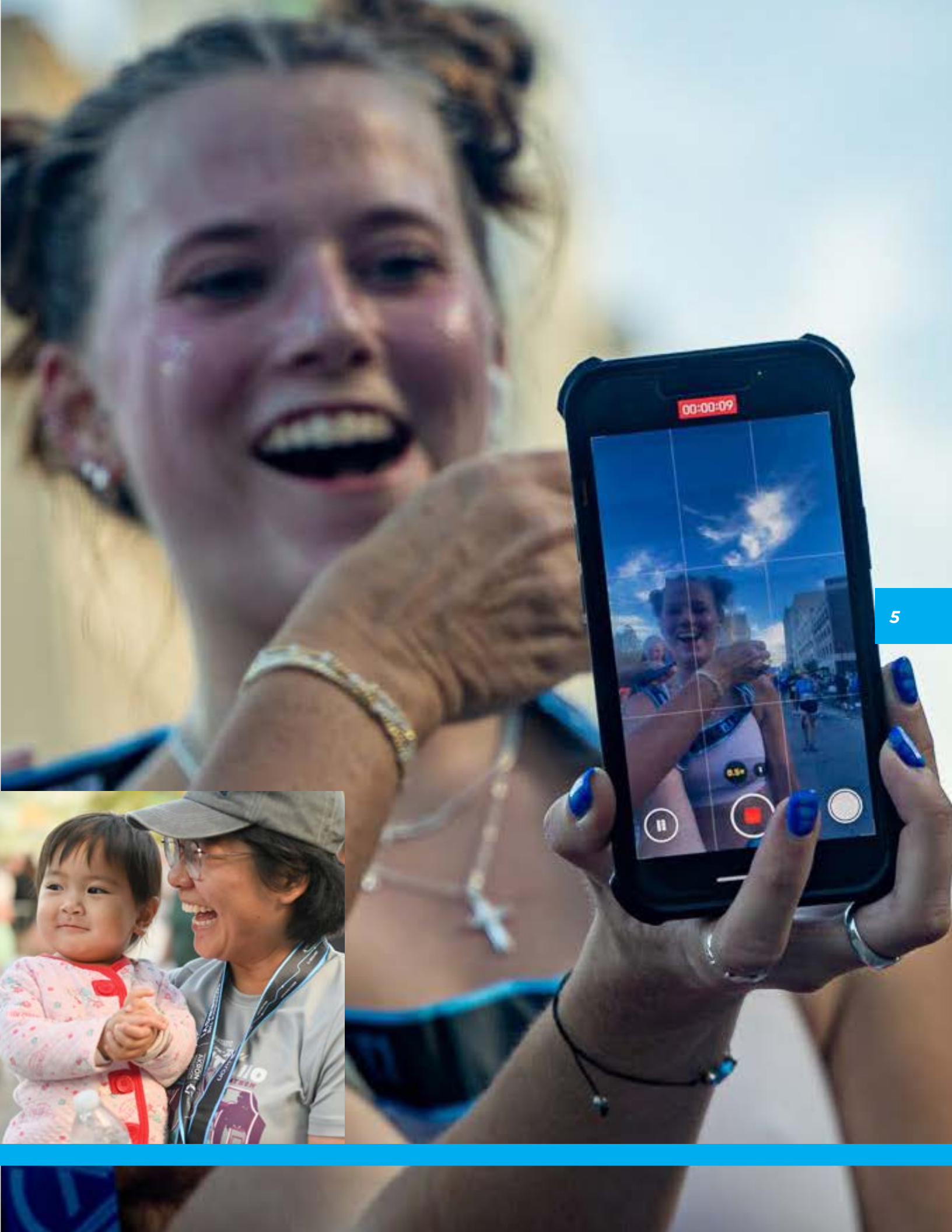
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- Akron Energy Systems
- Akron Summit County Visitors Bureau
- Cure Hydration
- Downtown Akron Partnership
- Fox Charitable Foundation
- Fuchs Family Foundation
- GU Energy Labs
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- Acme Fresh Markets
- Akron Art Museum
- City of Akron
- County of Summit
- FirstEnergy
- In memory of Todd Trehan
- Michelob Ultra
- SummaCare
- Summit Metro Parks
- Team Rookies & Relics
- The Marks Family
- VanDevere Automotive Group

Official Sponsors

- Akron Community Foundation
- Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
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- Wells Family Foundation



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 Health & Fitness Expo

John S. Knight Center
77 E. Mill St., Akron, OH 44308

11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Free and Open to the Public
- Packet Pickup
- Akron Marathon Merchandise Store presented by Fleet Feet
- Expo Vendors
- Ready, Set, PR Zone
- Runners' Lounge

5:00 p.m. Loyalty Club Pinning Ceremony

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 The Mandel Family Kids Fun Run presented by Akron Children's

Start: 214 W. Bowery St., Akron, OH 44308

Finish: 200 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44308

- **5:00 p.m.** Bib Pickup Opens
- **6:00 p.m.** Race Start
- **6:45 p.m.** Course Closes
- **7:30 p.m.** Venue Closes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

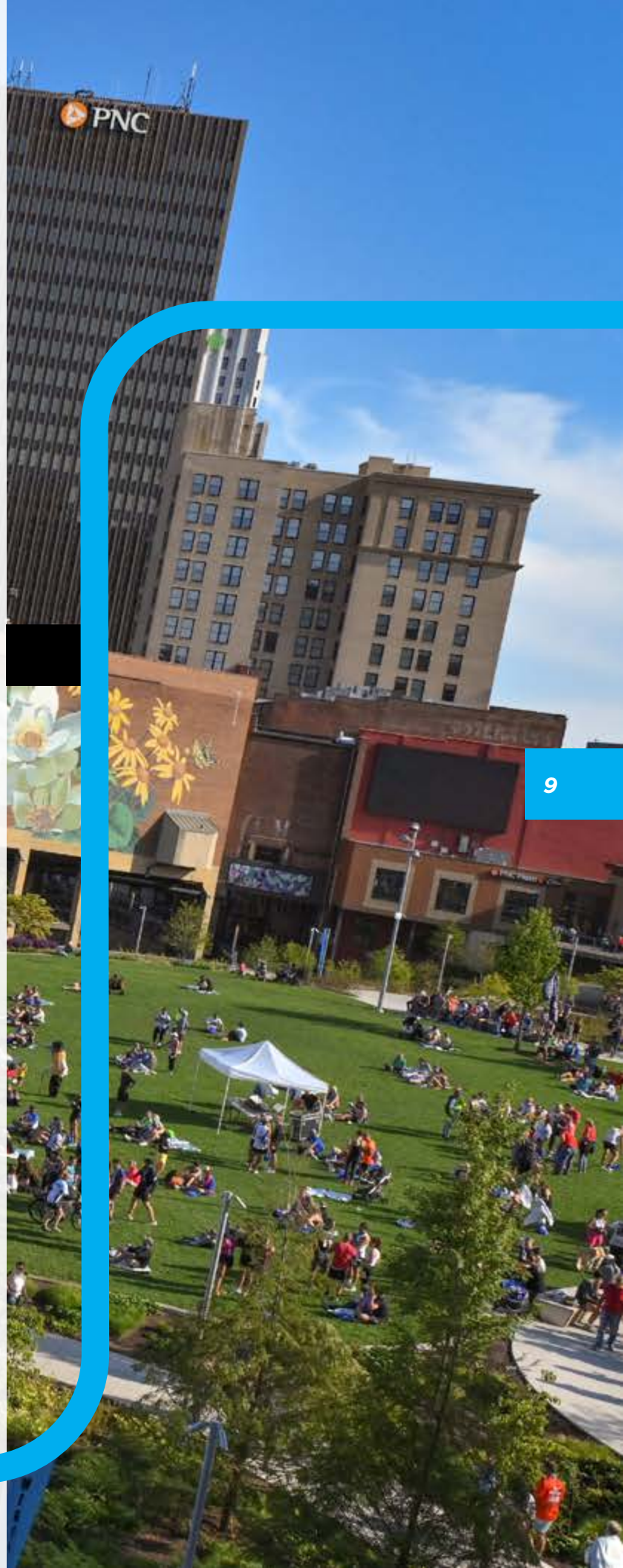
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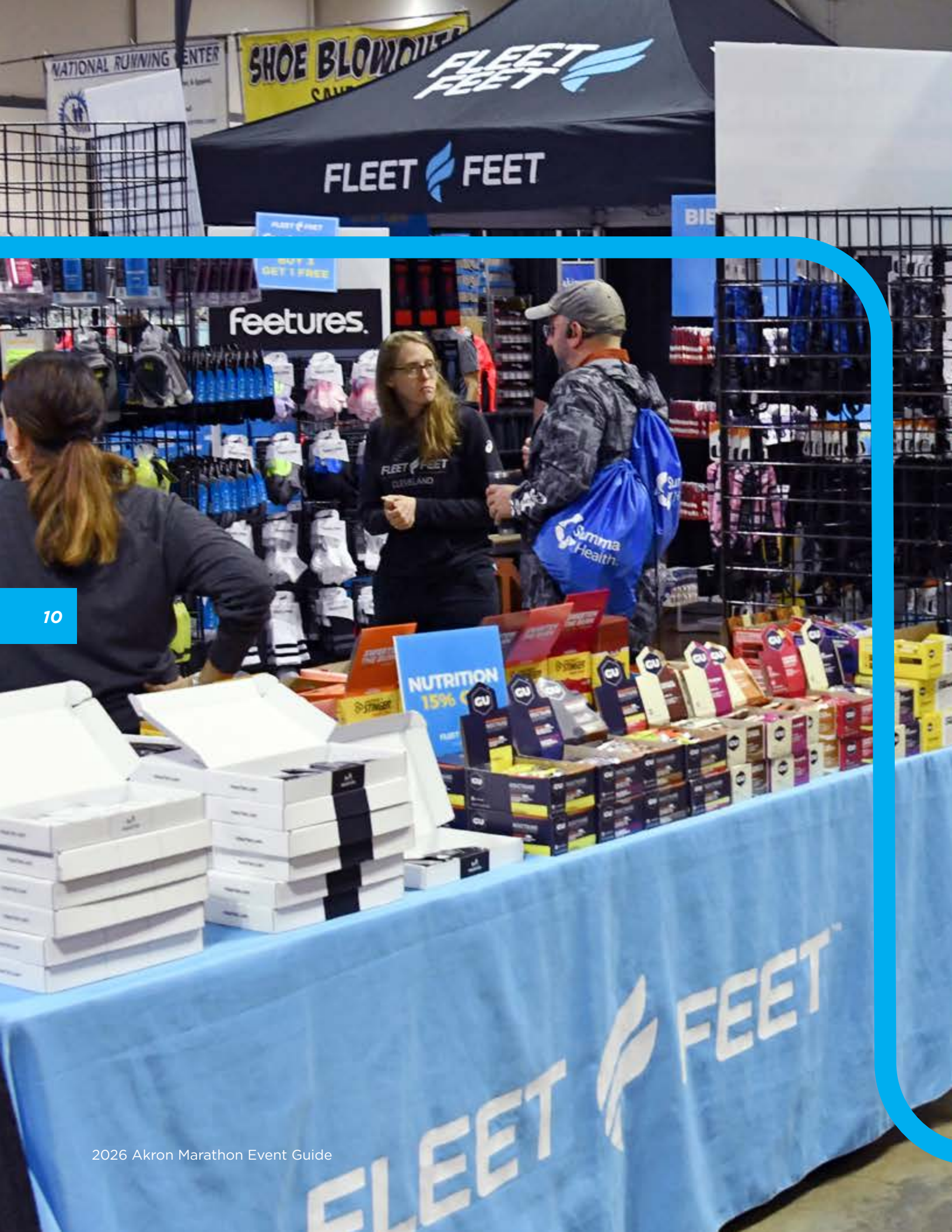
Start: Akron Art Museum
1 S. High St.
Akron, OH 44308

- **6:00 a.m.** - Opening Ceremony
- **6:58 a.m.** - Wheelchair Division & Push Team Start
- **7:00 a.m.** - Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay Start

Finish: Lock 3
200 S. Main St.
Akron, OH 44308

- **7:35 a.m.** - Finish Line Announcements & FirstEnergy Finisher Festival Opens
- **8:50 a.m.** - Half Marathon Awards Ceremony
- **10:45 a.m.** - Marathon Awards Ceremony
- **1:45 p.m.** - Course Closes
- **2:00 p.m.** - FirstEnergy Finisher Festival Closes





Health & Fitness Expo

John S. Knight Center
77 E. Mill St.
Akron, OH 44308

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

EXPO VENDOR LISTING*

- Advance Health & Wellness Center
- Akron Art Museum
- Akron Children's
- Akron Corporate Challenge
- Akron Marathon Information Booth
- Akron Marathon Official Merchandise Store presented by Fleet Feet
- Akron Marathon Vintage Merchandise
- Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
- Any Lab Test Now - Medina
- Big Cat Performance and Physical Therapy
- Carson Strong Foundation
- Cost Cutters
- County of Summit Executive Ilene Shapiro
- Dakota Wealth Management
- Downtown Akron Partnership
- Empowering Epilepsy
- Fleet Feet Cleveland
- Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio
- Goodwill Industries of Akron
- Hope & Healing Survivor Resource Center
- Hudec Dental
- Mercy Health Glass City Marathon
- Merriman Valley Pilates
- Michelob ULTRA Zero
- National Running Center
- On Pace Race
- Phorm Energy
- Preferred Vascular Group
- Project Outrun
- Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
- Ready, Set, PR Zone
- Run To You Racing/Franksgiving Day 5K
- Runner's Lounge
- Ruthie Lane Art Experiences
- Second Mile Resale
- Second Sole
- Signal Akron
- Sneakers4Good
- Stopain
- Summa Health
- Summit Metro Parks
- Supercuts
- The Faithful Runner
- The Great New Years Eve Race
- The University of Akron Conference & Event Services
- The University of Akron Human Performance Lab
- The Village Network
- therunstickers.com
- University Hospitals Cleveland Marathon
- VanDevere Automotive Family
- Western Reserve Racing

*As of this publishing date.

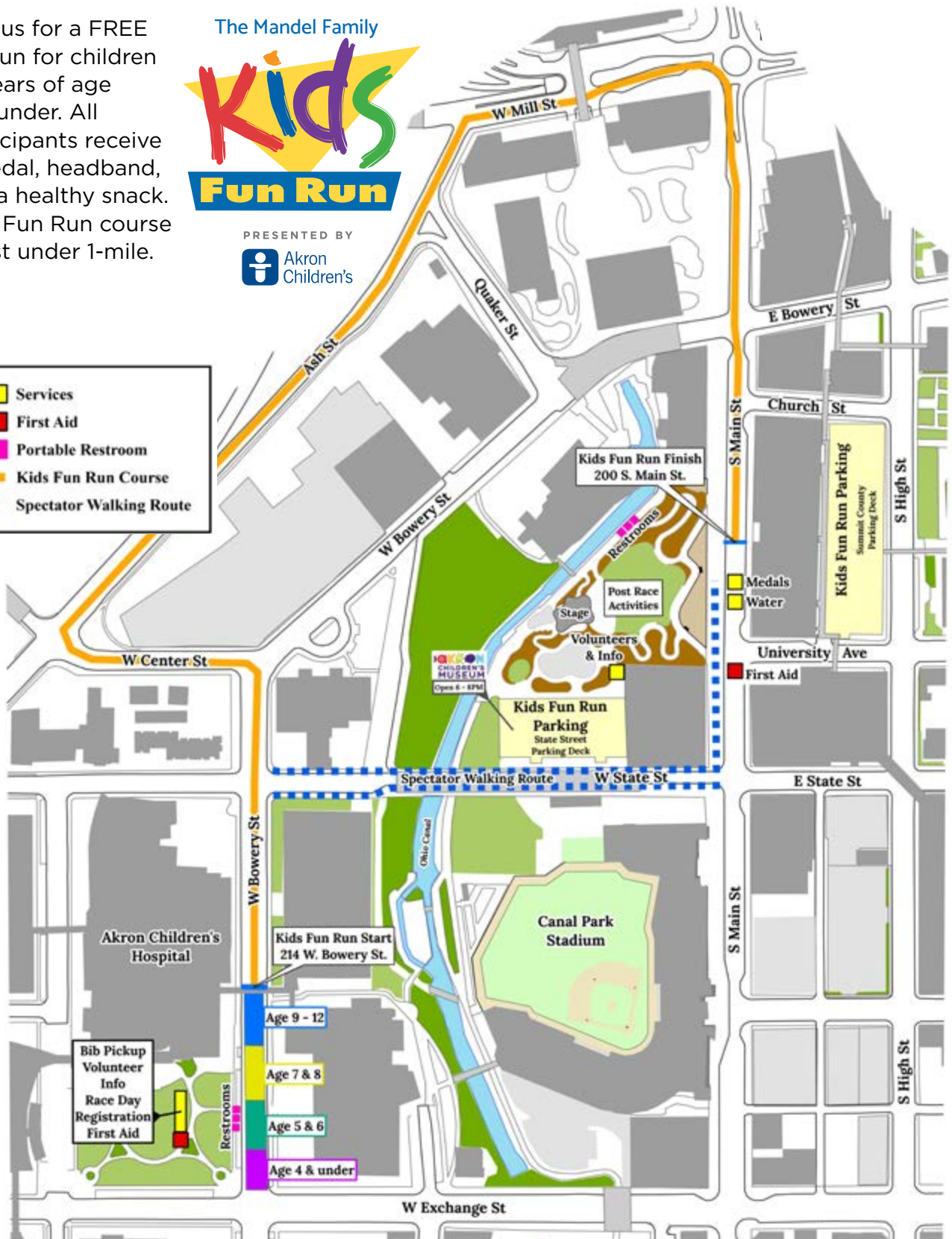
The Mandel Family Kids Fun Run

presented by Akron Children's | 214 W. Bowery St., Akron, OH 44308

Join us for a FREE fun run for children 12-years of age and under. All participants receive a medal, headband, and a healthy snack. Kids Fun Run course is just under 1-mile.



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Course Map

Relay leg	Distance	Starting Mile Marker	Starting Location	Ending Location
1st	7.2mi	0.0	1 S. High St. Akron Art Museum	245 Wolf Ledges
2nd	5.5mi	7.2	245 Wolf Ledges	30 N. Main St.
3rd	4.6mi	12.7	30 N. Main St.	1300 Sand Run Parkway
4th	4.4mi	17.3	1300 Sand Run Parkway	1565 Fairfax Road
5th	4.5mi	21.7	1565 Fairfax Road	200 S. Main Street- Lock 3

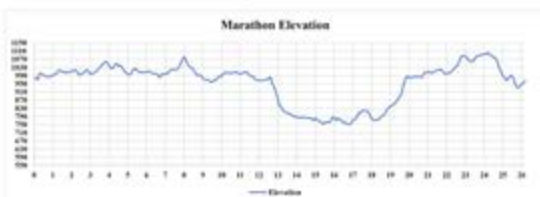


Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:12 AM
1	7:05 AM	7:27 AM
2	7:10 AM	7:42 AM
3	7:15 AM	7:57 AM
4	7:20 AM	8:12 AM
5	7:25 AM	8:27 AM
6	7:31 AM	8:42 AM
7	7:36 AM	8:57 AM
8	7:41 AM	9:12 AM
9	7:46 AM	9:27 AM
10	7:51 AM	9:42 AM
11	7:56 AM	9:57 AM
12	8:02 AM	10:12 AM
13	8:07 AM	10:27 AM
14	8:12 AM	10:42 AM
15	8:17 AM	10:57 AM
16	8:22 AM	11:12 AM
17	8:27 AM	11:27 AM
18	8:33 AM	11:42 AM
19	8:38 AM	11:57 AM
20	8:43 AM	12:12 PM
21	8:48 AM	12:27 PM
22	8:53 AM	12:42 PM
23	8:58 AM	12:57 PM
24	9:04 AM	1:12 PM
25	9:09 AM	1:27 PM
26	9:14 AM	1:42 PM
26.2	9:15 AM	1:45 PM

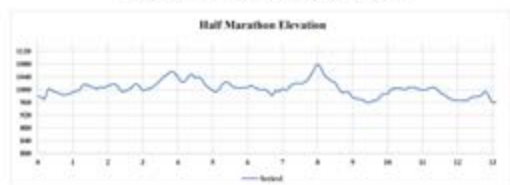
Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:12 AM
1	7:04 AM	7:28 AM
2	7:09 AM	7:44 AM
3	7:14 AM	8:00 AM
4	7:19 AM	8:16 AM
5	7:24 AM	8:32 AM
6	7:29 AM	8:48 AM
7	7:34 AM	9:04 AM
8	7:39 AM	9:20 AM
9	7:44 AM	9:36 AM
10	7:49 AM	9:52 AM
11	7:54 AM	10:08 AM
12	7:59 AM	10:24 AM
13	8:04 AM	10:40 AM
13.1	8:05 AM	10:42 AM



- Start/Finish Lines
- Mile Marker
- Half Mile Marker
- Relay Leg
- Kilometer Marker
- Fluid Station
- Energy Gel Station
- Medical Aid Station
- Restroom
- Marathon Course
- Half Marathon Course



Elevation gain 996 feet. Elevation loss 1018 feet.



Elevation gain 406 feet. Elevation loss 419 feet.

Road Closures

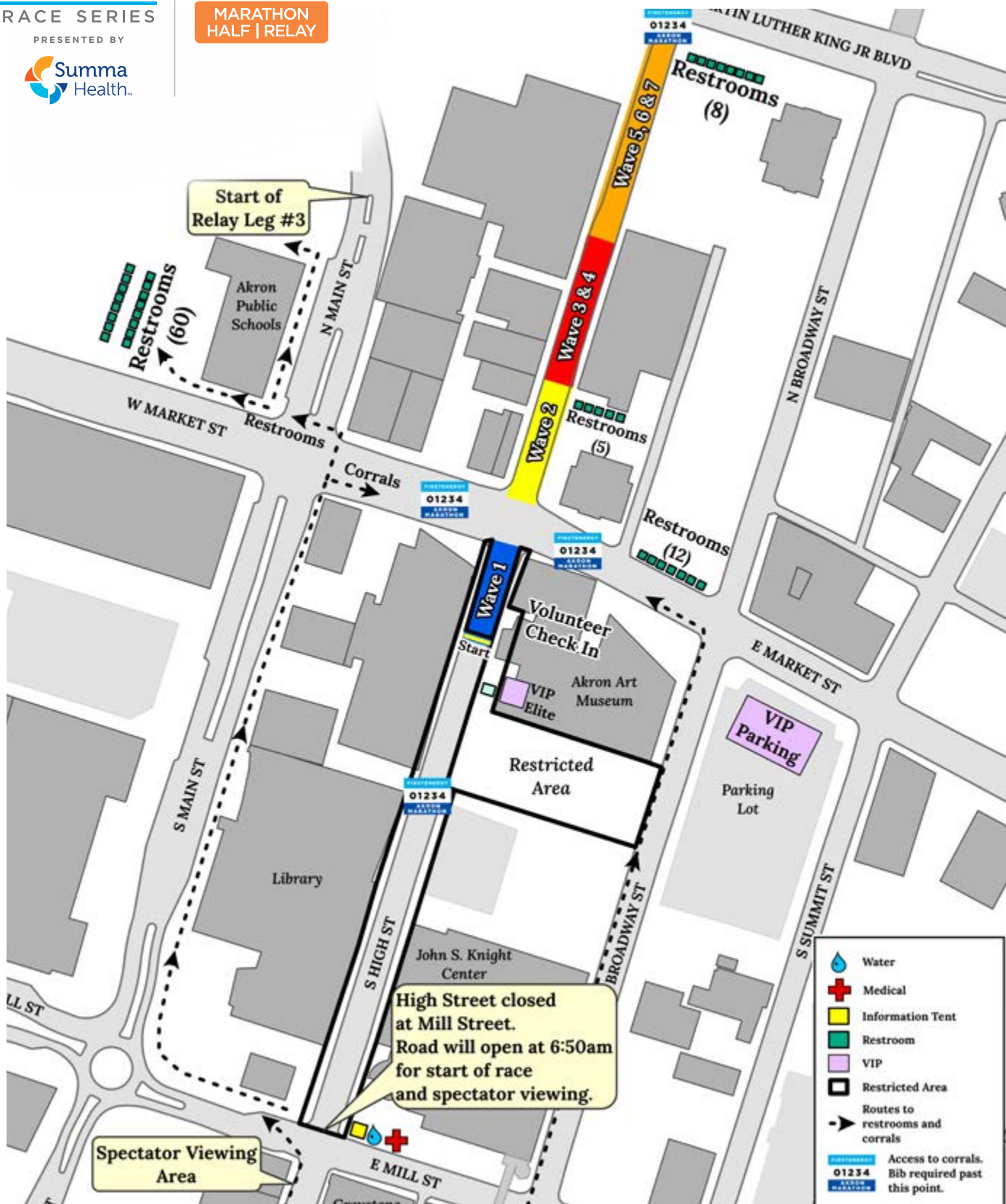
Friday, September 25, 2026

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. Main St.	Between Bowery St. and State St.	Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
W. Bowery St.	Between W. State St. and W. Exchange St.	2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Rt. 59 East	I-76 East to N. Main St.	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
S. High St.	Between MLK Blvd and E. Mill St.	Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. Main St.	Between State St. and Exchange St.	6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between Maiden Ln and S. Main St.	6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
E. Market St.	Between S. Main St. and Broadway St.	4:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
E. Mill St.	Between S. Main St. and Broadway St.	4:00 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
S. High St.	Between Mill St. and E. Bowery St.	4:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
S. High St.	Between E. Bowery St. and E. Thornton St.	6:50 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
S. Main St. under S. High St. Bridge	Between Rosa Parks Dr. and E. Thornton St.	6:50 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
S. Main St. (Southbound)	Between E. Thornton St. and E. Wilbeth Rd.	6:50 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
S. Main St. (Northbound)	Between E. Thornton St. and E. Wilbeth Rd.	6:50 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
E. Firestone Blvd.	Between S. Main St. and S. Firestone Blvd.	7:05 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
S. Firestone Blvd.	Between E. Firestone Ave. and Aster Ave.	7:05 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
Aster Ave.	Between N. Firestone Blvd. and S. Firestone Blvd.	7:05 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
N. Firestone Blvd.	Between E. Firestone Blvd. and Aster Ave.	7:10 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
Bellows St.	Between N. Firestone Blvd and Archwood Ave.	7:15 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
Archwood Ave.	Between Bellows St. and S. Main St.	7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
E. Thornton St.	Between S. Main St. and Wolf Ledges Pkwy	7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Wolf Ledges Pkwy	Between Carroll St. and University Ave.	6:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Wolf Ledges Pkwy	Between E. Thornton St. and University Ave.	7:25 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
University Ave.	Between Broadway and Hill St.	7:25 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
Hill St.	Between S. Forge St. and University Ave.	7:25 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
S. Forge St.	Between Hill St. and S. College St.	7:25 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
S. College St.	Between E. Market St. and Buchtel Ave.	7:25 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
E. Mill St.	Between Fir Hill and S. Broadway St.	7:25 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
S. Union Street	Between E. Mill St. and Buchtel Ave.	7:25 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between Spicer St. and Hill St.	7:25 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
Fir Hill	Between S. Forge St. and E. Buchtel Ave.	7:30 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.
Broadway St.	Between MLK Blvd. (Route 59) and Exchange St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
Market St.	Between Rand Ave. and Forge St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
All American Bridge (northbound)	Between N. Main St. and MLK Blvd. (Route 59)	7:35 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
N. Main St. (northbound)	Between E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave. and Olive St.	7:35 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	Between N. Main St. and Carpenter St.	7:40 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.
Tallmadge Ave.	Between Cuyahoga St. and N. Main St.	7:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
N. Main St. (southbound)	Between E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave. and Olive St.	7:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
All American Bridge (southbound)	Between MLK Blvd. (Route 59) and N. Main St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Martin Luther King BLVD (Route 59)	Between Broadway and West Center St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
N. Main St.	Between Market St. and MLK Blvd. (Route 59)	7:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
N. Howard St. (Southbound lanes)	Between N. Main St. and Cuyahoga St.	7:55 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
W. North St.	Between N. Howard St. and N. Maple St.	7:55 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Merriman Rd.	Between Treaty Line and N. Portage Path	8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
N. Portage Path	Between Treaty Line and Merriman Rd.	8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Sand Run Pkwy	Between N. Portage Path and Revere Rd.	12:00 p.m. (Fri) – 12:00 p.m.
Sand Run Rd.	Between W. Market St. and Smith Rd.	8:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
Overwood Rd.	Between Sand Run Rd and Wiltshire Rd.	8:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Wiltshire Rd.	Between Overwood Rd. and N. Hawkins Ave.	8:30 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
Fairfax Rd.	Between Rampart Ave. and Castle Blvd.	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fairfax Rd.	Between N. Hawkins Ave. and Castle Blvd.	8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Rampart Ave.	Between Fairfax Rd. and Bond St.	8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Castle Blvd.	Between Fairfax Rd. and Garman Rd.	8:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Garman Rd.	Between Melbourne Ave. and N. Portage Path	8:40 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.
N. Portage Path (southbound)	Between Mayfair Rd. and W. Market St.	8:50 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
W. Market St. (eastbound)	Between Portage Path and S. Main St.	8:55 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between Market St. and W. Bowery St.	7:50 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
IR 76 W / Exit 22 (Downtown)	Detour to Route 59	6:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
IR 76 E / Exit 22 (Downtown)	Detour to South St. / Exit 21B	6:50 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.

Start Line Map



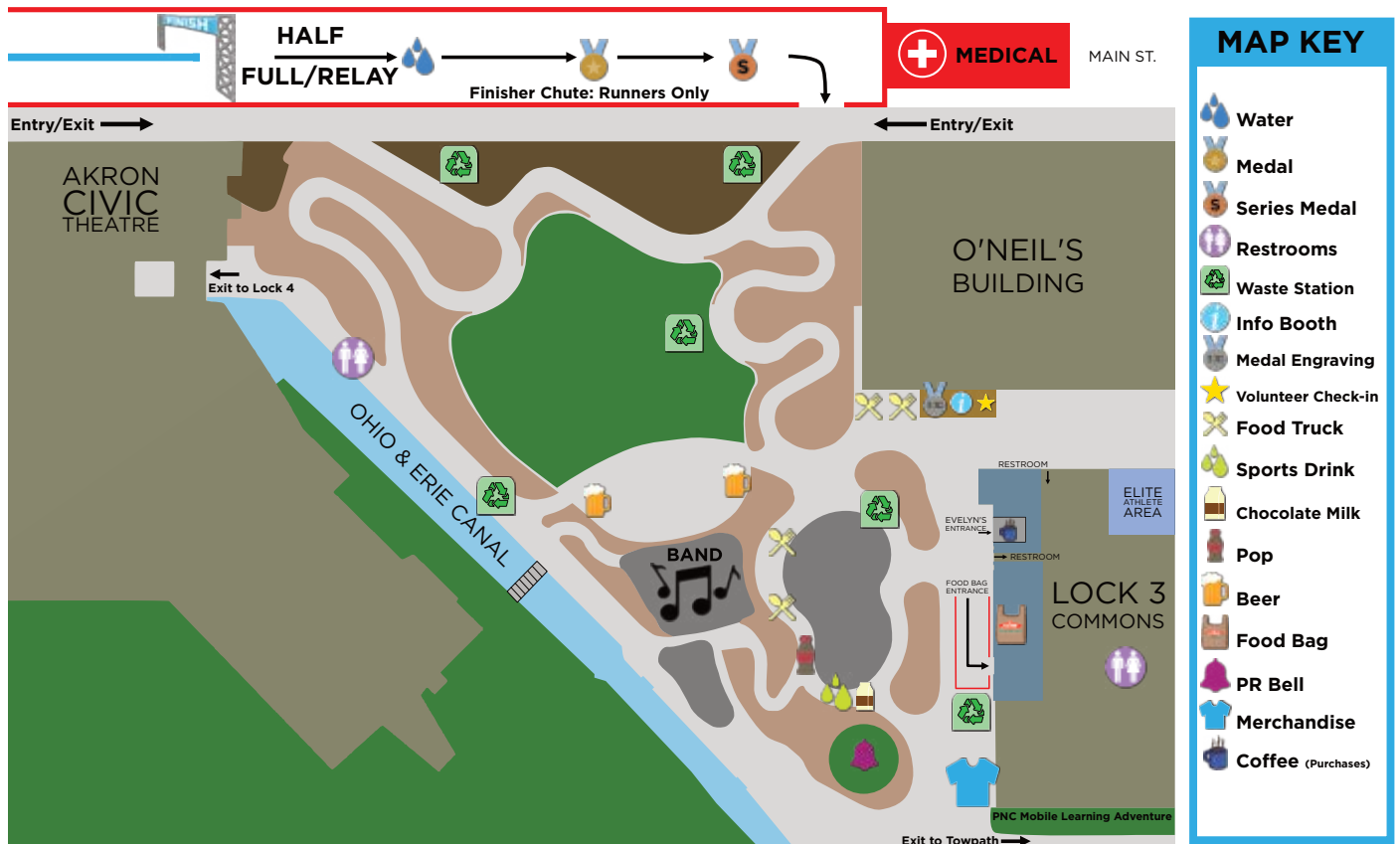
FirstEnergy Finisher Festival

200 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44308



2026 Finish Line Map

FirstEnergy® Finisher Festival at **Lock 3** AKRON



Downtown Area Locations

Relay Shuttle Schedule

To Relay Leg 4: 7:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

To Relay Leg 5: 7:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

Road Closures - Friday

Main from Bowery to State
(beginning at 8:00 am)

High from Mill to MLK
(beginning 6:30 pm)

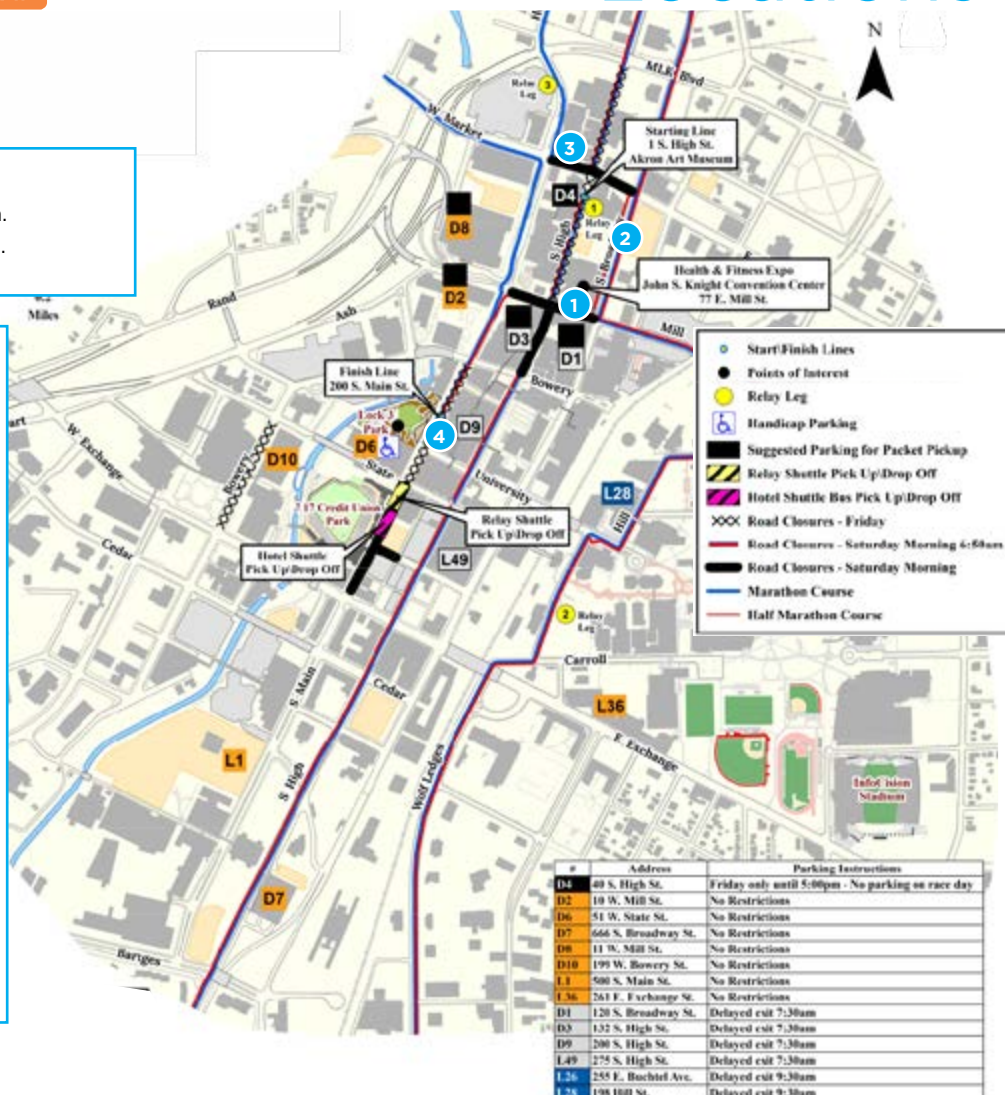
Bowery from Exchange to State
(2:30 pm - 7:00 pm)

Road Closures Saturday Morning

- Market from Main to Broadway
(beginning at 4:00 am)
- Main from Exchange to State
(beginning 6:00 am)
- Buchtel from Maiden Lane to Main
(beginning 6:00 am)

Road closures Saturday Morning 6:50 a.m.

For a complete list of road closures,
visit AkronMarathon.org



Spectator Viewing Points

1 Viewing Point #1 (Start Line)

Watch the start of the race south of the starting line near Mill St. Spectators are not allowed inside the start line corrals. High St. north of Mill St. will be closed until 6:50am.

2 Viewing Point #2 (Mile 8.7)

From the Start:

- Walk east one block on Mill St.
- View runners at mile 8.7 on Broadway.

3 Viewing Point #3 (Mile 12.6)

*Marathon & Relay only

From Broadway

- Walk north on Broadway.
- Left on Market St. and walk 2 blocks.
- View runners on Market St. near Main St.

4 Viewing Point #4 (Finish Line)

From Broadway:

- Right on Mill St.
- Cross Main St. at Mill.
- Left on Main St. to reach the Finish Line / enter the Finisher Festival.

From Market St:

- Cross Main St. at Market St.
- Left on Main St. to reach the Finish Line enter the Finisher Festival.

Spectators: Please stay on sidewalks. Please be aware of participants as you cross the roads. Please note some roads remain open for traffic.

Marathon Champions

Men's Marathon Open Champion

Open records based on gun time

Year	Time	Name
2003	2:21:59	Jonah Rono
2004	2:22:16	Andrey Gordeyev
2005	2:18:48	Charles Kamindo
2006	2:22:02	Alene Reta
2007	2:28:05	Joshua Koros
2008	2:23:13	Birhanu Wukaw Zeleke
2009	2:27:21	Richard Chelimo
2010	2:19:34	Geoffrey Kiprotich
2011	2:22:46	Peter Kemboi
2012	2:18:51	Richard Kessio
2013	2:15:59	Getachew Asfaw
2014	2:16:45	Teklu Deneke
2015	2:22:21	Teklu Deneke
2016	2:21:40	Anthony Miglizzo
2017	2:23:39	Blair Teal
2018	2:26:25	Israel Merkle
2019	2:25:39	Caleb Hoover
2021	2:25:07	Nick Stricklen
2022	2:25:57	Zachary Hoagland
2023	2:25:06	Dylan Garritano
2024	2:25:30	Aaron Davidson
2025	2:18:59	Aaron Davidson

Women's Marathon Open Champion

Open records based on gun time

Year	Time	Name
2003	3:13:21	Brenda Bowden
2004	2:40:17	Elena Orleva
2005	2:39:09	Maria Portilla
2006	2:55:23	Leteyesys Berhe
2007	2:52:31	Melissa Rittenhouse
2008	2:57:56	Sarah Plaxton
2009	2:51:59	Hirut Mandefro
2010	2:42:33	Ludmila Stepanova
2011	2:45:57	Becki Michael
2012	2:55:09	Shanna Ailes Istnick
2013	2:39:18	Ludmila Stepanova
2014	2:42:53	Tezata Dengersa
2015	2:39:45	Irina Alexandrova
2016	2:51:34	Becki Spellman
2017	2:52:29	Emma McCarron
2018	2:51:11	Grace McCarron
2019	2:47:27	Elizabeth Gleason
2021	3:18:45	Teresa Ferguson
2022	2:49:14	Alysia Rogers
2023	2:52:01	Joanna Line
2024	2:52:36	Maura Lemon
2025	2:51:24	Ashton Swinford

Men's Marathon Masters Champion

Masters records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2003	2:45:58	Daniel Dudek
2004	2:45:10	Larry Taylor
2005	2:40:56	Damon Blackford
2006	2:37:31	John Piggott
2007	2:35:58	John Piggott
2008	2:32:40	Sergey Kaledin
2009	2:31:51	Sergey Kaledin
2010	2:29:13	Sergey Kaledin
2011	2:38:06	Andrew Musuva
2012	2:28:24	Sergey Kaledin
2013	2:32:04	Esteban Vanegas
2014	2:23:44	Richard Kessio
2015	2:40:58	Esteban Vanegas
2016	2:44:00	Francesco Arato
2017	2:43:05	Dustin Sprague
2018	2:53:27	Orinthal Striggles
2019	2:46:08	Scott Davis
2021	2:42:44	Brian Polen
2022	2:43:50	Ryan Hurley
2023	2:45:35	John Ladesic
2024	2:47:02	Scott Davis
2025	2:39:37	John Ladesic

Women's Marathon Masters Champion

Masters records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2003	3:20:02	Michelle Mueller
2004	3:11:06	Shelagh Sweeney
2005	3:01:14	Laura Murphy
2006	3:17:28	Karen Collins
2007	2:56:43	Elena Paramonova
2008	3:13:18	Connie Gardner
2009	2:53:04	Elena Paramonova
2010	2:49:52	Elena Paramonova (Kaledina)
2011	3:03:54	Tracy Wollschalger
2012	3:04:34	Kristy Kenna
2013	3:05:20	Kristy Kenna
2014	3:04:13	Kristy Kenna
2015	2:58:10	Beth Woodward
2016	3:11:18	Teresa Ferguson
2017	3:09:46	Dolores Valencia
2018	2:57:31	Shanna Ailes Istnick
2019	3:04:42	Teresa Ferguson
2021	3:18:45	Teresa Ferguson
2022	3:00:08	Barbara Lorson
2023	2:54:36	Christina Johnston
2024	3:11:32	Amanda Fire
2025	3:10:01	Cheryl Bayart

Non-Binary Marathon Champion

Records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2024	5:59:35	Grace Barnard
2025	4:46:44	Noah Chavez

Half Marathon Champions

Men's Half Marathon Open Champion

Open records based on gun time

Year	Time	Name
2007	1:09:47	Matthew Folk
2008	1:15:09	Mike Hansen
2009	1:13:02	Dustin Meeker
2010	1:06:48	Andrew Carnes
2011	1:10:56	Michael Capriolo
2012	1:07:01	Philip Lagat
2013	1:05:38	Ryan Kienzle
2014	1:05:56	Philani Buthelezi
2015	1:03:58	Nicholas Too
2016	1:08:02	Ryan Kienzle
2017	1:05:16	Kevin Castille*
2018	1:06:54	Michael Iacofano
2019	1:07:09	Nathaniel Orndorf
2021	1:08:03	Jeremiah Fitzgerald
2022	1:06:14	Fernando Cabada
2023	1:07:10	Chad Johnson
2024	1:07:30	Alec Sandusky
2025	1:07:54	Eric Westog

* The men's half masters record was set in 2017 by Kevin Castille

Women's Half Marathon Open Champion

Open records based on gun time

Year	Time	Name
2007	1:27:47	Colleen Tate
2008	1:26:24	Mandy Yates
2009	1:23:56	Nicole Camp
2010	1:17:56	Mandy Yates
2011	1:28:18	Brandi Howard
2012	1:17:57	Dorcus Chesang
2013	1:14:22	Jessica Odorcic
2014	1:17:05	Kelsi Nutter
2015	1:14:18	Hellen Jepkurgat
2016	1:18:25	Maureen Lemon
2017	1:20:09	Elizabeth Weiler
2018	1:17:43	Becki Spellman
2019	1:18:32	Sarah Horbol
2021	1:20:53	Becki Spellman
2022	1:19:22	Alyssa Thomas
2023	1:17:55	Hannah Moulton
2024	1:18:34	Alyssa Thomas
2025	1:15:25	Alyssa Thomas

Men's Half Marathon Masters Champion

Masters records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2007	1:22:44	Pete Jendre
2008	1:18:46	Bob Flajnik
2009	1:17:31	Dan Sparks
2010	1:17:20	Jeff Day
2011	1:21:28	Brian Mazur
2012	1:15:39	John Piggott
2013	1:15:31	John Piggott
2014	1:16:30	Jason Newport
2015	1:08:45	Richard Kessio
2016	1:17:34	Bradley Prather
2017	1:15:08	Jason Lafave
2018	1:16:57	Bradley Prather
2019	1:16:38	Aaron Usher
2021	1:25:19	David Stewart
2022	1:06:14	Fernando Cabada
2023	1:15:45	Matthias Wilder
2024	1:15:50	Matthias Wilder
2025	1:13:21	John Priebe

Women's Half Marathon Masters Champion

Masters records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2007	1:33:51	Nancy Chong
2008	1:35:53	Michele Dewit
2009	1:37:36	Deb Deren
2010	1:35:25	Beth Darmstadter
2011	1:32:23	Marlene Bloomfield
2012	1:28:30	Josephine Weeden
2013	1:32:39	Rosalie Franek
2014	1:28:43	Gwen Frederickson
2015	1:25:29	Brenda Hodge
2016	1:29:49	Michelle Farr
2017	1:26:19	Beth Woodward
2018	1:31:02	Michelle Farr
2019	1:26:33	Michelle Bertenthal
2021	1:37:30	Leslie Owen
2022	1:29:24	Michelle Bertenthal
2023	1:23:58	Jennifer Simmerman
2024	1:23:02	Christina Johnston
2025	1:24:16	Christina Johnston

Non-Binary Half Marathon Open Champion

Records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2024	2:08:10	Emily Donley

WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONS

Men's Marathon Champion

Open records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2008	3:38:06	Joe Booth
2009	3:21:43	Joe Booth
2011	4:56:38	Joe Booth
2012	3:50:56	Joe Booth
2013	3:46:27	Joe Booth
2014	2:50:15	Joe Booth
2015	3:55:15	Jerry Mitchel
2017	2:53:51	Joe Booth
2021	4:09:54	Joe Booth
2022	4:16:27	Joe Booth
2023	3:11:44	Josh Sommers
2024	3:39:28	Josh Sommers
2025	3:01:52	Josh Sommers

Women's Marathon Champion

Open records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2008	3:50:03	Holly Koester
2009		No Participant
2011		No Participant
2012		No Participant
2013		No Participant
2014		No Participant
2015		No Participant
2017		No Participant
2021		No Participant
2022		No Participant
2023		No Participant
2024		No Participant
2025		No Participant

*Missing years reflect no wheelchair athletes participated (2010, 2016, 2018, 2019)

TEAM RELAY CHAMPIONS

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Men's Open Team Relay Champions

Open records based on gun time

Year	Time	Name
2005	2:12:47	Columbus Running Company
2006	2:29:51	Team Good River
2007	2:59:15	GPD 1
2008	2:20:41	Can't Stop Won't Stop
2009	2:43:05	Fast and the Furious
2010	2:12:52	Second Sole
2011	2:12:13	Second Sole
2012	2:11:32	Second Sole
2013	2:41:28	Team Running With Scissors
2014	2:21:08	Team Ohio Red
2015	2:18:48	Team Ohio South
2016	2:31:35	The First Tee of Greater Akron Flyers
2017	2:40:07	Star Hunters
2018	2:43:24	Tortoise + Hares
2019	2:23:54	Inglorious Penguins
2021	2:18:59	Inglorious Penguins
2022	2:25:12	Akron Running Club
2023	2:14:38	MVTC
2024	2:56:12	The Plus Fours
2025	2:23:21	Night Club Canton

Women's Open Team Relay Champions

Open records based on gun time

Year	Time	Name
2005	2:42:58	Running Goddesses
2006	2:51:21	Inspired 1
2007	2:53:31	KSU KSFA
2008	2:59:44	KSU CC Alumni
2009	2:59:20	Kent State Cross Country!
2010	2:45:37	ISIS
2011	2:51:35	Team ISIS A
2012	2:45:12	No Men Necessary
2013	2:49:46	Cleveland Elite Development
2014	2:48:48	Team Ohio
2015	2:56:19	Team Ohio
2016	2:42:09	Cleveland Elite Development
2017	3:07:42	Five Fast Femme Fatale Freaks
2018	3:03:55	SSSB
2019	3:12:33	Team SSSB
2021	3:10:32	Empower
2022	3:11:02	44260
2023	2:44:25	MVTC Ladies FOCUS Team
2024	2:47:03	Hell Yeah Brother!!
2025	3:34:05	Under Pace, Over Par

Men's Masters Team Relay Champions

Masters records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2005		
2006	2:57:49	Y-Town RR Club
2007	2:45:39	Summa-GO ND
2008	2:43:43	Summa-GO ND
2009	2:57:04	Walters Carpet Care
2010	2:56:37	Walters Carpet Care
2011	2:40:33	Canal Rats
2012	2:40:09	Canal Rats
2013	2:38:56	Canal Rats
2014	2:39:57	Canal Rats
2015	2:41:00	Canal Rats
2016	2:46:03	Canal Rats
2017	3:13:03	The Lawn Wranglers
2018	2:34:32	Gray-Hounds
2019	2:57:36	The Lawn Wranglers Masters
2021	2:47:59	Canal Rats
2022	2:46:34	Lawn Wranglers Masters
2023	2:43:04	Lawn Wranglers Masters
2024	2:43:10	Lawn Wranglers Masters
2025	2:34:28	Canal Rats

Women's Masters Team Relay Champions

Masters records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2005		
2006	3:42:10	Friday Running Wine Club
2007	4:06:09	5 Around Fifty
2008	3:31:10	Summa Shebeasties
2009	4:02:26	FedEx Custom Critical 1
2010	3:19:48	Dynamic Fitness Chix
2011	3:13:50	Your Moms...
2012	3:28:04	Strap It On
2013	3:20:16	Magical Miles Moms
2014	3:51:50	Untouchable Fastinistas
2015	3:57:31	Natural Wonders!
2016	3:58:51	Running for Cupcakes
2017	3:49:28	The Fab Five
2018	3:23:44	40 Proof Strong
2019	4:16:29	Running for Cupcakes
2021	3:15:22	Lady Canal Rats
2022	3:20:22	Lady Canal Rats
2023	3:57:02	Old Trail Runners
2024	4:04:46	Old Trail Ladies
2025	3:21:24	RATS

Mixed Open Team Relay Champions

Open records based on gun time

Year	Time	Name
2005	2:20:06	SupportBHunt
2006	2:57:17	Five Fast Freaks
2007	2:37:21	Team Good River
2008	2:52:51	L29
2009	2:38:49	Just Jogging
2010	2:41:37	Akrunners
2011	2:53:50	Run MCD
2012	2:52:52	Just Jogging
2013	2:44:46	Zms Kick Boxing Kangaroos
2014	2:35:12	Tune Squad
2015	2:27:45	SERC - VR
2016	2:46:44	Fear the Roo III
2017	2:53:15	George's Farmer Boys and Girls
2018	2:56:56	Captured the Unicorn
2019	2:49:32	Cardinal Health
2021	2:45:37	Fear the Roo V
2022	2:54:05	Warehouse Big Kats
2023	2:51:39	Zippy Multisport
2024	2:32:02	Focus CFO
2025	2:58:29	SKELPS Run Club

Mixed Masters Team Relay Champions

Masters records based on chip time

Year	Time	Name
2005		
2006	3:29:20	BFG Federal Credit Union
2007	3:13:45	Free Beer Tickets
2008	3:03:24	Dave's Fitness Challenge
2009	3:01:10	Still Can't Beat Our Kids
2010	3:06:35	FirstEnergy Team 1
2011	3:04:14	Top 50-2
2012	3:07:35	DC United
2013	3:07:10	DC United
2014	2:47:13	Green Eggs & Hamstrings
2015	3:01:16	THE RUNNING DEAD
2016	3:02:30	Grizzlies
2017	3:03:46	Melvyn Pelvic & The Thrusters
2018	3:02:28	Six A.M. Chagrin Sledders
2019	3:01:24	Grizzlies
2021	3:11:20	Six A.M. Chagrin Sledders
2022	3:15:15	Grandmasters Rule!
2023	3:04:03	Grandmasters Rule!
2024	3:16:30	Grandmasters Rule!
2025	3:06:15	Knuckle Heads

Prize Money & Awards

MARATHON*

	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
1st	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$500
2nd	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$350	\$350
3rd	\$800	\$800	\$250	\$250

*Additional prize money incentives awarded to top three male and female finishers in the Ohio Resident Division regardless of age as well as cumulative cash incentives will be given to all runners who set a new event record.

HALF MARATHON*

	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
1st	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$300	\$300
2nd	\$600	\$600	\$250	\$250
3rd	\$400	\$400	\$200	\$200

*Cumulative cash incentives will be given to all runners who set a new event record.

MARATHON/HALF MARATHON AGE GROUP AWARDS**

Top three male and female finishers in all age categories will receive recognition awards: 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80+. You can win only one award.

NON-BINARY

Top three overall finishers in the Marathon and Half Marathon will receive an award. These awards are based on chip time.

WHEELCHAIR

Top finishers in each division will receive an award. These awards are based on gun time.

TEAM RELAY

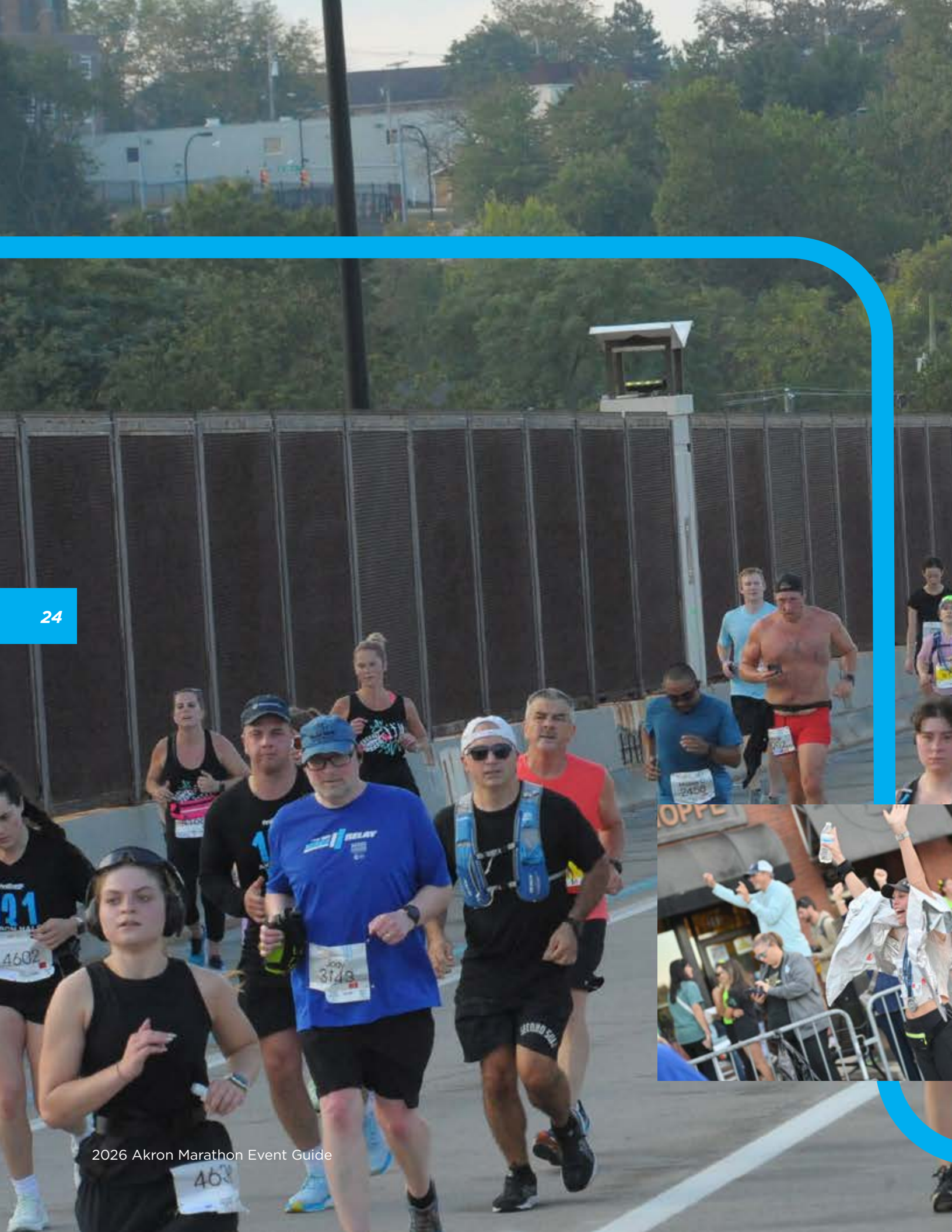
The top three teams in the following categories will receive awards: Men's Team Relay, Women's Team Relay, Mixed Team Relay, Men's Masters Team Relay, Women's Masters Team Relay and Mixed Masters Team Relay.

FOUNDERS CLUB MEMBERS

- Michael Amonett
- Jeff Bisesi
- Tim Campbell
- Michael Gerber
- Tony Harbert
- David Hartman
- Becki Johnson
- Melissa Johnson
- Wendy Jones
- Kevin Koby
- David Livingston
- Gideon Oswitch
- Michael Palitto
- Robert Pokorny
- Timothy Powell
- Ronald Ross
- Mark Schenk
- Clark Schreiber
- Christopher Schroeder
- Donna Serdinak
- Todd Shephard
- Steven Sisco
- Karl Sundkvist
- Laura Taucher
- Todd Trehan (In Memoriam)
- Timothy Vierheller

**Awards will be mailed 6-8 weeks post-race.





CORPORATE CHALLENGE

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Participation Awards

Companies with the highest number of participants in each division. All employees must have a finishing time for their participation to be included in the final results.

OTHER AWARDS

Fastest Corporate Relay Team Award

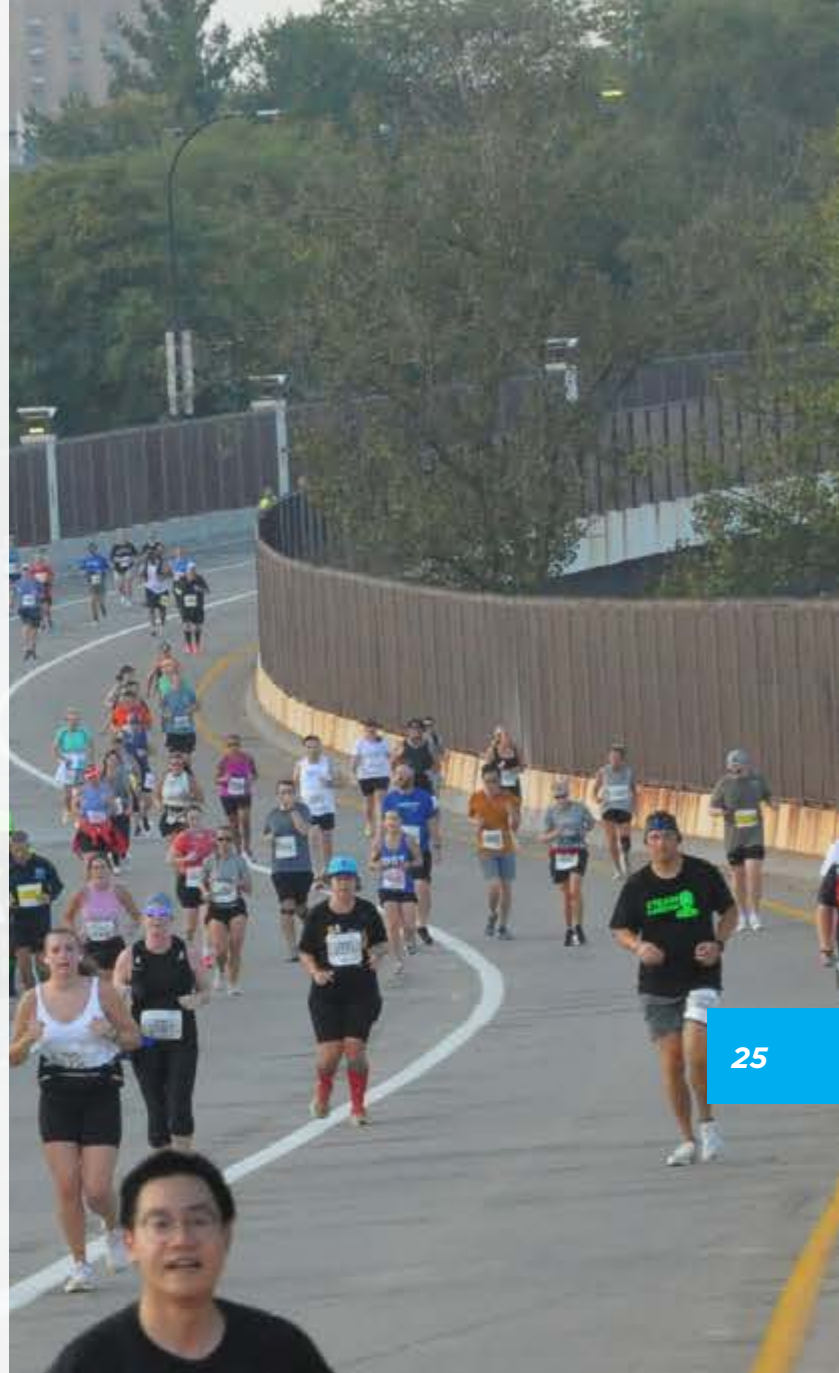
- Men's
- Women's
- Mixed

Spirit Award

- Recognizes the one company that shows the most company pride through hype videos and social media.

Extra Mile Awards

- Recognizes the company/companies that raise the most charity dollars and recruit the most volunteers.



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Corporate Challenge Partners*

Division 1

44 Employees

- Epic Engineering Group
- Scheeser Buckley Mayfield

Division 2

45 - 99 Employees

- Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition - Akron
- Hasenstab Architects
- K. Hovnanian Homes

Division 3

100 - 199 Employees

- Pease Bell
- Wright Tool

Division 4

200 - 649 Employees

- Akron-Summit County Public Library
- Bridgestone
- CESO, Inc.
- Kyocera SGS Precision Tools
- LTA Research & Exploration
- Oriana House, Inc.
- Parker Meggitt

*As of publishing date.

Division 5

Company 650 - 1,499 Employees

- ForTec Medical
- GPD Group
- National Interstate Insurance
- Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

Division 6

Company 1,500+ Employees

- Akron Children's
- City of Akron
- Cleveland Clinic
- County of Summit, Executive Ilene Shapiro
- FirstEnergy
- The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
- Kent State University
- Lincoln Electric
- Summa Health



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