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LETTER FROM THE RACE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the Eighth Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon. For those of you that ran last year, thank you for coming back to see us again. We are excited to see you finish in MGM Stadium and to celebrate your finish with you. If it's your first year, then thank you for checking us out. We hope you enjoy the race(s) and will be a returning guest for years to come.

The Runner Village returns to Margaritaville Resort, and we are excited to continue to grow together with such a great partner. We will have Packet Pickup for all race distances there and our Retail Store will be open to get some great commemorative race gear.

Our Saturday races also both finish at Margaritaville Resort. We will shuttle participants to the start at Fort Maurepas Park for the run back to Biloxi. Last year was a huge improvement and we have made some minor tweaks to fine tune. You can expect the same well-organized race, delicious post-race food, and family-friendly celebration to commemorate your finish.

Please be sure to thank the volunteers and law enforcement officers you see this weekend who are tirelessly giving of themselves to make your experience better and keep you safe. The cities of Pass Christian, Long Beach, Gulfport, Biloxi, and Ocean Springs make this event possible through their welcome and support, and for that we thank them dearly. I put in the order for a nice West to East breeze for Sunday morning for all of you.

Thank you for participating in our event. I'll see everyone at the start line and hope to have hugs and high fives for all of you at the finish line.



Pat O'Brien
Race Director
Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon

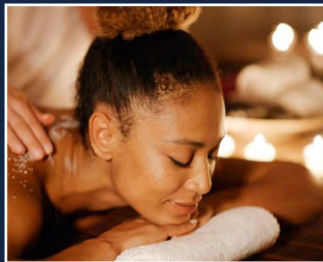


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ABOUT THE RACE

WELCOME TO THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST MARATHON WEEKEND

Welcome one and all to the Eighth Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon, a Coastal Running Fest. We are thrilled to welcome you back with lots of improvements and upgrades for this years event.

We start on Friday with Runner Village once again at Margaritaville Resort & Family Entertainment Center in Biloxi. Packet Pickup and the Official Retail Shop will be located on the ground floor of the resort making this a super convenient location with lots of parking in front. On Friday at 5:00pm, Fly Llama Brewing (directly across from MGM Park) will host a shake out run to loosen the legs and meet fellow runners and the team.

A big improvement from 2022 was the Margaritaville 5K starting in Ocean Springs and finishing in Biloxi at Margaritaville and will once again follow this scenic route (hopefully with less fog)! The Chevron Kids Marathon will start and finish at Margaritaville with a quick jaunt on the Biloxi Bay Bridge. For walkers and runners participating in events on both days, these changes make the weekend infinitely simpler. Once you've run or visited Runner Village, 55,000 square feet of fun awaits in the Family Entertainment Center on the 2nd floor (be sure to use your \$5 play card in your packet). The Beer Mile is back on Saturday afternoon at 3:00pm. Beer Mile runners can compete solo or form a team of 2, 3, or 4 to tackle 4 beers and 4 laps around MGM Shuckers Stadium warning track. This promises to be as much fun as the last time we hosted it but with an even better view for the spectators.

Sunday kicks off as the sun rises over the Gulf for the Full and Half Marathons along the coast. This unique event showcases the local culture with a beautiful beachside run from Pass Christian to Biloxi. The weekend culminates with a finish back inside MGM Stadium with the F.E.B. Distributing Finish Festival and delicious southern cuisine!

Sunday afternoon wraps up with the F.E.B. Distributing and Fly Llama Official After-Party. Enjoy beer specials, grab some more substantial grub, and kick back to celebrate your accomplishment.

MEET THE KREWE

Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon Organizing Committee:

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Red Bluff | Marion County, Mississippi



EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, December 8

11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Packet Pickup and Official Retail Shop	Margaritaville Resort Biloxi
5:00 pm	Shakeout Run	Fly Llama Brewing

Saturday, December 9

5:45 am	Shuttle Depot Opens	Margaritaville Resort Biloxi
6:00 am - 7:30 am	Race Day Packet Pickup (5K)	Margaritaville Resort Biloxi
6:00 am - 9:00 am	Race Day Packet Pickup (Kids)	Margaritaville Resort Biloxi
6:30 am	Gear Check Opens	Ocean Springs
7:40 am	Last Shuttle to the Margaritaville 5K Start Line	Margaritaville Resort Biloxi
7:50 am	Announcements and National Anthem	Ocean Springs
7:55 am	Ainsley's Angels Wave Start	Ocean Springs
8:00 am	Start of the Margaritaville 5K	Ocean Springs
9:25 am	Announcements and National Anthem	Margaritaville Resort Biloxi
9:30 am	Start of the Chevron Kids Marathon	Margaritaville Resort Biloxi
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Packet Pickup and Official Retail Shop	Margaritaville Resort Biloxi
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Packet Pickup for the F.E.B. Beer Mile	MGM Shuckers Stadium
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	F.E.B. Grand Slam Beer Mile	MGM Shuckers Stadium

Sunday, December 10

4:30 am - 5:30 am	Race Day Packet Pickup	MGM Park
4:30 am	Shuttle Depots Open	MGM Park & Margaritaville
5:45 am	Last Shuttle Departs for Full Marathon Start	MGM Park & Margaritaville
6:10 am	Last Shuttle Departs for Half Marathon Start	MGM Park & Margaritaville
6:45 am	Hwy. 90 Traffic is stopped and Corrals open for Runners	FULL: Hwy. 90 @ Henderson Pt., Pass Christian; HALF: Hwy. 90 @ Jones Park, Gulfport
6:50 am	Announcements and National Anthem	





EVENT SCHEDULE

6:55 am	Ainsley’s Angels Wave Start	Half & Full Start Lines
7:00 am	Start of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Half and Full Marathons	Half & Full Start Lines
8:00 am	F.E.B. & Fly Llama Finish Festival begins and Stadium opens to spectators	MGM Park
12:00 pm	Fly Llama After-Party presented by F.E.B. Distributing	Fly Llama Brewing 186 Bohn St., Biloxi, MS
1:00 pm	Race Concludes	MGM Park

KEY LOCATIONS

Margaritaville Resort - Biloxi

Margaritaville 5K
 Chevron Kids Marathon
 Runner Village, Packet Pickup, and
 Official Retail Shop
 Sunday Morning Shuttle for resort guests
 195 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530

MGM Shuttle Depot

Sunday Morning Shuttle Depot
 105 Caillavet St., Biloxi, MS 39530

Fly Llama Brewing

Official Friday Shakeout Run
 Sunday After-Party HQ
 186 Bohn St., Biloxi, MS 39530

Jones Park

Half Marathon Start Line
 1301 20th Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501

Henderson Point

Full Marathon Start Line
 4th Ave. & Beach Blvd.,
 Pass Christian, MS 39571

MGM Park

Mississippi Gulf Coast Half & Full
 Marathon Finish Line
 105 Caillavet St., Biloxi, MS 39530





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PACKET PICKUP

RUNNER VILLAGE

The Runner Village returns to Margaritaville Resort - Biloxi for the ultimate entertainment experience. The Runner Village is the main location to pick up your registration packets for all races, get commemorative merchandise at the Official Retail Shop, and enjoy all the entertainment options that Margaritaville has to offer.

SCHEDULE

- Friday, December 8, 2023 • 11am–6pm
- Saturday, December 9, 2023 • 10am–5pm
 - Packet Pickup for the 5K will be available Saturday morning (race morning) from 6:00am - 7:30am.
 - Packet Pickup for the Kids Marathon will be available on Saturday morning (race morning) from 6am - 9am.
 - Packet Pickup for the Full and Half Marathons will be available on Sunday morning (race morning) at MGM Park from 4:30am - 5:30am.

PARKING

There are plenty of free parking spots at Margaritaville Resort - Biloxi for Friday and Saturday.

WHAT TO BRING

Registered participants can confirm registration on our website. Participants must present a valid government-issued ID or a copy of your registration confirmation. Digital copies (your phone screen) are allowed at Packet Pickup to receive your packet.

PROXY PICKUP

Someone other than the registered participant can pick up a packet as long as the friend or family member presents a copy of the participant's registration confirmation and/or the participant's photo ID. Digital copies (your phone screen) are allowed. There are NO exceptions to this requirement.

LATE REGISTRATION

Late registration is available at the Runner Village unless the race(s) sells out. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon will post a notice regarding closed races on our website, Facebook and Instagram pages. Participants can register or change races in the Race Registration area.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

Registered participants should receive a confirmation email during the registration process. While the only requirement is that you present your government-issued photo ID, we also recommend either printing your confirmation and bringing it to Packet Pickup, or having a copy electronically available on your mobile device.



RACE INFO

SATURDAY

MARGARITAVILLE 5K [Click here for an online course map.](#)

8:00am Start - Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, Margaritaville Resort - Biloxi

A 5K that everyone from the most experienced runner to the first-timer can appreciate. Toe the line with Mississippi locals and travelers striving to secure a Double Down award for running both days.

The 5K and Kids Marathon are excited to have our 5K Title Sponsor as the host for the Runner Village and Saturday races. This convenient venue allows participants to stay in the middle of all the action, and provides our most beautiful 5K course to date!

Pre-Race shuttles will be provided Saturday for the Margaritaville 5K. Shuttles will leave from Margaritaville Resort and take you to Ocean Springs. You will unload at Fort Maurepaus Park which is within walking distance of the start line. Shuttles will not be provided back to Ocean Springs after the race, they are one-way shuttles and PRE-RACE ONLY.

CHEVRON KIDS MARATHON

9:30 am Start - Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, Margaritaville Resort - Biloxi

The Kids Marathon is a 1-mile race designed as a way to introduce kids to the joy and rewards of running at an early age, and promote an active family lifestyle. The race starts and finishes at Margaritaville Resort putting the whole family in the middle of all the fun!

SUNDAY

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST HALF MARATHON [Click here for an online course map.](#)

7:00 am Start - Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, Jones Park, Gulfport, MS

Join us on the coast for the fastest growing race distance in the country, the half marathon. While the Mississippi Gulf Coast Half Marathon may only be half the distance, it's all the fun you need with 13.1 miles of unobstructed beach views.

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST FULL MARATHON [Click here for an online course map.](#)

7:00 am Start - Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon course features a fast, flat, BQ-friendly path along the coast from Pass Christian to Biloxi. The course is a USATF Certified Boston Qualifier route and offers unobstructed beach views, as well as takes you past some of the coast's most historic and beautiful homes.

WELCOME TO BILOXI

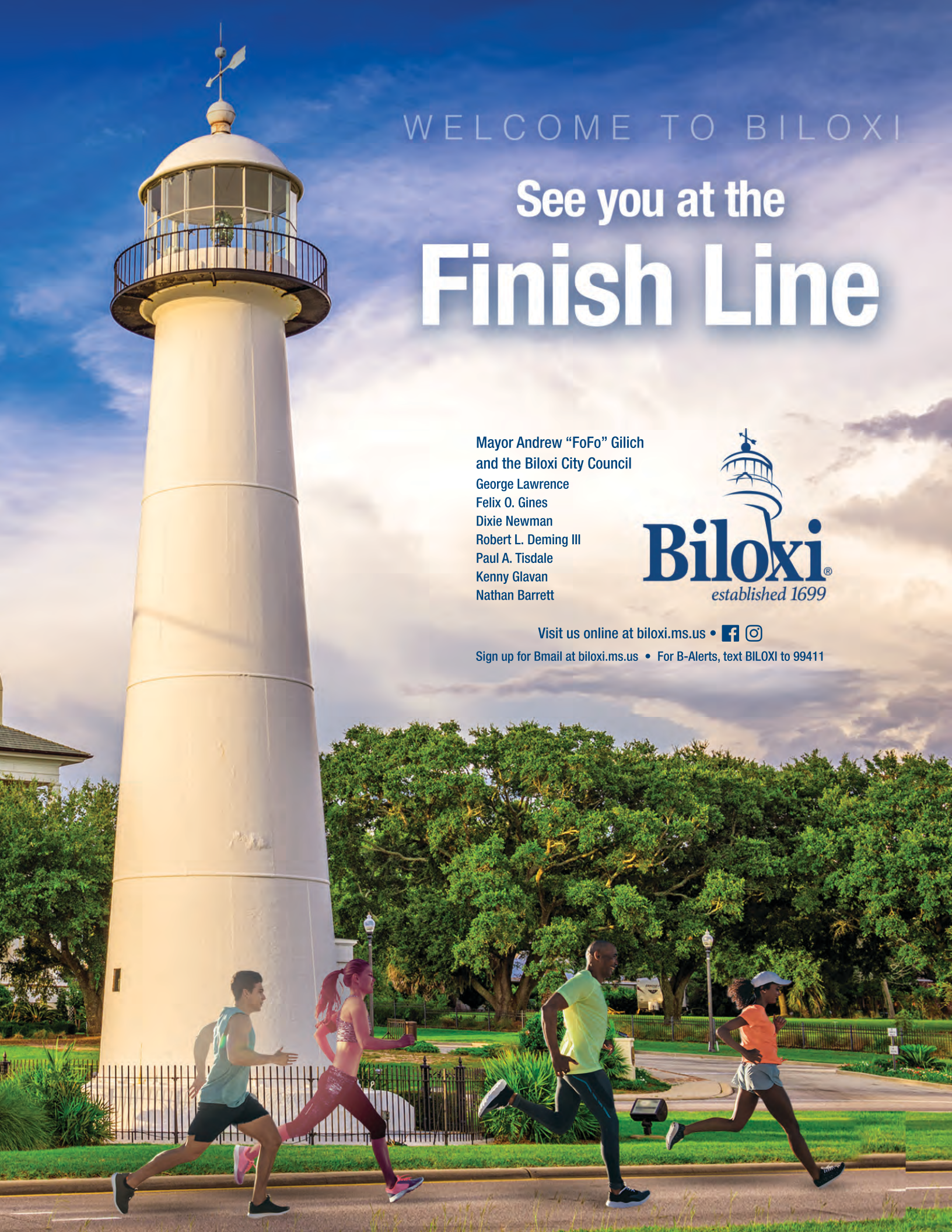
See you at the Finish Line

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
and the Biloxi City Council
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COURSE MAP - MARGARITAVILLE 5K

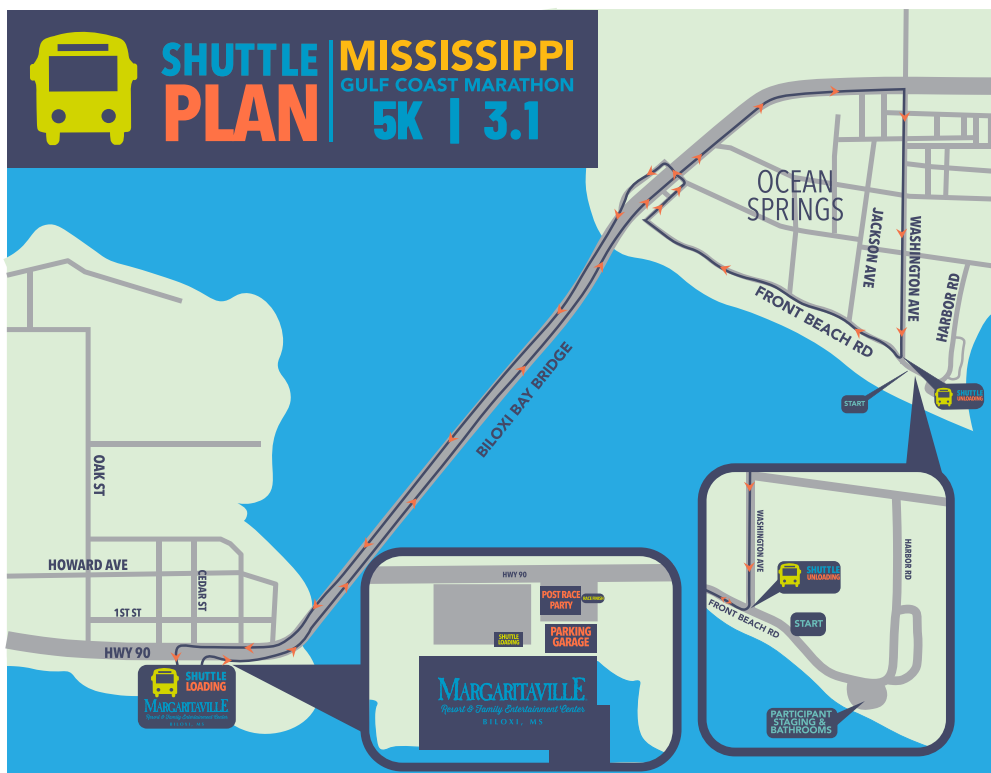
8:00am Start - Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, Fort Maurepaus Park - Ocean Springs



All courses are very well marked. There are mile markers for each distance event. Course turns are indicated with traffic cones and usually (not always) have police units, volunteers and/or staff members. Traffic on courses is managed by our law enforcement partners, but no roads are promised to be closed to all traffic. Runners should be aware of their surroundings: the course, applicable signage, vehicles, staff, volunteers, and police officers.

***All runners are required to complete the 5K at an average 24:00 minute per mile pace.**

MARGARITAVILLE 5K - Cont.



Pre-Race shuttles will be provided Saturday for the Margaritaville 5K. Shuttles will leave from Margaritaville Resort starting at 5:45am and take you to Ocean Springs. The last shuttle will leave for Ocean Springs at 7:40am. You will unload at Fort Maurepaus Park which is adjacent to the start line. Shuttles will not be provided back to Ocean Springs after the race, they are one way shuttles and PRE-RACE ONLY.

The final shuttle departs at 7:40am.

The Post Race celebration for the **Margaritaville Mississippi Gulf Coast 5K and Chevron Kids Marathon - 1 Mile** will take place outside of the Margaritaville Resort. We hope you stay and celebrate with us! Participants will be able to have delicious food and beverages, grab some official race gear from the Retail Shop, and celebrate your accomplishment with family and friends!



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CHEVRON KIDS MARATHON RACE INFO

9:30am Start - Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, Margaritaville Resort - Biloxi



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PARENT

Finish Line & Kid Checkout: Only race personnel and kids participating in the race will be allowed in the finish chute and checkout areas. Once you see that your kid has crossed the finish line and entered the checkout area you can move to the exit where race officials will be checking kids out. Show your PARENT Race Bib to the attendant and claim your child. If you have multiple kids in different waves, you will need to move away from the checkout area and return once your next kid is ready to be checked out.

If you do not have the Race Bib that matches your kid's bib, the attendant will look to verify the information you wrote on the back of the bib with your photo ID. If you can't produce a photo ID or did not complete the information on the back of the bib, the attendant will direct you to one of our police partners who will work with you and the kid to turn over custody.

Please wear your PARENT Race Bib and complete the information on the back of the ATHLETE bib to avoid any inconvenience on race day. If a parent has multiple kids participating, they should wear ALL of their PARENT Race Bibs.

If a parent is planning to run with their kid, they should still wear the PARENT Race Bib. In addition, the back of the ATHLETE bib should be filled out with all of the parent's information.



MAIL MY BIB - SWAG PICKUP

Participants who paid to have their bib mailed to them will be able to claim their SWAG (event shirt, bag, etc.) after they complete the race. Follow the signs to "PACKET PICKUP" once you finish the race and present your race bib to the staff there, they will provide your SWAG and mark the back of your bib.

You are welcome to come to any of the pre-race packet pickups to claim your SWAG if you like. Present your race bib and the staff will provide your items to you.

Bibs are mailed via USPS two weeks prior to race day. They are sent to the SHIPPING ADDRESS provided when you registered. If you paid to have your bib mailed and never received it, please report to a pre-race packet pickup and a staff member will be able to rectify the situation.

GEAR CHECK

There will be a Gear Check truck located near the start line of the 5K, and the Half and Full Marathons. If you bring a bag, clearly marked with your BIB NUMBER, you can drop your personal effects at the truck just before the race starts. We will bring your bag to the finish line and have your items waiting for you there. Please allow some time for us to get the bags organized and ready to be checked out at the finish line. We expect Gear Check bags to be available by 9:00am. on Saturday and by 9:30am on Sunday. We are not responsible for the items placed in Gear Check.

BIBS & FOOD/BEVERAGE TICKETS

We do our best to ensure there is adequate sustenance for participants. Please understand that food and drinks are for event participants only. Encourage any friends or family coming to spectate to pack some snacks and drinks for themselves. All participants will have **FOOD/BEVERAGE TICKETS** attached to their race bib. Do not remove these. A staff member or volunteer will collect a ticket when you pick up a food or beverage item in the post-race party area.



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AWARDS

OVERALL AWARDS

The top finishers in the 5K, Marathon and Half Marathon will receive an overall award in the following categories:

- Overall Male and Female (1st, 2nd, and 3rd)
- Masters (40+) Male and Female (1st Only)
- Grand Masters (50+) Male and Female (1st Only)
- Great Grand Masters (60+) Male and Female (1st Only)

FULL & HALF MARATHON AGE GROUP CATEGORIES

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place males and females in each of the following categories will receive an age group award:

16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+*

5K AGE GROUP CATEGORIES

1st and 2nd place males and females in each of the following categories will receive an age group award:

10 & Under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+*

*if there are runners over the age of 89, an additional age group category will be created for the appropriate 5 year window.

All awards must be picked up at the event. Awards can be claimed as soon as there are adequate results available from the timers. There are no Award ceremonies. No awards will be shipped post-race.

Anticipated times for AWARD pick up are as follows:

- 9:00am Saturday
- 10:00am Sunday for Half
- 11:00am for Full

AWARDS

DOUBLE DOWN AWARD

Runners who finish the 5K on Saturday AND finish the Marathon OR Half Marathon on Sunday receive the coveted Double Down Award. For the 2023 event, the Double Down Award will be a custom medal to add to your collection.

Double Down awards must be picked up at the event. Double Down Awards can be claimed as soon as a runner finishes his or her race on Sunday at the AWARDS tent. No awards will be shipped post-race.

BEACH~2~BAYOU AWARD

Two Races, Three Medals, All the Fun

Run any distance (excluding the Kids Marathons) at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon and any distance (excluding the Kids Marathon) at our sister race, The Louisiana Marathon, and get a sweet third medal, the Beach~2~Bayou Challenge Medal. You can mix and match the distances however you like: a 5K at each, a Half at one and a Full at the other... any two distances and you get the Beach~2~Bayou Medal.

HOW IT WORKS

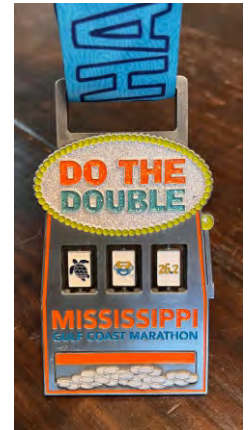
Register for each race separately and we will track your participation. Pick up your medal at the awards tent at the Louisiana Marathon on either Saturday or Sunday after finishing your race there.

TIMING & RESULTS

Results will be posted and updated to the [RESULTS](#) page on the website during the race at: mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com

NOTIFICATIONS

Runners and their friends can receive text and email Result notifications by enabling those features within their RunSignUp profile. Be sure to enable it before race weekend to stay up-to-date!





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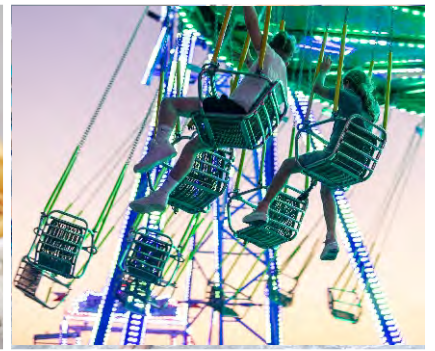
SOAK UP THE RUN

A COASTAL RUNNING FEST
PASS CHRISTIAN → BILOXI

FULL 26.2 miles

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F.E.B. GRAND SLAM BEER MILE presented by HEINEKEN SILVER

3:00pm Start - Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, MGM Park - Shuckers Stadium



IT'S BACK!

The F.E.B. Grand Slam Beer Mile at MGM Park is back. 4 beers, 4 laps around the warning track at MGM, tons of fun! Gather your friends and sign up. It's gonna be a BLAST!

Each runner will drink a beer, run a lap around the warning track, and repeat. FOUR TIMES! Relay teams will divide the laps up how they see fit. All runners will receive a CUSTOM beer pint glass to commemorate the fun afternoon!



COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE



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COURSE SAFETY

EVENT ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

The color-coded Event Alert System (EAS) status - ranging from Low (Green) to Extreme (Black) based primarily on weather - will be communicated by way of public address announcements, digital notifications, and color-coded signs/flags at the Start/Finish Line and Aid Stations.

AID STATIONS AND EMS

Medical personnel will be stationed at each aid station along the race course to monitor and treat any athlete who is injured or in distress. Aid stations also offer water, Powerade, and portable toilet facilities. Local EMS will also be providing medical support throughout the race course.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Each medical tent will be staffed with teams of medical professionals and equipped with emergency equipment and supplies. The Main Medical Tent is located just past the Finish Line.

Alert Level	Event Conditions	Recommended Actions
Extreme	Event Cancelled / Extreme & Dangerous	Participation stopped / Follow event official instructions
High	Potentially Dangerous	Slow down / Observe course changes Follow event official instructions Consider stopping
Moderate	Less Than Ideal	Slow down / Be prepared for worsening conditions
Low	Good	Enjoy the event / Be alert



SUNDAY SHUTTLE OVERVIEW

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon and Half Marathon are point-to-point races, which means the start and finish lines are at different locations. The following plan is designed to make getting to and from the race venues as easy as possible for our participants. Please understand this is a compilation of efforts made by several city agencies, event production teams and venue operators.

Before the Race:

Shuttles are for runners only and provided for the Marathon and the Half Marathon races on Sunday. The morning shuttles will not be returning to the Morning Shuttle Depot or to the Finish Line. Riding the shuttle is not mandatory. If you feel safer or more comfortable providing your own transportation to the start, we encourage you to view the drop off locations on the next page.

Shuttle Locations

Pick Up:

Morning Shuttle Depot - MGM Park

105 Caillavet St., Biloxi, MS 39530

Margaritaville Resort Biloxi - only if you are staying at Margaritaville

195 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530

Drop Off:

Half Marathon Start Line - Near Jones Park

805 20th Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501

Marathon Start Line - Near Henderson Point

26251 West Beach Blvd., Pass Christian, MS 39571

Shuttle Times and Schedules

Morning Shuttle Depot - MGM Park

- Opens at 4:30 am (CST) for loading
- First Shuttles Depart 4:45 am (CST) for the
 - 24-mile trip that takes 40-45 minutes to the Marathon Start Line
 - 10-mile trip that takes 15-20 minutes to the Half Marathon Start Line
- Final Shuttles for the Marathon Start Line: 5:45 am (CST) - **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Final Shuttles for the Half Marathon Start Line: 6:10 am (CST) - **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Margaritaville Resort Biloxi - only if you are staying at Margaritaville

5:00 am to 5:30 am FULL and 5:00 am to 6:00 am HALF ONLY



SHUTTLE OVERVIEW - CNT'D

How It Works

Morning shuttles will be loaded 1-2 at a time and will leave as soon as they are full.

Shuttle Amenities

- Staff and volunteers will be directing traffic, parking, and shuttle loading at the Morning Shuttle Depot locations
- Portable restroom at both Start Lines
- Announcers and music at both Start Lines, as well as, areas to stretch and relax
- Water and Powerade at both Start Lines

Gear Check Rules

We will have a "morning clothes" drop point at both start lines on Sunday. We will transfer your gear back to MGM Park for you. Please make sure your gear is secured in a bag and marked CLEARLY with your bib number.

We are not responsible for lost or stolen goods - please do not pack valuables.

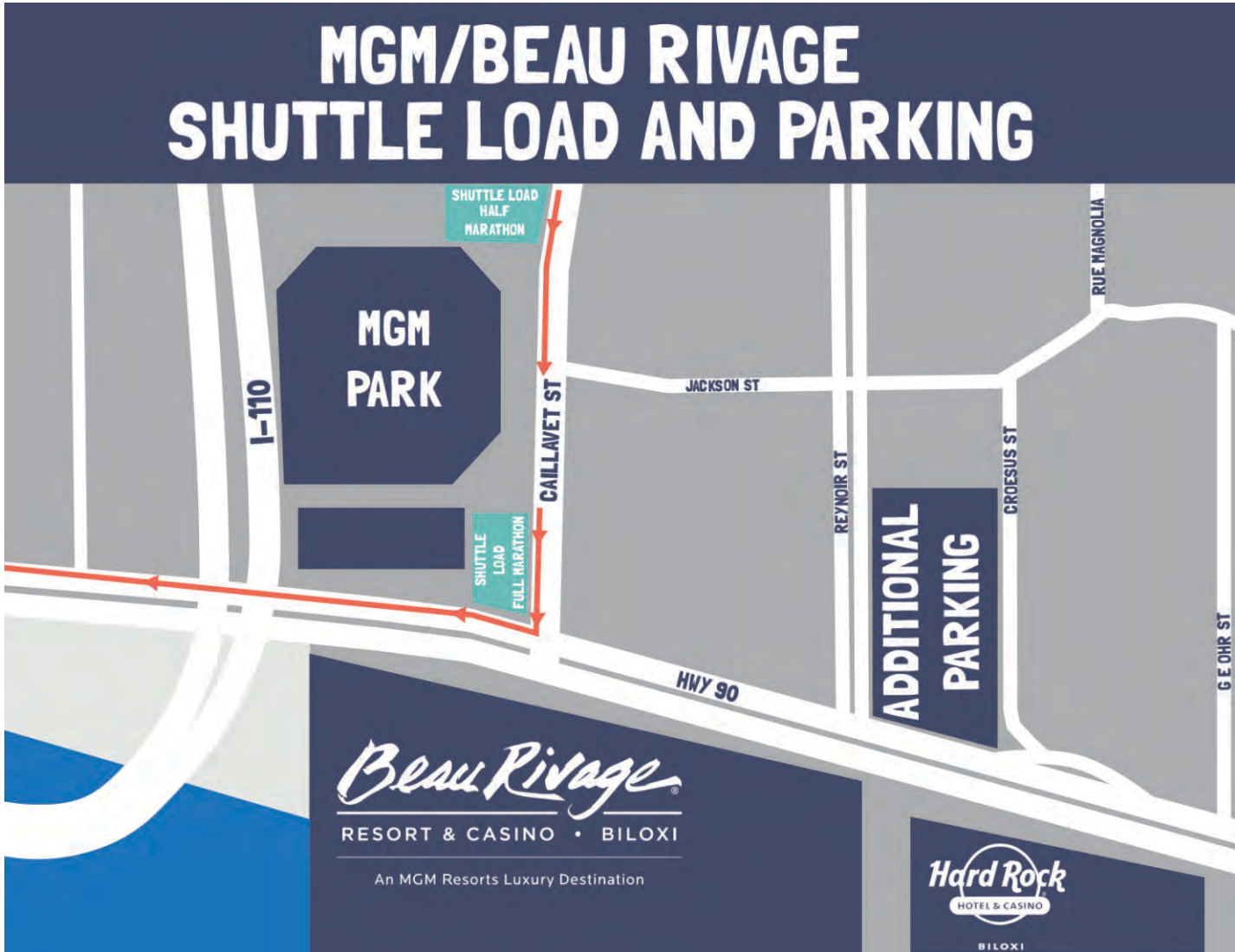
Pro Tips

- Don't cut it close - an extra 30 minutes of sleep isn't going to improve your day, and it could ruin it if you're late or run into any unforeseen obstacles. Get to the Morning Shuttle Depot or Start Lines early.
- The earliest shuttles have the lightest passenger load. If you want to minimize pre-race stress arrive early and ride the first shuttles of the day.
- Carpool - pile into as few cars as possible - grab a running buddy and ride together.
- If you drove to the start of the Half Marathon, leave your morning car where you park it until after the race is over (1:00pm). Use another vehicle to get back to the original car once the roads are open.
- Driving back to the Half Marathon Start Line to retrieve your car prior to 1:00pm along Hwy. 90 will cause stress.
- Wear warm clothes until the last minute. Gear Check will be close to the Full Marathon and Half Marathon Start Lines. Stay bundled up until just before your corral is called to the Start.
- Stay the extra night and enjoy your accomplishment Sunday at a casino resort.





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GETTING TO THE FULL MARATHON START



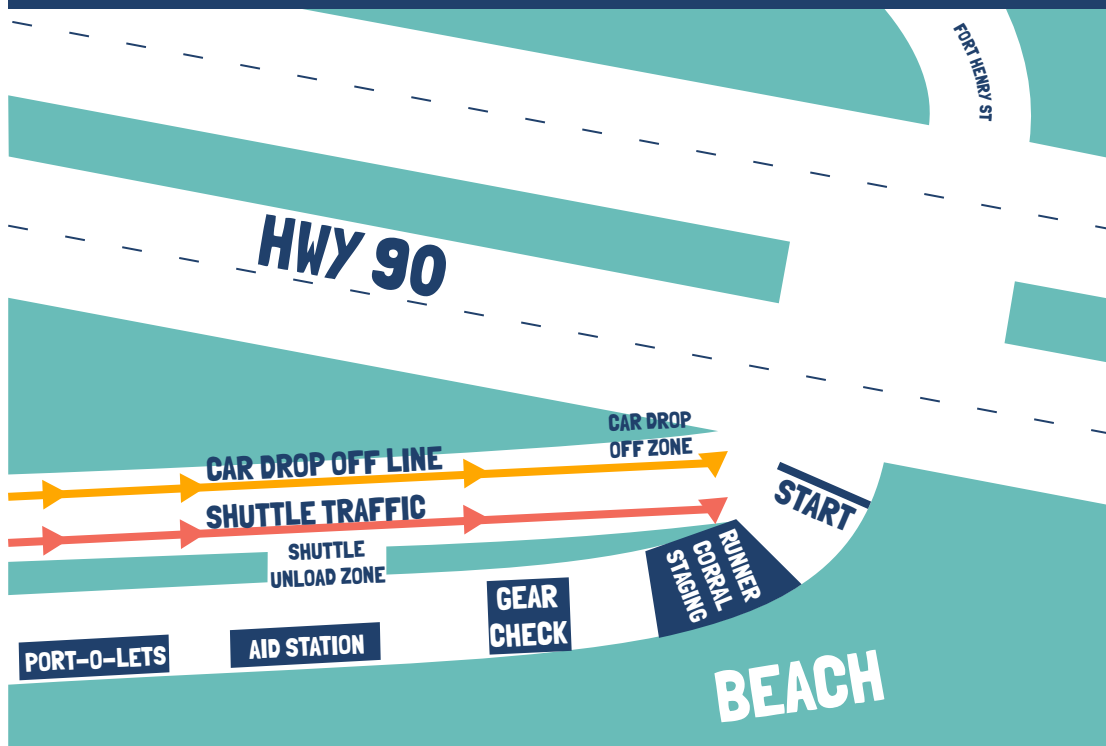
Please follow these turn-by-turn directions to get to the Drop Off Zone

- West on Hwy. 90 to West Beach Blvd.
- Go over the bridge to the light at Bayview St.
- Left on Bayview St.
- Left on 3rd Ave.
- Left on Lovers Lane
- Right on 4th Ave.
- Cars will remain in the left lane while shuttles are in the right (Median Lane)

Follow signs and Race Staff direction to the Drop Off Zone. Once runner is dropped off Race Staff will direct you back to Hwy. 90.

Watch for other vehicles when exiting.

FULL MARATHON SHUTTLE DROP & START



Considerations

There is **NO PARKING** available at the Marathon Start Line. Please use the shuttles for the Marathon or have someone drop you off. Do not attempt to park near the area.

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Considerations

HALF - There is ample parking available at the Half Marathon Start Line both at the CTA Parking Garage and in downtown Gulfport. **There is NO PARKING in Jones Park.** If you choose to drive yourself to the Half Marathon Start Line or to have someone drop you off, then please refer to the maps and traffic flow diagrams to make arrangements. **DO NOT STOP ON HWY. 90 FOR DROP OFF.**

Remember there are **NO RETURN SHUTTLES** after the race to either start line. Hwy. 90 will be open to vehicular traffic until close to the race start times. **STAY OUT OF THE ROAD.** Listen to the announcements and follow directions. Once the roads are closed to traffic, runners will be directed by corral/wave to the starting line. Pay close attention to the announcements regarding corrals and moving to the start. All runners should plan to be onsite and ready by 6:30am. The race will start at 7:00am SHARP.

FINISH FESTIVAL VENUE MAP



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