

# 2023 Akron Marathon Official Program and Events Guide

**AKRON  
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**September 29 - 30, 2023**

# Welcome

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Welcome Blue Liners!

Thanks for joining us for the 21st running of the Blue Line and marathon weekend in Akron! We have an amazing event planned and can't wait to celebrate your collective achievements together! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our out-of-town guests and hope that you feel the Akron hospitality throughout your stay.

Our race weekend kicks off in high gear with the Health and Fitness Expo on Friday, September 29, at the John S. Knight Center, running from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year, we're thrilled to have the Akron Area YMCA as the presenting sponsor, making this year's expo an event you won't want to miss. The Expo, which is free and open to the public, features race packet pick up, the official race merchandise store, and exhibitors showcasing the latest health and fitness information and products. Our Blue Line Main Stage will be buzzing with inspiring speakers and the popular Runners Lounge is making a comeback, where experts will assist you with stretching, KT taping, and pre-race relaxation.

Don't miss the excitement of the FREE 1-Mile Kids Fun Run, presented by Akron Children's Hospital, taking place on Friday evening. Starting from Akron Children's Hospital campus and concluding on S. Main Street near Canal Park – the shared marathon finish line – this event promises more than 1,000 kids running, walking, hopping, skipping, and jumping their way to victory!

The highlight of the weekend, the FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay, takes center stage on Saturday, September 30. The Opening Ceremony begins at 6:00 a.m. The Wheelchair and Push Team division will start at 6:59 a.m. followed by the mass start at 7:00 a.m. The journey begins at the state-of-the-art Akron Art Museum and culminates on S. Main Street, just outside Canal Park. Post-race, everyone can enjoy the finisher festival, complete with live music, food trucks, and other festivities. Along the route, Blue Liners will experience vibrant and diverse neighborhoods and historic landmarks. Entertainment and block parties will keep your spirits soaring, including SummaCare's Hydration & Motivation Station at Mile 3.7 and FirstEnergy's energizing block party on S. Main Street as you start your final kick to the finish line.

To our 8,000+ participants, 1,200 volunteers, and 100,000+ spectators, your presence fuels the heart of this event, and for that, we're incredibly grateful. A special thank you goes out to the City of Akron, the Akron Police & Fire Departments, and our generous sponsors. Your dedication and support are the cornerstone of our success.

Race weekend in Akron is more than a race, it is a celebration of our community's spirit. We will be eagerly awaiting to celebrate all of you at the finish line!

Sincerely,

**The Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation**  
**Board of Directors and Staff**



# OUR MISSION. OUR VISION.

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.



## AKRON MARATHON CHARITABLE CORPORATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# BLUE LINE CHAMPIONS CIRCLE

The exclusive club for top-level donors of the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation.



Designed to honor our most outstanding supporters, the Blue Line Champions Circle provides unique and exciting membership experiences, including access to exclusive Blue Line Champions Circle merchandise, discounts, race-weekend opportunities, and more!



## **PACER \$2,500 or more**

- 10% off merchandise
- Blue Line Champions Circle pin
- Akron Marathon branded gift
- VIP registration
- VIP packet pickup



## **ELITE \$5,000 or more**

- 15% off merchandise
- Blue Line Champions Circle pin
- Akron Marathon branded gift
- VIP registration
- VIP packet pickup
- Two (2) annual Marathon Weekend VIP Party invitations
- One (1) free race entry



## **PODIUM \$10,000 or more**

- 20% off merchandise Blue Line Champions Circle pin
- Akron Marathon branded gift
- VIP registration
- VIP packet pickup
- Four (4) annual Marathon Weekend VIP Party invitations
- Up to five (5) free race entries
- VIP race-day parking/entry to hospitality tent

To learn more or become a member, call the Marathon office at 330.434.2786  
To download a membership form, visit [akronmarathon.org/blue-line-champions-circle](http://akronmarathon.org/blue-line-champions-circle)  
To explore more giving opportunities, visit [akronmarathon.org/donate](http://akronmarathon.org/donate)



# Thank You Sponsors

## RACE SERIES SPONSOR



## FOUNDING SPONSORS



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## PRESENTING SPONSORS



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## POST-RACE EXPERIENCE SPONSORS



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## ELITE SPONSORS



## SPECIAL SUPPORTING SPONSORS



## FLUID & ENERGY GEL SPONSORS

- > Akron Children's Hospital Women's Board
- > Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund
- > Buckeye Credit Union
- > Burns & McDonnell
- > Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
- > Firestone High School Cross Country
- > FirstEnergy Young Professionals

- > GPD Group
- > Litchfield Middle School
- > Norton Key Club
- > Rockynol
- > The Sovacool Family
- > SummaCare
- > Summit Federal Credit Union
- > The University of Akron Delta Gamma
- > The University of Akron Swim & Dive
- > Tow Beta Pi
- > Zeta Phi Beta

## MILE & KILOMETER SPONSORS

- > Acme Fresh Market
- > Akron Art Museum
- > City of Akron
- > FirstEnergy
- > Knox Marketing
- > Michelob Ultra
- > Sikich
- > SummaCare
- > Summit County
- > Summit County DD
- > Summit Metro Parks
- > In Memory of Todd Trehan
- > The VanDevere Bunch

## OFFICIAL SPONSORS

- > Akron Destination Marketing Fund
- > Akron Energy Systems
- > Boggess Memorial Foundation
- > The Corbin Foundation
- > Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
- > Ernest and Mary Kay Pouttu Fund
- > Fox Charitable Foundation
- > Harwick Standard Distribution Company
- > Kaulig Foundation
- > Kenneth Calhoun Foundation

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- > Mr. & Mrs. William Lowery
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- > Moffitt Foundation
- > Musson Charitable Foundation
- > PNC Foundation
- > The Progressive Insurance Foundation
- > Roger and Sally Read
- > Rubber City Reuse
- > The Trehan Family
- > The University of Akron
- > The VanDevere Bunch
- > Tuscora Park Health & Wellness Foundation
- > Welty Family Foundation

# Supporting Nonprofits & Our Community



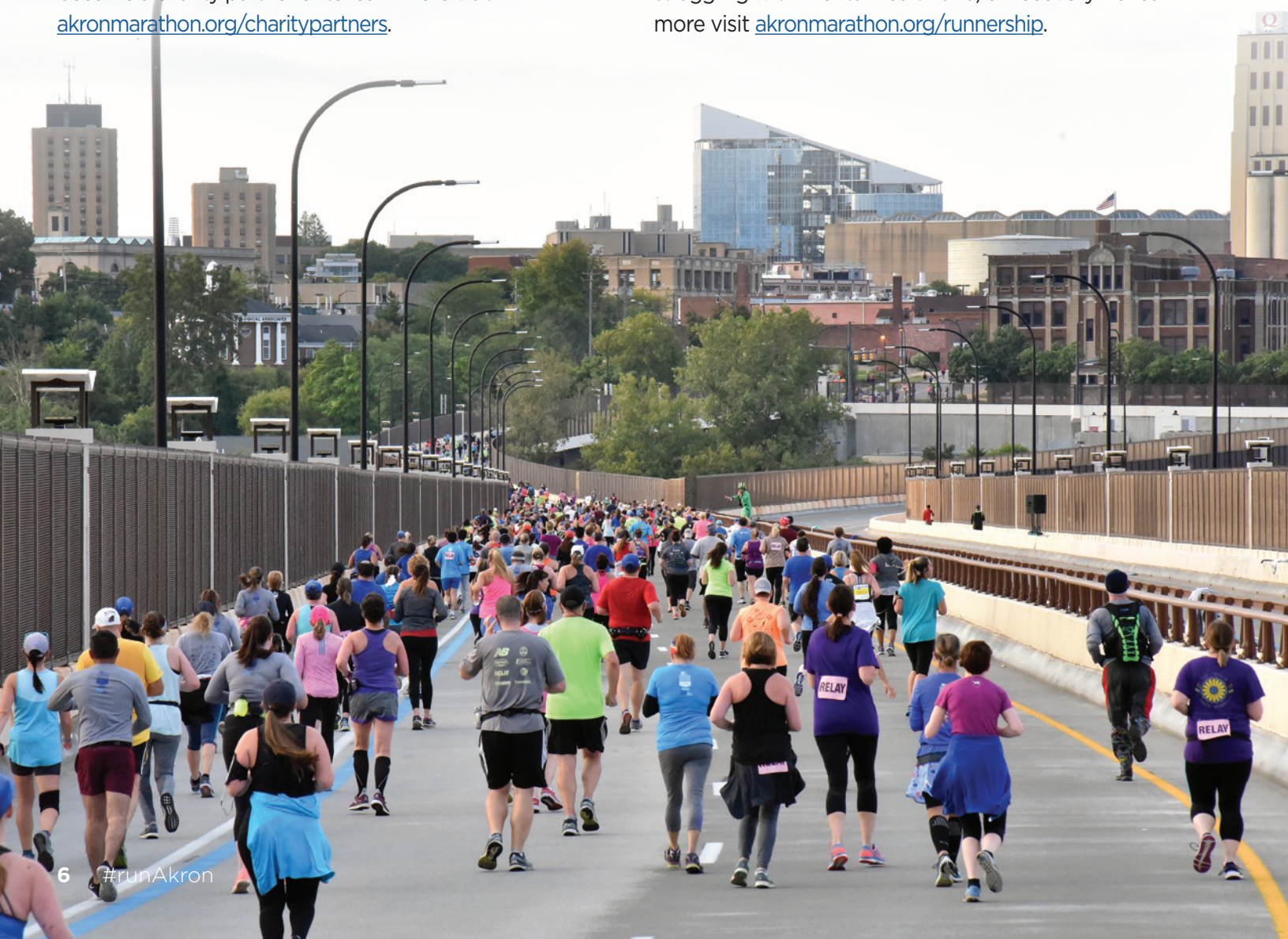
AKRON MARATHON

# BLUE LINE

RUNNERSHIP PROGRAM

**Charity:** The Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation is pleased to fulfill its mission of supporting local and regional charities. To date, over \$6 million has been raised through the net proceeds of its events, runner donations, and our Charity Partner Programs. To become a charity partner or to learn more visit [akronmarathon.org/charitypartners](http://akronmarathon.org/charitypartners).

**Scholarships:** The Akron Marathon believes in promoting healthy and active lifestyles for all and offers runner scholarships/race entries distributed to area nonprofits that serve underprivileged, disadvantaged, or those struggling with mental health and/or recovery. To learn more visit [akronmarathon.org/runnership](http://akronmarathon.org/runnership).





# Benefitting Charities\*

- Access, Inc.
- ADM Board, County of Summit
- Akron Area YMCA
- Akron Art Museum
- Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
- Akron Children's Hospital
- Akron Community Foundation
- Akron Snow Angels
- Akron Symphony Orchestra
- Akron Urban League
- Akron Zoo
- The Alzheimer's Association
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross of Summit County
- Asian Services in Action (ASIA)
- Autism Society of Greater Akron
- Boys & Girls Club
- Building for Tomorrow
- Camp Christopher
- CANAPI
- CASA/GAL Association for Children
- Cascade Locks Park Association
- Child Guidance and Family Solutions
- Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Dapper Dan Club of Akron
- Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio
- Downtown Akron Partnership
- Dragon Boat Dream Team
- Ears to You
- Family Promise
- Family Services of Summit County
- Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio
- Golden Treasures Golden Retriever Rescue
- Goodwill Industries
- Grace House Akron Inc.
- Great Trail Council
- Habitat for Humanity of Summit County
- Haslinger Family PPCC
- Haven of Rest
- The Heart Association
- Heart to Heart Communications
- Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center
- Hospice Care
- Hospice of Western Reserve
- IBH Addiction Recovery
- Interval Brotherhood Home
- Junior Achievement
- Juvenile Diabetes Association
- Leadership Akron
- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Life Act
- Melina Michelle Edenfield Foundation
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- National Breast Cancer Research
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Ohio Erie Canalway Coalition
- One of A Kind Pet Rescue
- Open M
- The Packard Institute
- Patriot Runners
- Project Learn
- Project Outrun
- RAHAB Ministries
- Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake
- Ronald McDonald House Akron
- Rotary Club of Akron
- Running2bWell
- Salvation Army
- Shaw JCC
- Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens
- Stephen A. Comunale Foundation
- Stewart's Caring Place
- Summa Health Foundation
- Summit County Education Initiative
- Tarry House
- Torchbearers
- Trample ALS
- United Disability Services
- United Way of Summit County
- The University of Akron Foundation
- Victim Assistance
- Victory Gallop, Inc.
- Wheels4Change

\*This list represents a comprehensive list of benefitting charities from 2003-2023.

# Schedule of Events

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

### Meet & Greet Keira D'Amato

John S. Knight Center / Lower Level  
77 E. Mill St, Akron, OH 44308  
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Health & Fitness Expo presented by Akron Area YMCA

John S. Knight Center  
11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Packet Pick-Up
- Speakers on the Main Stage
- Expo Vendors
- Official Race Merchandise
- Runners Lounge

## Blue Line Main Stage

Time	Topic
11:00 a.m.	Akron Area YMCA Welcome
11:15 a.m.	Meet the 2023 Akron Marathon & Half Marathon Elite Field
12:00 p.m.	Past Champion & Elite Athlete Discussion
12:30 p.m.	Keira D'Amato, Akron Marathon Ambassador, Half Marathon & Marathon Record Holder
1:30 p.m.	Jeannie Rice, Masters World Record Holder
2:00 p.m.	Slow is the New Fast Panel Discussion with Martinus Evans, 300 Pounds Running Podcast & Author of the Slow AF Run Club and Theo Kahler, Runners World
2:30 p.m.	The Importance of a Running Group Panel Discussion
3:00 p.m.	Running & Mental Health with Dr. Mary Moran, Summa Health
3:30 p.m.	Pre-Race Tips & Post-Race Recovery with Dr. Blossom Heindel, Summa Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine
4:00 p.m.	Finding the Right Training Plan Panel Discussion
5:00 p.m.	26.2 Akron Marathon 5, 10 & 15 Year Pinning Ceremony
6:00 p.m.	Closing & Good Luck Message

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

### Kids Fun Run

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

**Finish:** 300 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44308

- 5:30 p.m. Race Start
- 6:15 p.m. Course Closes
- 7:00 p.m. Venue Closes

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

### 21st Running of the FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay:

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

- 6:00 a.m. – Race Announcements
- 6:59 a.m. – Wheelchair & Push Team Division Start
- 7:00 a.m. – Marathon, Half Marathon &  
Team Relay Start

**Finish:** 300 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44308

- 1:40 p.m. – Course Closes
- 1:45 p.m. – Finisher Festival Closes





# Health & Fitness Expo

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



**Keira D'Amato**

Stage Time - 12:30 p.m.

**Meet & Greet / Lower Level -**  
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**Martinus Evans**

Booth #14

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

Stage Time - 2:00 p.m.

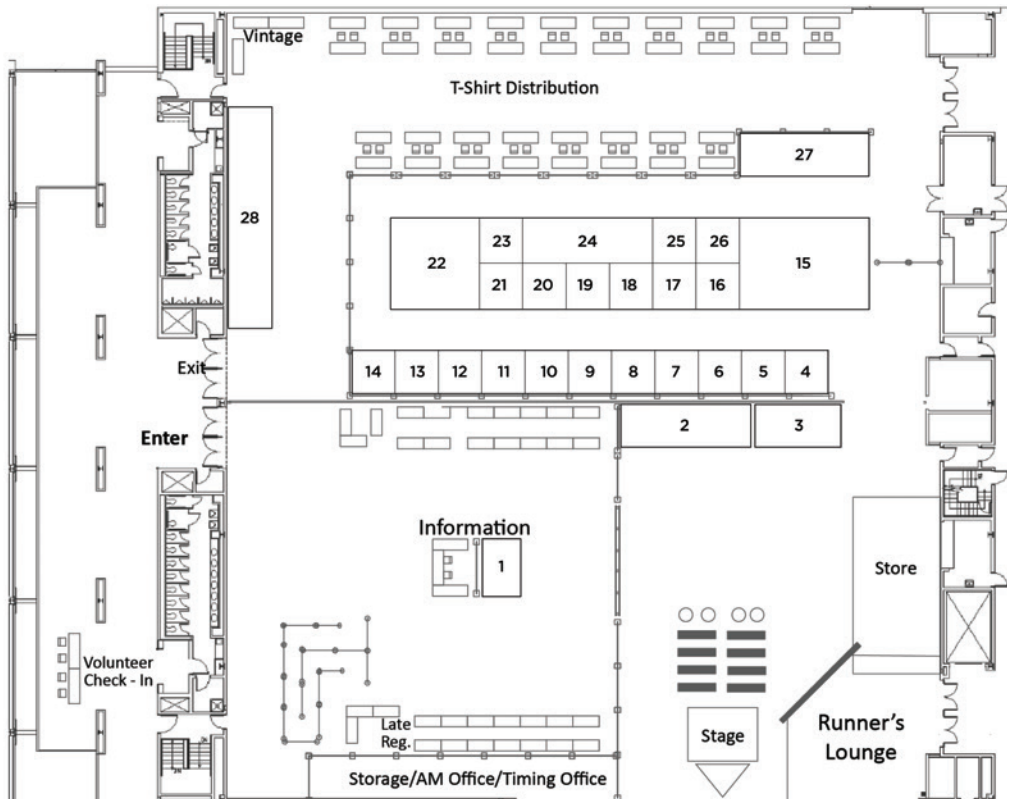


## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

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

### EXPO VENDOR LISTING (AS OF 8/28)

- > Akron Area YMCA
- > Akron Marathon Blue Line Main Stage
- > Akron Marathon Official Merchandise Store
- > Akron Marathon Vintage Merchandise
- > Cleveland Marathon
- > County of Summit
- > Downtown Akron Partnership
- > FirstEnergy
- > Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio
- > Goodwill Industries of Akron
- > Keira D'Amato Meet & Greet
- > Martinus Evans Slow AF Run Club
- > National Interstate Insurance
- > National Running Center
- > Open Arms Adoptions
- > Orangetheory Fitness Akron
- > Pro Football Hall of Fame Race Series
- > QC Kinetix of Cleveland
- > Rise & Reign LLC
- > Runners Lounge
- > Second Sole
- > Selfless Elf (Akron Canton Regional Foodbank)
- > SHAKEOUT
- > Somatus
- > Summa Health/SummaCare
- > Summit MedAesthetics
- > The Buck Fifty
- > therunnerstickers.com
- > Young Living Essential Oils



# Kids Fun Run

214 W. Bowery St., Akron, OH 44308



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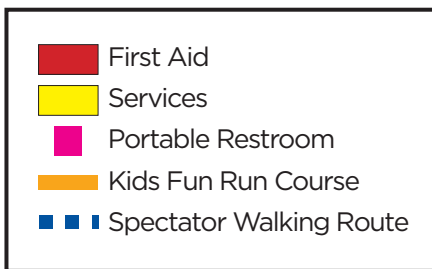
## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

**4:30 p.m.** Bib Pick-up Opens

**5:30 p.m.** Race Start by Age Group

**7:00 p.m.** Event Ends

Join us for a FREE 1-mile fun run for children 12-years of age and under. All participants receive a medal, slap bracelet, and healthy snack.





# 2023 Course Map



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RELAY LEG	DISTANCE IN MILES	STARTING MILE MARKER	STARTING LOCATION	ENDING LOCATION
1st	4.2	0.0	Akron Art Museum	250 E. Mill
2nd	6.7	4.2	250 E. Mill	245 Wolf Ledges Parkway
3rd	5.8	10.9	245 Wolf Ledges Parkway	1300 Sand Run Parkway
4th	4.5	16.7	1300 Sand Run Parkway	1565 Fairfax Road
5th	5	21.2	1565 Fairfax Road	Akron Civic Theatre

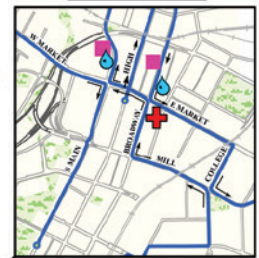
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**MARATHON**

Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1	7:05 AM	7:25 AM
2	7:10 AM	7:40 AM
3	7:15 AM	7:55 AM
4	7:20 AM	8:10 AM
5	7:25 AM	8:25 AM
6	7:31 AM	8:40 AM
7	7:36 AM	8:55 AM
8	7:41 AM	9:10 AM
9	7:46 AM	9:25 AM
10	7:51 AM	9:40 AM
11	7:56 AM	9:55 AM
12	8:02 AM	10:10 AM
13	8:07 AM	10:25 AM
14	8:12 AM	10:40 AM
15	8:17 AM	10:55 AM
16	8:22 AM	11:10 AM
17	8:27 AM	11:25 AM
18	8:33 AM	11:40 AM
19	8:38 AM	11:55 AM
20	8:43 AM	12:10 PM
21	8:48 AM	12:25 PM
22	8:53 AM	12:40 PM
23	8:58 AM	12:55 PM
24	9:04 AM	1:10 PM
25	9:09 AM	1:25 PM
26	9:14 AM	1:40 PM
26.2	9:15 AM	1:43 PM

**HALF MARATHON**

Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1	7:04 AM	7:26 AM
2	7:09 AM	7:42 AM
3	7:14 AM	7:58 AM
4	7:19 AM	8:14 AM
5	7:24 AM	8:30 AM
6	7:29 AM	8:46 AM
7	7:34 AM	9:02 AM
8	7:39 AM	9:18 AM
9	7:44 AM	9:34 AM
10	7:49 AM	9:50 AM
11	7:54 AM	10:06 AM
12	7:59 AM	10:22 AM
13	8:04 AM	10:38 AM
13.1	8:05 AM	10:40 AM

**Downtown Detail**



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



# Road Closures

## ROAD CLOSURES – Friday, September 29, 2023

ROAD CLOSURES	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. High St.	Between E. Mill St. and E. Market St.	Beginning at 6:30 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between State St. and Exchange St.	Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
W. Bowery St.	Between W. Exchange St. and W. State St.	2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

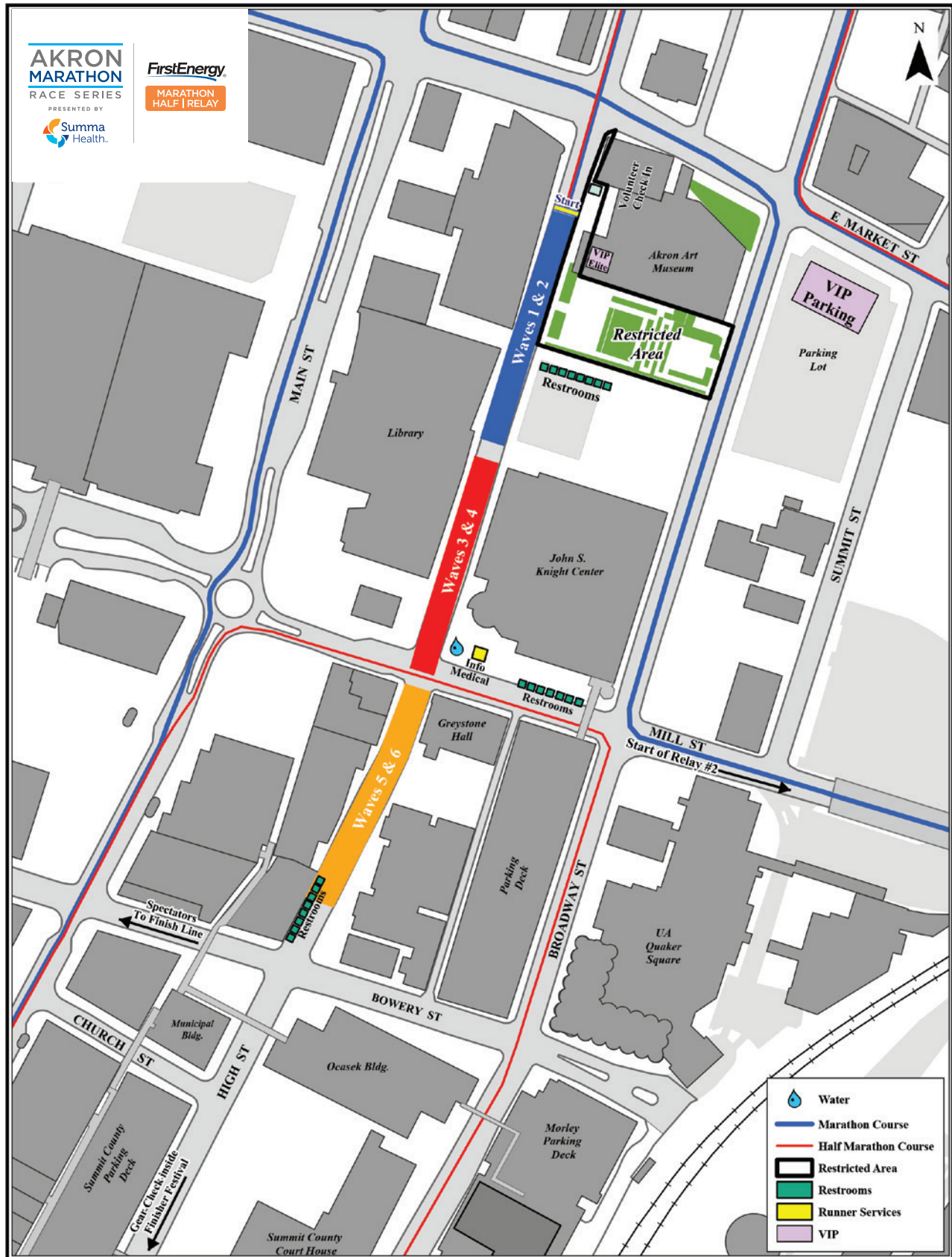
## ROAD CLOSURES – Saturday, September 30, 2023

ROAD CLOSURES	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. High	Between Bowery St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.	5:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Y-Bridge (southbound)	Between Martin Luther King Blvd. and N. Main St.	7:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
N. Main St. (southbound)	Between Olive St. and E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Tallmadge Ave.	Between Cuyahoga St. and N. Main St.	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	Between N. Main St. and Carpenter St.	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
N. Main St. (northbound)	Between E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave. and Olive St.	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Y-Bridge (northbound)	Between N. Main St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
S. Broadway St.	Between Martin Luther King Blvd. and Exchange St.	7:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Market St. (eastbound lanes only)	Between Rand Ave. and Forge.	6:55 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.
S. College St.	Between E. Market St. and Buchtel Ave.	7:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
E. Mill St.	Between S. Main St. and Fir Hill	7:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Fir Hill	Between S. Forge St. and E. Buchtel Ave.	7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between Goodkirk St. and Hill St.	7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Spicer St.	Between E. Buchtel Ave. and E. Thornton St.	7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Power St.	Between Spicer St. and Brown St.	7:15 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.
Brown St.	Between E. Exchange St. and W. Wilbeth Rd.	7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
N. Firestone Blvd.	Between Brown St. and E. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Girard St.	Between N. Firestone Bl. and Lindenwood Ave.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Lindenwood Ave.	Between Aster Ave. and N. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Aster Ave.	Between S. Firestone Blvd. and N. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
S. Firestone Blvd. (westbound lanes only)	Between E. Wilbeth Rd. and N. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
E. Firestone Blvd. (westbound lanes only)	Between Firestone Blvd. and S. Main St.	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
S. Main St. (northbound)	Between E. Wilbeth Rd. and Thornton St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
E. Thornton St.	Between S. Main St. and Grant St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Wolf Ledges Pkwy. (southbound)	Between Thornton St. and University Ave.	7:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Wolf Ledges Pkwy (northbound)	Between Arc. Dr. and University Ave.	7:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
University Ave.	Between S. High St. and Hill St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Hill St.	Between S. Forge St. and University Ave.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between Hill St. and S. College St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
S. College St.	Between E. Buchtel Ave. and E. Market St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Carroll St.	Between Wolf Ledges Pkwy and U of A Campus	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Buckeye St.	Between Carroll St. and E. Exchange St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Exchange St. (northern westbound lane only)	Between Buckeye St. and W. Bowery St.	7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
N. Main St. (southbound lanes only)	Between Market St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
N Howard St. (southbound lanes only)	Between N. Main St. and Cuyahoga St.	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
W. North St.	Between N. Howard St. and N. Maple St.	8:00 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.	8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sand Run Rd.	Between W. Market St. and Smith Rd.	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Overwood Rd.	Between Sand Run Rd and Wiltshire	8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Wiltshire Rd.	Between Overwood Rd. and N. Hawkins Ave.	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 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. – 12:45 p.m.
N. Portage Path (southbound)	Between Mayfair Rd. and W. Market St.	8:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
W. Market St. (eastbound)	Between Portage Path and S. Main St.	8:50 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between Market St. and Exchange St.	9:00 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.
IR 76 W / Exit 22 (downtown) (total closure)	Detour to Dart Ave. exit.	7:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.



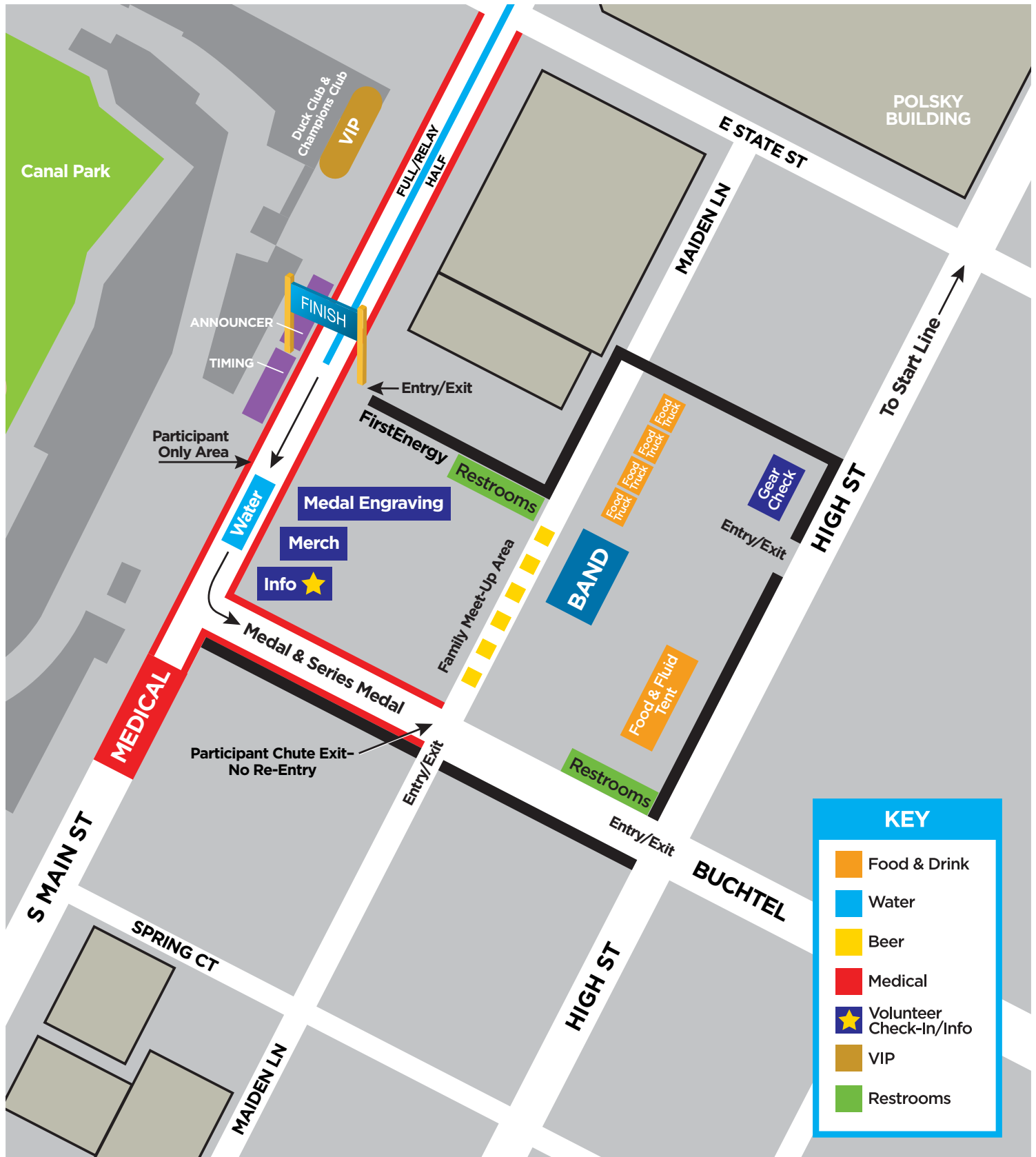
# Start Line Map

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



# Finisher Festival Map

300 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44308





# 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

Buchtel from Main to High  
(beginning at 8:00 a.m.)

Main from Exchange to State  
(beginning at 8:00 a.m.)

High from Market to Mill  
(beginning 6:30 p.m.)

Bowery from Exchange to State  
(3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

## Road Closures - Saturday Morning

5:00 a.m. High from Mill to Bowery  
(beginning 5:00 a.m.)

Maiden Lane from State to Exchange  
(beginning at 5:00 a.m.)

## Road closures along the course route - Saturday Morning 6:50 a.m.

For complete list of road closures visit [AkronMarathon.org](http://AkronMarathon.org)

Start/Finish Lines

Points of Interest

Relay Leg

XXX Road Closures - Friday

— Road Closures - Saturday Morning 5:00 am

— Road Closures - Saturday Morning 6:50 am

— Marathon Course

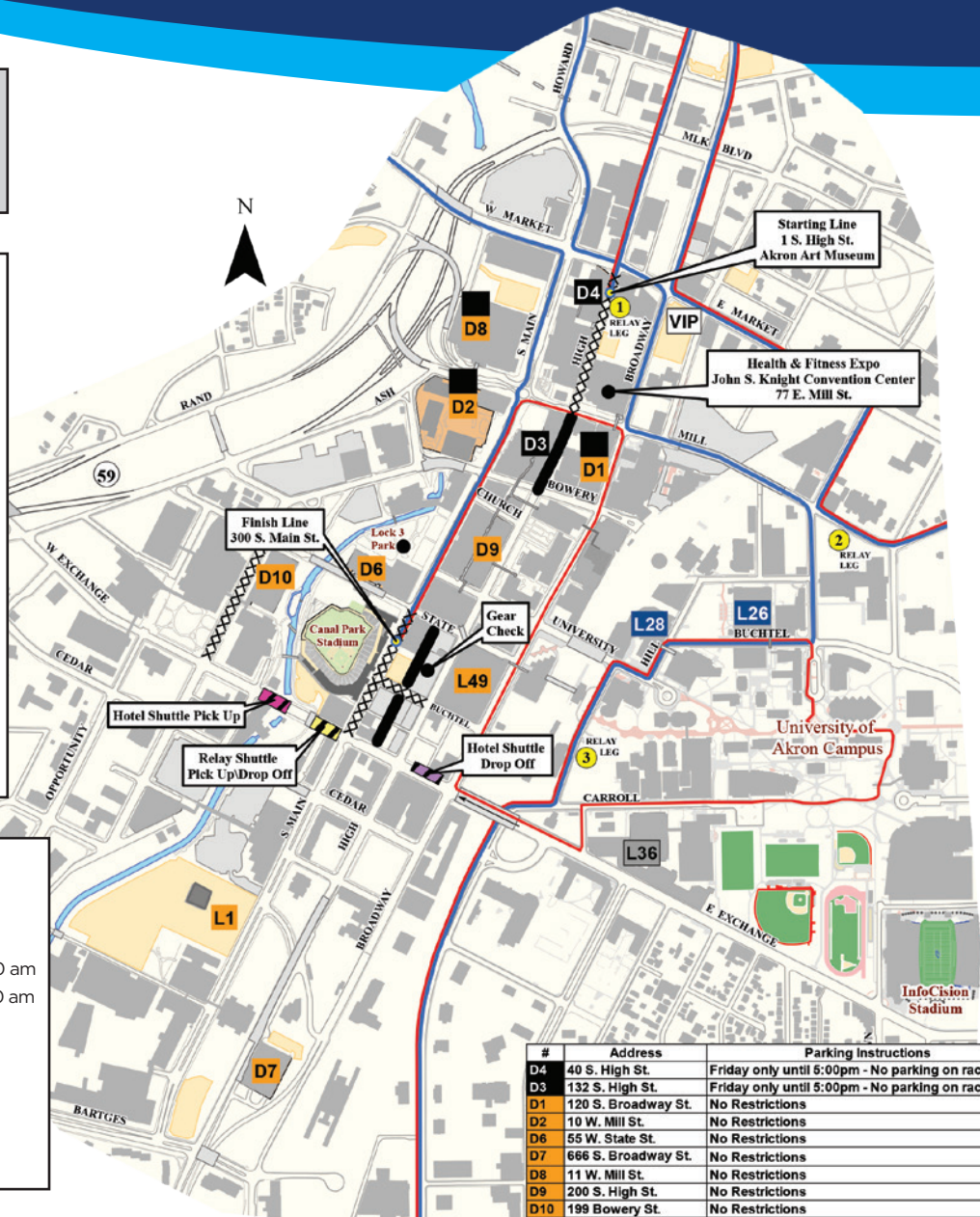
— Half Marathon Course

— Suggested Parking for Packet Pickup

— Hotel Shuttle Bus Drop Off

— Hotel Shuttle Bus Pickup

— Relay Shuttle Pickup/Drop Off



#	Address	Parking Instructions
D4	40 S. High St.	Friday only until 5:00pm - No parking on race day
D3	132 S. High St.	Friday only until 5:00pm - No parking on race day
D1	120 S. Broadway St.	No Restrictions
D2	10 W. Mill St.	No Restrictions
D6	55 W. State St.	No Restrictions
D7	666 S. Broadway St.	No Restrictions
D8	11 W. Mill St.	No Restrictions
D9	200 S. High St.	No Restrictions
D10	199 Bowery St.	No Restrictions
L1	500 S. Main St.	No Restrictions
L49	275 South High St.	No Restrictions
L26	229 E. Buchtel Ave.	Delayed exit 10:30am
L28	198 Hill St.	Delayed exit 10:30am
L36	261 E. Exchange St.	Delayed exit 8:30am

## Spectator Information

The Akron Marathon course is spectator friendly and offers these watch locations all within a few blocks of each other:

### • Start

Watch the start of the race north of the Start Line on High St. Please note, spectators are not allowed inside the start line corrals.

### • Mile 3.7

Walk east one block on Market St. and see participants at Mile 3.7 at the corner of Broadway St. and Market St.

### • Mile 11

Walk south 3 blocks and turn left on University Ave. to see participants near mile 11.

### • Finish

Walk 2 blocks west to Main St. to see participants as they approach the finish. The Family Reunion area is located inside the Finisher Festival at the corner of S. Main St. and Buchtel Ave. Spectators can purchase food items from businesses along S. Main St. and at the food trucks inside the Finisher Festival.

# Akron Marathon Race Champions

## MARATHON

Year	Men's Marathon Open Champion	
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 Zelek
2009	2:27:21	Richard Chelimo
2010	2:19:34	Geoffrey Kiprotich
2011	2:22:46	Peter Kemboi
2012	2:18:51	Richard Kessio
<b>2013</b>	<b>2:15:59</b>	<b>Getachew Asfaw*</b>
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

Year	Men's Marathon Masters Champion	
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
<b>2014</b>	<b>2:23:44</b>	<b>Richard Kessio*</b>
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

Year	Women's Marathon Open Champion	
2003	3:13:21	Brenda Bowden
2004	2:40:17	Elena Orleva
<b>2005</b>	<b>2:39:09</b>	<b>Maria Portilla*</b>
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

Year	Women's Marathon Masters Champion	
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
<b>2010</b>	<b>2:49:52</b>	<b>Elena Paramonova*</b>
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

\*Record Holders



# Akron Marathon Race Champions

## HALF MARATHON

Year	Men's Half Marathon Open Champion	
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
<b>2015</b>	<b>1:03:58</b>	<b>Nicholas Too*</b>
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

Year	Men's Half Marathon Masters Champion**	
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

Year	Women's Half Marathon Open Champion	
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
<b>2015</b>	<b>1:14:18</b>	<b>Hellen Jepkurgat*</b>
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

Year	Women's Half Marathon Masters Champion	
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
<b>2015</b>	<b>1:25:29</b>	<b>Brenda Hodge*</b>
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

\*Record Holders

\*\* The men's Half Masters record was set in 2017 by Kevin Castille - 1:05:16.

# Akron Marathon Race Champions

## TEAM RELAY

Year	Men's Team Relay Open Champion	
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
<b>2012</b>	<b>2:11:32</b>	<b>Second Sole*</b>
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

Year	Men's Team Relay Masters Champion	
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
<b>2013</b>	<b>2:38:56</b>	<b>Canal Rats*</b>
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

Year	Women's Team Relay Open Champion	
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
<b>2016</b>	<b>2:42:09</b>	<b>Cleveland Elite Development*</b>
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

Year	Women's Team Relay Masters Champion	
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
<b>2011</b>	<b>3:13:50</b>	<b>Your Moms...*</b>
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

\*Record Holders



# Akron Marathon Race Champions

## TEAM RELAY (CONTINUED)

Year	Men's Team Relay Open Mixed Champion	
<b>2005</b>	<b>2:20:06</b>	<b>SupportBHunt*</b>
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	2:57:05	Warehouse Big Kats

Year	Women's Team Relay Open Mixed Champion	
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
<b>2014</b>	<b>2:47:13</b>	<b>Green Eggs &amp; Hamstrings*</b>
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 Sledgers
2019	3:01:24	Grizzlies
2021	3:11:20	Six A.M. Chagrin Sledgers
2022	3:15:15	Grandmasters Rule!

\*Record Holders



# Prize Money & Awards

MARATHON*				
	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
1st	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$500	\$500
2nd	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$375	\$375
3rd	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$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.

## 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 and 70+. You can win only one award. Awards will be mailed 4-6 weeks post-race.

HALF MARATHON*				
	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
1st	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$400	\$400
2nd	\$750	\$750	\$300	\$300
3rd	\$500	\$500	\$200	\$200

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

## 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 and 70+. You can win only one award. Awards will be mailed 4-6 weeks post-race.

## 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. Awards will be mailed 4-6 weeks post-race.

## CORPORATE CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY COUNTY OF SUMMIT AWARDS

### Participation Awards

Companies with the highest percentage of participants win a custom award. All employees must have a finishing time for their participation to be included in the final results.

There are six divisions based on company size:

- X-Small Company (5 - 44 employees)
- Small Company (45 - 99 employees)
- Medium Company (100 - 199 employees)
- Large Company (200 - 649 employees)
- X-Large Company (650 - 1,499 employees)
- XX-Large Company (1,500+ employees)

## OTHER AWARDS

### Fastest Corporate Relay Team Award

- Men's
- Women's
- Mixed

### Spirit Award

- Show your company pride and participation through social media posts using #RunAkronCorporateChallenge #TeamName
- 30 points for submitting a Team Hype Video
- 50 points for winning the Hype Video contest
- 1 point for every social media post using the program hashtags (#RunAkronCorporateChallenge #TeamName) between June 1 and October 1, 2023

### Extra Mile Awards

- Most dollars raised for charity through Akron Marathon's charity partner platform
- Most volunteers recruited through Akron Marathon's volunteer platform



# Corporate Challenge Partners\*

## **X-Small Company**

(5-44 employees)

- Akron Oculoplastics, Inc.
- FocusCFO
- Scheeser Buckley Mayfield

## **Small Company**

(45-99 employees)

- CTI Engineers, Inc.
- Lucky Shoes
- Slater & Zurz Law Firm
- Stark & Knoll Co LPA

## **Medium Company**

(100-199 employees)

- Bober Markey Fedorovich
- Cascade Auto Group
- Main Street Gourmet

## **Large Company**

(200-649 employees)

- CESO, Inc.
- Kyocera SGS Precision Tools
- Malco Products, Inc.
- Parker Meggitt
- The J.M. Smucker Company
- Steere Enterprises

## **X-Large Company**

(650-1499 employees)

- Cohen & Company
- ForTec Medical
- GPD Group
- National Interstate Insurance
- Oriana House
- S.A. Comunale Co., Inc

## **XX-Large Company**

(1500+employees)

- CBIZ MHM, LLC
- Charles Schwab Corporation
- Chase Bank
- City of Akron
- County of Summit Executive Office
- Fifth Third Bank
- GOJO Industries Inc.
- The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
- Summa Health

\*As of print date.





# Founders Club & Loyalty Program

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## 26.2 LOYALTY PROGRAM

This Loyalty Program was established to encourage and to reward race loyalty to full marathon runners who are multiple finishers of the Akron Marathon. Runners that have run 5 or more Akron full marathons will qualify for membership. Multiple time finishers of the Akron Marathon will receive recognition/benefits in four different clubs: 5-Year Club, 10-Year Club, 15-Year Club, and Founders Club.

## BLUE LINE LOYALS

This loyalty program was designed to encourage and reward race loyalty to dedicated, repeat runners of all events and distances in the Akron Marathon Race Series.

- Pace Setter 5-9 Races
- Front-Runner 10-14 Races
- Record Setter 15+ Races

\*Perks are given to those who have participated in the last 5 years. To learn more about our Loyalty Program visit [akronmarathon.org/loyalty-program](http://akronmarathon.org/loyalty-program).







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**Blue  
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