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EVENT GUIDE



KIDS FUN RUN SCHEDULE Friday, September 26, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Registration & Bib Pickup Opens /
Announcements Begin

5:45 p.m. – Opening Ceremony Starts

6:00 p.m. – Race Starts

7:30 p.m. – Event Ends

8:00 p.m. – Children's Museum Closes

LOCATIONS

Race Start: Akron Children's
Hospital, 214 W. Bowery Street,
Akron, OH 44308

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



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Directions

From the north via Turnpike I-80 East/Rt. 8 South to the Summit County Parking Deck:

- Follow Rt. 8 South to Perkins Street exit. Turn right on Perkins Street. Turn left on High Street. Deck will be on the right.

From the north via I-77 & west via I-76 (they run concurrently briefly) to the State Street Deck:

- I-77/I-76 (they run concurrently). Take the exit for Main/Broadway/Downtown. Stay to the left after you exit and make a left turn at the first light onto Main Street. Main Street becomes Broadway. Turn left on State Street. Deck will be on the right.

From the south via I-77 to the Summit County Parking Deck:

- Take I-77 and continue on Route 8 north. Exit at Perkins Street. Turn left onto Perkins Street. Turn left on High Street. Deck will be on the right.

From the east Via I-76 to the State Street Parking Deck:

- I-76/I-77 (they run concurrently) Exit at Broadway/Main/Downtown. Continue onto Broadway. Turn left on State Street. Deck will be on the right.

Parking

Parking for the Kids Fun Run will be at the Summit County Deck (200 S. High Street) and at the State Street Deck/O'Neils Parking Garage (51 W. State Street).

- Walking directions from the State Street Parking Deck: Walk west on State Street and turn left onto Bowery Street to get to the registration tent located in front of Akron Children's Hospital.
- Walking directions from the Summit County Deck: Walk south on High Street then turn right on State Street and left on Bowery Street to get to the registration tent located in front of Akron Children's Hospital.



Bib Pickup

Each child will receive a race bib with a number assigned to it. If you are pre-registered, you will pick up your child's bib at the Registration Tent in front of Akron Children's Hospital near the corner of Exchange Street and Bowery Street. Please enter the tent following the alphabetical signage, by last name. If you did not pre-register, find the on-site registration table at the far right side of the tent. After the bib is picked up, all parents should fill out the emergency contact information on the back of the bib. This bib will also have a tear off tag for the adult accompanying the child to keep, that has the same bib number as the child. In the case of an adult and child getting separated, upon being reunited, the adult will be asked to show the tag to confirm it matches the number on the child's bib.



Giveaway

At Bib Pickup, all children will receive two free giveaway wristbands!

Mascots from the community will energize the start line experience!



Medical

Medical will be available in the Registration Tent.

Restrooms

Restrooms will be available on Bowery Street near the start line corrals and inside the Finisher Festival.

Start Line

Participants will line up based on their age. Look for the age group signs along the starting corral. Families with multiple children that prefer to run together will start in the wave corresponding to the youngest participant's age.

Starting the race in age groups creates a smoother start for all participating.

All walkers and families with strollers should start in the final wave. Each wave will be walked up to the start line & have their own separate start. The waves will be as follows:

Wave 1 (Blue)
Includes children ages 9-12

Wave 2 (Yellow)
Includes children ages 7-8

Wave 3 (Green)
Includes children ages 5-6

Wave 4 (Purple)
Includes children ages 4 and under

Course Information

The Mandel Family Kids Fun Run course is run on paved asphalt and concrete streets. See the course map on page 7.

Course Limit

The Kids Fun Run course will be open until 6:45 p.m., or until the final child crosses the finish line.

First Aid

First aid will be provided by Akron Children's Hospital at the start line and the finish line medical tent on S. Main St.

Lost & Found

All items left at the event will be taken to the Information Booth located in Lock 3 at the Finisher Festival then returned to the Marathon office. Two weeks after the event, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity. The Akron Marathon is not responsible for lost items.

Info Booths

For your convenience, Information Booths can be found inside the registration tent at the start line & inside Lock 3 at the Finisher Festival.

Prohibited on the Race Course

For the safety of our participants, the Akron Marathon does not permit pets, skateboards, bicycles, roller blades, or any other types of vehicles (other than official race vehicles) on the course. Please do not bring or carry any of these items with you. The Akron Marathon reserves the right to remove anyone from the course who has any of the above items or does not act in a safe manner. All participants accept the rules of the race and abide by the decision of any race officials concerning the participant's ability to safely complete the race.



Finish Line

The finish line for The Mandel Family Kids Fun Run will be on S. Main St. in front of Lock 3 (200 S. Main St.). Once across the finish line, participants will receive a commemorative medal, apple, water, chocolate milk, and goodie bag. Participants will then exit the finish line and reunite with family at the Finisher Festival located in Lock 3.

Lost Child Protocol

If you get separated from your child, please approach a uniformed race official or Akron police officer and provide the name and bib number of your child. You will be asked to report to the finish line information booth until we can reunite you with your child. Your child's race bib number must match the adult's corresponding tag number.



Family Reunion

Kids running without their parents should reunite with them at the end of the runner chute located on S. Main St.

Safety

Upon arriving at the Kids Fun Run please determine a meet-up plan with your child in case you get separated. Each child will receive a race bib for the race. On the back of the bib please write the name and cell phone number of the adult at the race with the child. There is a removable tag with the bib number for the adult to keep. If you become separated from the child, you will be asked to show this tag when reunited with the child. If your child is under the age of 5, a parent/guardian must participate in the event!



Festival Vendors & Activities

Inside the Finisher Festival, you can visit the following vendors:

- Acme Fresh Markets
- Akron-Summit County Public Library
- Bright Star Books
- Embracing Futures & Downtown Akron Kiwanis
- Scouts - Canal District
- Sensational Sewing Studio
- Summit County Children's Services

There will be games and other activities available for children in the Finisher Festival area.

Enjoy the tunes from DJ Kenny Kidd on the festival stage.

Henry's Creamery

Henry's Creamery will be on site selling ice cream. Visit their truck within the Finisher Festival.

Akron Children's Museum

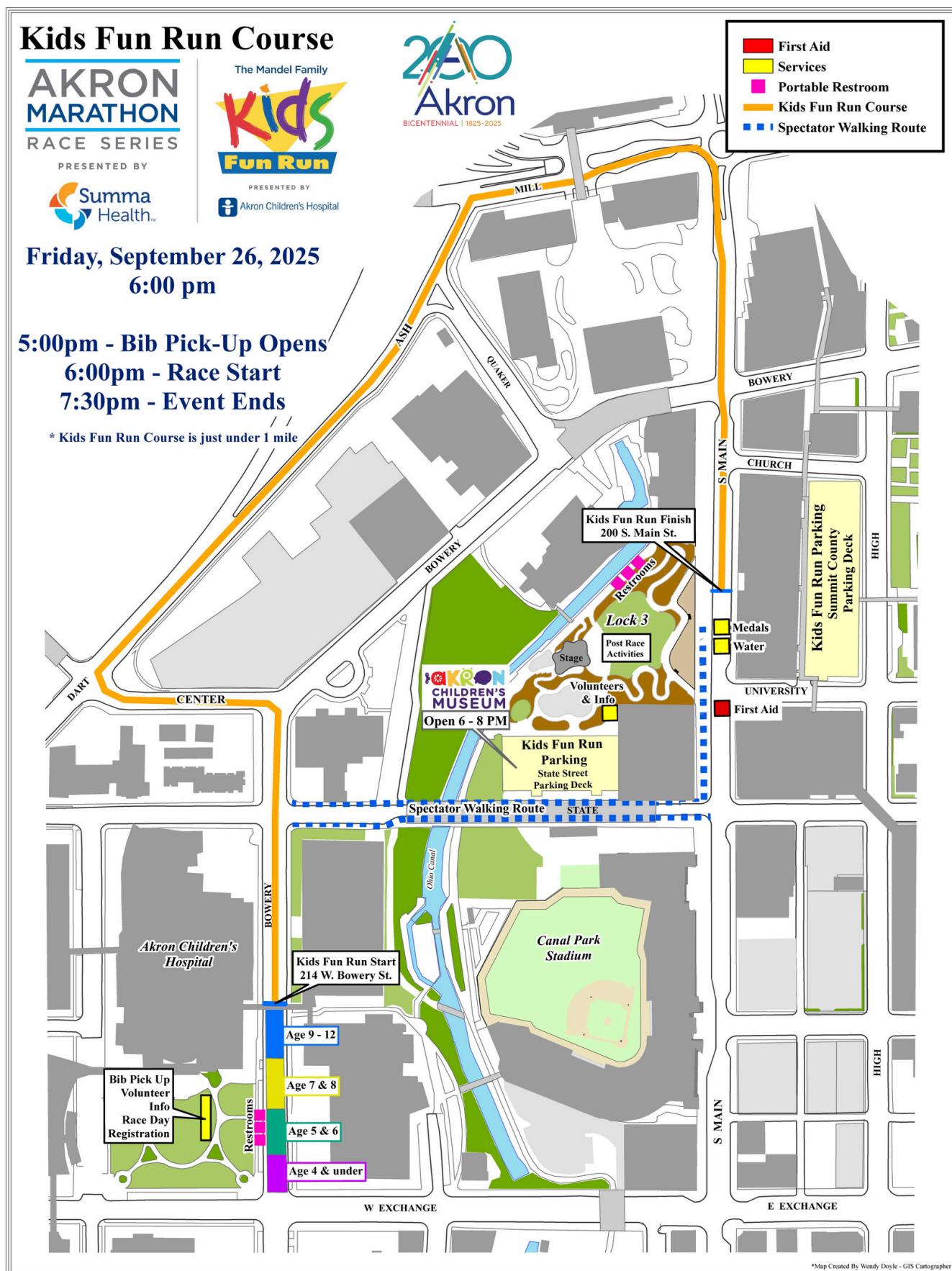
Visit the Akron Children's Museum, which will be FREE to all Kids Fun Run participants by showing your race bib! The Akron Children's Museum will offer special hours Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Access the museum by entering the commons entrance within Lock 3 and following the signs.



Race Photos

FinisherPix will be the official race photographer. To view your child's photos, you will look the child up by their race bib number. Photos can be viewed at AkronMarathon.org the week following the race. You will receive an email notifying you when the pictures are ready to be viewed.





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