

RUNNING SHORTS

Local runners selected for Houston Marathon

By Ken Johnson

Twelve local runners have been selected to run the 40th Annual Chevron Houston Marathon (26.2 miles) on January 15, 2012. Another nine have been selected to run the Half Marathon (13.1 mile) race.

Last year, the Houston Marathon switched to a lottery system for entry after selling out for five consecutive years. The 2011 race was limited to 22,000 runners. To accommodate more runners, the cap for the 2012 race was increased to 24,000 (13,000 for the marathon and 11,000 for the half marathon). Runners who had completed the Houston Marathon 5 or more times and those who met qualifying times in certain other races were allowed to bypass the lottery and enter the 2012 race. For the 2012 race, over 28,000 runners entered the lottery. Selections were made from June 24th to the 27th.

Runners can still enter the race by donating \$350 or more to one of the designated charities. For more information, visit the Houston Marathon web site at <http://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com>.

Congratulations to these local runners who were selected and are now registered. Good luck in your training.

Marathon

James Britsch, 34
J. C. Guzman, 40
Craig Henderson, 42
Ken Johnson, 70
William Kuhn, 52
Melvin Neely, 55
Skipper Nethery, 62
Greg Peter, 56
Herbert Rodriquez, 42
Ray Sarno, 64
Darryl Shreves, 51
Colleen Spencer, 59

Half Marathon

Chris DeMilliano, 35
Robert Duncan, 51
Chris Godby, 39
Matthew Matusiak, 28
Leah Mulligan, 33
Jessica Payne, 34
Mark Robinson, 65
Anna Shreves, 52
Lavonne Zaiontz, 44

Recent race results:

Run for Freedom 10K (6.2 miles), Oklahoma City, July 9

Elaine Minton, 53 1:10:21

Run the Woodlands 5K, The Woodlands, July 9

Robert Duncan, 51 19:38

Eva Edwards, 24 32:27

Ken Johnson, 70 36:28

Upcoming races in Huntsville:

July 30 - **Dog Days 5K and 1-Mile Run/Walk**, 8 a.m., SHSU campus

Aug. 20 - **Heat Wave 5K and 1-Mile Run/Walk**, 8 a.m., Veterans Memorial Parkway

Sept. 24 – **Fall Fun Run, 10K,5K and 1-Mile Run/Walk**, Veterans Memorial Parkway

Oct. 8 – **Speak up for kids CASA 5K**, Bowers Stadium parking lot

Oct. 22 – **Huntsville Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk**, HKC, SHSU campus

Nov. 5 – **Rocky Raccoon 50K, 25K, 10K Trail Run**, Huntsville State Park

For more information about this race and others, visit the Seven Hills Running Club web site at <http://www.7hills.us> and click on Race Schedule.