

Dear Friends and Runners,

On Saturday October 28, 2017 at 8am we are having our 39th Annual Huntsville Half Marathon, Quarter Marathon, and 5k. As many of you may know, there is a lot of construction going on at the Sam Houston Campus. If you have been there, you may have wondered where we are going to run the Huntsville Half Marathon at. After discussing many alternatives and encountering many road blocks (literally) ☺. We have moved the course. Over the years, some have asked for less hills, well this year your wish has been granted. We flattened those hills for you. This year's course will start and finish at the Walker County Fair Grounds and head east on Hwy 30.

These links will show you the course we are using this year:
Huntsville Half & Quarter

<http://www.usatf.org/routes/view.asp?rID=593781>

Huntsville 5K

<http://www.usatf.org/routes/view.asp?rID=593782>

This should be exciting. And with that being said, I have to say that we need volunteers. The more the merrier. If you are not running in this year's race please consider volunteering your time. We try to put on a quality low cost race that all can enjoy. All of us that help to put the race on are volunteers and the proceeds from the race are donated to help support youth organizations and other local charities. So, we hope you can join us on race day to either run, volunteer, or cheer our runners on.

Some of the things we still need volunteers for are:

1. Race day registration
2. Help at hospitality tent
3. Help with finishers crossing the finish line (pass out finisher medals and water bottles)
4. Help with awards presentation
5. Traffic Control \ Course Monitors to man the following locations:
 - a. East entrance to the fairgrounds (1). Runners will be turning left here when coming back in. Don't want any to continue to the west entrance.
 - b. 1791 overpass (2)
 - c. Sumac Road intersection (1)
 - d. 5K Turnaround point (1)
 - e. Left turns in Westridge (2)
 - f. Driveway entrances at Shell station (3)
 - g. Half/Quarter turnaround point (1)

To register online as a participant, we have online registration at <http://www.active.com/huntsville-tx/running/distance-running-races/huntsville-half-marathon-quarter-marathon-and-5k-2017> and you can also check out the latest race news for the Huntsville Half at <https://www.facebook.com/HuntsvilleHalfTexas/> Also, this year when you register for

the Huntsville Half, you can renew your SHRC membership for this year, sign up as a new member, and/or pay for next year's membership if you like.

Also, I wanted to mention last month's Labor Day 5k & 10k was a rousing success. We had bar-b-que sandwiches, chips, Gatorade, and an all-around good time. The proceeds from this years event were added to and we donated \$100 to the Houston Food Bank. Not bad for a race that only cost participants a buck or two.

And I just found out about this local race. The Run for the Cure 5k & 1 mile will be held at 8am on Sunday October 22nd. Check out their website for additional information
<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Huntsville/RunForTheCure2017?remMeAttempt=>

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me or one of our other officers via e-mail or Facebook.

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