



Top Questions Asked on Race Morning

What is the Lions Club Reindeer Run?

The 6th annual Lions Club Reindeer Run is a Holiday Run/Walk 5K open for all ages held on Saturday, December 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

Who does this race benefit?

Wheaton Lions Club Charities is proud to support programs that serve the visual and hearing impaired but also supports other local social service agencies. A portion of the proceeds from the 2017 Reindeer Run will be donated to this cause as well as the DuPage County Historical Museum. Additional donations are always welcome.

Are there registration and entry fees?

Registration is currently available. Participants are encouraged to sign up now at active.com. Online registration ends Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Advance Registration is \$35 for individuals and \$30 for teams of four or more. Registration is also available at packet pick-up (November 30) and on race day (December 2) for \$40. **Entry fees are non-transferrable and non-refundable.**

What t-shirt sizes will be available for runners?

Youth Large, Adult Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, and 3XL are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Are kids allowed to participate?

Yes, this race is open to all ages.

When is packet pick-up?

Packet pick-up will be Thursday, November 30 between 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Wheaton Park District Community Center (1777 S. Blanchard St.). If you cannot make the pre-race packet pick-up, racers may pick up their packets on Saturday, December 2 from 7:15-8 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the DuPage County Historical Museum.

What should I wear?

Participants are encouraged to dress in comfortable, warm clothes and OF COURSE bring some holiday cheer. What says holidays more than Santa, Mrs. Claus, Reindeers and Elves!?! We encourage everyone to dress up in their favorite holiday costume! We will be providing our first 1,250 participants with reindeer antlers and a long sleeve white tech shirt.

Where is the route?

The race begins on Main Street just south of Wesley Street and north of Front Street and will finish on 100 E. Wesley just east of Main Street. A map of the route can be found at wheatonparks.org/reindeerrun

Can we bring strollers?

Strollers are welcome, but must start the race from the back of the heat. When running with a stroller, please be conscious of the other runners in front of you who may stop suddenly.

Will there be restrooms?

Portable restrooms are located on Wesley Street, across from DuPage County Historical Museum.

Where can we park?

Parking is available throughout downtown Wheaton but we recommend to park at the parking garage just west of the Wesley and Hale intersection. The Wheaton Library has requested runners do not use their lot for parking based on the volume of visitors on Saturday mornings.

Do I have to sign a waiver?

Every participant will be required to sign a waiver when registering online. For those under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the waiver. Racers are not able to participate without a signed waiver.

Where should I go for safety/first aid?

First aid stations and medical personnel will be available to all runners if required. Stations are located at the finish line and the water station.

What if there's inclement weather?

The race is a rain or shine event. If the weather is threatening, the race will either be postpone or cancelled.

Where can I find my race results? Will there be awards?

Race times will be posted in Adams Park following the race as runners finish. Runners can also find their time by checking their bib number at a kiosk onsite. The awards ceremony will follow shortly after the final results are posted. Awards will be given to the overall male and female finishers as well as the top three finishers in each male and female age category. After the run, results can be viewed on www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/reindeerrun. Participants will also receive an email with timing results following the race.

How is my time being collected?

The b-tag system is being used to time this race. The tags can be found on the runner bibs and should stay on bibs. Bibs should be worn on front to insure accurate timing.

Will there be any post-race activities?

Post-race refreshments, including hot chocolate, coffee, and water will be available next to the finish line in Adams Park. Ivy Restaurant, located just two blocks west of the finish line, will also be hosting a post-race party at their restaurant with food and drink specials located at 120 N. Hale St.

Not a walker or runner? VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are essential to the success of the race. All volunteers receive a long sleeve t-shirt. Please visit www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/reindeerrun or contact Terry Lightbody at singingterbear@aol.com.

Further Questions

For more information and further questions; please contact the Race Director, Michelle Artis at martis@wheatonparks.org.