



Frequently Asked Questions – Reindeer Run December 7, 2019

What is the Lions Club Reindeer Run?

The 8th Annual Lions Club Reindeer Run is a Holiday Run/Walk 5K open for all ages held on Saturday, December 7th at 8:30AM.

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 2019 Reindeer Run will be donated to such causes 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 [Runsignup.com](https://www.runsignup.com). Online registration ends Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 11:59P. Advance Registration is \$35 for individuals and \$30 for teams of four or more. Registration is also available at packet pick-up (December 5th) and on race day (December 7th) for \$45. **Entry fees are non-transferrable and non-refundable.**

What t-shirt sizes will be available for runners?

Youth and adult sizes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. T-shirts will be given out at packet pick-up (December 5th or on race day (December 7th)).

Are kids allowed to participate?

Yes, this race is open to all ages.

When is packet pick-up?

Packet pick-up will be Thursday, December 5th between 10A-7P on the lower level of 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 7th from 7:15-8A 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 tech shirt. All runners will receive a finisher's medal after the race.

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.

Can we bring strollers? Pets? Skates? Bicycles

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. **The following are prohibited on the course:** pets, dogs, bicycles, in-line skates or other wheeled items. Service dogs must be approved 1 week before the race.

Will there be restrooms?

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

Where can we park?

Recommended parking 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 postponed or cancelled.

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

Runners can also find their time by checking their bib number at a kiosk onsite. The awards ceremony will follow shortly after the runners have finished. Awards will be given to the overall male and female finishers (gun time) as well as the top three finishers in each male and female age category (chip time). 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? Is there a cut off time?

Each bib is tagged with a timing chip. Please do not remove the chip from the bib. Bibs **MUST** be displayed at torso height on front and be visible at all times during the race. Age Category Awards are determined based on chip time. The run will close 1 hour 30 minutes (10am) after the official start time.

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 or 630-510-5135.

Awards for Reindeer Run:

Overall top 3 males (gun time)

Overall top 3 females (gun time)

Top 3 finishers in each age category (chip time):

Male: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70 & up

Female: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70 & up

Medals will be awarded following the race.