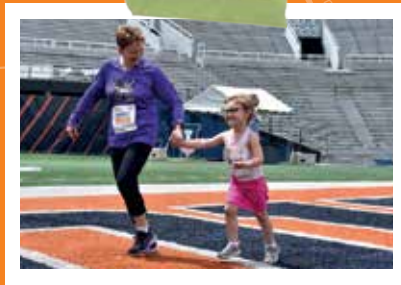
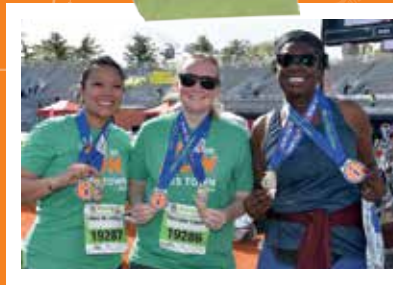


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Letter from Race Director

Greetings!

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible support as we are REUNITED for the 2024 Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend. Your enthusiasm, encouragement, and participation have been an essential part of making this event a success, and we are truly grateful.

We are also grateful for your shared commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle. By participating in an event during the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend, you are not only supporting the event but also inspiring others to live healthier and more active lives. Your dedication to fitness and well-being is an inspiration to us all.

As we come together for this weekend, we are excited to welcome back the 26.2 to Race Weekend and eager to see all the marathon runners back.

Again, on behalf of everyone at Christie Clinic, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your incredible support. I am already looking forward to next year's event, and with your continued support, I know that it will be even more incredible than this year's.

Zach Sehy, JD
Chief Operating Officer Christie Clinic

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Welcome, media friends!

Since the event's inception in 2009, the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend has become known in the running world for its flawless organization; fast, flat course; enthusiastic crowds; and friendly, welcoming volunteers. Once again, we are thrilled to welcome thousands of runners, volunteers, sponsors, and media members to Champaign-Urbana and Savoy.

Whether this is your first time covering our event or you are a returnee, we are glad you have chosen to spend this exciting weekend in the Champaign-Urbana area. The media's contributions have been instrumental in helping the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend and all affiliated races grow into the success that they enjoy today.

We hope this media guide will provide you with the important information you will need to successfully cover all the races and events.

Additional information can be found at www.illinoismarathon.com. And please do not hesitate to contact the event's media director, Meg Treat, at meg@treatpublicrelations.com or at 805-766-1500, if she can assist you in any way.

And, if you are at ARC during the expo on Thursday or Friday, be sure to stop by the hospitality room in MP1 for some delicious food sponsored by Jimmy John's, Harvest Market, and Columbia Street Rostary.

On behalf of everyone affiliated with the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend, we extend our most sincere appreciation for your continued support and commitment.



Jan Seeley
Race Director
Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend

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Event History

Media Fact Sheet

Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend



The Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend was conceived in 2007 to inspire and promote health and wellness in central Illinois. The event was started by Mark Knutson of Go Far Events, who at the time directed a similar race in his hometown of Fargo, North Dakota.

In 2009, the inaugural Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend featured 9,715 participants from 42 states and 6 countries. The participation was double what Knutson and his associates were expecting for the event's first year. In 2010, Race Weekend continued to impress, with 14,689 participants.

After the second running, a group of local community members and title sponsor Christie Clinic purchased the event from Knutson. Jan Seeley serves as director, working with a staff of nine and a committee of 65.

Race organizers continue to nurture the race, which has had almost 210,000 registrations in the first 14 years. The race has donated over \$1.734 million to local charities, and the economic impact is also cause for celebration—averaging more than \$6 million annually.

The global pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 events. After a gap of 1,097 days, Race Weekend made a triumphant return in 2022 with over 10,000 participants, but police shortages in Champaign-Urbana led to the marathon distance being dropped from Race Weekend through the 2023 event.

This year, for the 2024 event, the full marathon distance has returned to Race Weekend. Event director Jan Seeley notes, "Despite obstacles, we remained adamant that our full marathon distance has an important place in our race weekend and in our community!"

Each year the owners, sponsors, committee members, and members of the Champaign-Urbana community strive to make the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend a memorable experience for everyone!

Race Weekend Highlights

Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend brings the best of both worlds to its participants: world-class features of big-city running events in the welcoming, small-town community setting of Champaign-Urbana and Savoy. The 2024 Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend will attract a field of top competitors as the host of the 2024 Illinois RRCA State Championship Marathon.

Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend is home to one of the most unique finish lines in the United States; runners and walkers complete their journey on the 50-yard line of the University of Illinois' historic Memorial Stadium.

The 15th annual Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend features a 1-mile, 5K, 10K, half marathon, marathon, 4-person relay, youth run, and eight multi-event challenges. Participants are treated to first-class race shirts, medals, food, and fanfare.

The 2024 finisher medals for the marathon, half marathon, relay, and 10K feature a hinge design, which reveals another design under the primary medal face, creating the effect of two different designs in one medal! The theme of the weekend, "REUNITED," is highlighted on the medal face. When the hinges on the front of the medal open and close, the word REUNITED splits apart and then reconnects.

Giving Back to the Community

Since its inception, the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend has made significant impacts locally, donating over \$1.734 million to charities in the community and generating an estimated \$6 million+ in economic impact annually.

Inclusivity and Accessibility

The Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend Team is committed to fostering a happy, healthy, and inclusive community in Central Illinois. Through the creation of new programs that support diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, Race Weekend strives to be a shining example of how creating inclusive and inviting spaces for all people of all abilities provides opportunities for these individuals to achieve and succeed.

Kicks for CU Kids is a new not-for-profit that provides professionally-fitted running shoes and socks to local youth runners who participate through organized running programs in races associated with our Race Weekend. The program addresses a gap in opportunity that exists for some youngsters in the Champaign-Urbana area who are underrepresented in our Race Weekend. Nearly 80 local kiddos will participate in the 5K and the Busey Bank Illinois Youth Run with their brand-new kicks.

Our Walk, Run, & Roll with Team Noah program provides up to 80 individuals with disabilities plus one caregiver/family member with a complimentary entry into the event's Christie Clinic Illinois 5K.

Our Adaptive Athlete program continues to grow. This year, in addition to welcoming some blind and low-vision athletes to the field, we are excited to have some Deaf athletes joining us as well. Thanks to Pace, Inc. Center for Independent Living for helping us identify ASL interpreters to assist our DEAF athlete friends on Race Weekend.

We are also part of a movement to welcome neurodivergent athletes to the participant field through the Runner 321 initiative, created by Chris Nikic, the first person with Down Syndrome to finish an IRONMAN triathlon.

Schedule of Events

2024 Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend By the Numbers

Prerace Events

Packet Pickup

Located in Gym 2 of the Activities and Recreation Center (ARC) at the University of Illinois, 201 East Peabody Drive, Champaign.

Thursday, April 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Health & Fitness Expo

Located in Gym 1 of the ARC

Thursday, April 25, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

[Learn more about the expo on page 10.](#)

Race Day

Race Times

On Thursday, the mile event begins at Green and Goodwin and ends near Green and Neil St. On Friday, the 5K begins at Oak St., south of St. Mary's Road, and finishes in Memorial Stadium. The Saturday races begin on First Street and St. Mary's Road. All races but the mile event finish on the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium.

Mile—Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. wave start

5K—Friday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. wave start

Wheelchair Half Marathon—Saturday, April 27, 7:31 a.m.

Marathon—Saturday, April 27, 7:33 a.m. wave start

4-Person Relay—Saturday, April 27, 7:33 a.m. wave start

Half Marathon—Saturday, April 27, 7:33 a.m. wave start

10K Run/Walk—Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.

Youth Run—Saturday, April 27, 3:00 p.m., Memorial Stadium

FREE Special Events on Race Weekend

4th Mile, April 26—In conjunction with the Christie Clinic Illinois 5K Run & Walk, this kickoff event features food trucks, a beer tent, and the music of Top 4D. 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. just outside Memorial Stadium on Kirby Avenue.

Einstein Bros. Bagels Bite Bar with coffee/tea from Columbia Street Roastery, April 27—Located on First St., north of the start line. 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Meijer 27th-Mile Celebrate Victory Bash, April 27—Hosted by Experience Champaign-Urbana. Located on Kirby Avenue, between First St. and Fourth St. 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Music, food, beer, and family fun for all.

Total entrants, as of April 21, 2024

Marathon: 918

Half Marathon: 2,327

Marathon Relay: 68 teams of 4

10K Run/Walk: 1,463

5K Run/Walk: 3,825

Mile: 279

Youth Run: 409

I-Challenge entrants (5K + relay, half, or 10K): 650

Triple I-Challenge entrants (mile + 5K + relay, half, or 10K): 190

Total registrations as of April 22, 2024: 9,493

Number of states: 45 + DC

Number of countries represented: 17

Percentage of entrants from Illinois: 91%

Gender breakdown: 54% Female, 46% Male

Number of volunteers: 2,000

Number of finisher medals created: 12,170—Each finisher in every race is awarded a unique, race-specific medal.

Number of vendors in the Health & Fitness Expo: 51

Hotels: Nearly every hotel room in Champaign-Urbana is booked.

2023 winning times

Men's half marathon: Johnny Cain—1:05:05

Women's half marathon: Jane Bareikis—1:16:13

Stats of Note

\$6 million total annual economic impact of the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend

137 porta-potties

29 different musical groups performing on the course on race weekend

18,000 bottles of water at the finish on Friday and Saturday

6,500 GU packets (energy gel)

104,000 cups

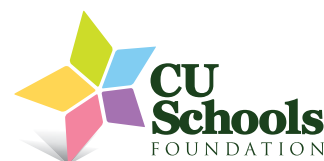
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The Race Gives Back

Guest Speakers

Here are just some of the charities that receive fundraising dollars from the race:



Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Breast Cancer Research Foundation

Champaign County CASA

Champaign County Humane Society

Courage Connection

Crime Stoppers

Crisis Nursery

Cunningham Children's Home

CU Schools Foundation

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Developmental Services Center

Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club

Eastern Illinois Foodbank

Family Service of Champaign

Frances Nelson Promise Health Care

Habitat for Humanity

The Immigration Project

Kiwanis Champaign-Urbana

Merci's Refuge

Prairie Rivers Network

Salt & Light

Salvation Army

Stephens Family YMCA

The Reading Group

Women's Business Council of Champaign County

YMCA/Larkin's Place at the Y

Be sure to catch our Speaker Series during your expo visit on Friday, April 26, in the Auditorium on the lower level of the Activities and Recreation Center (ARC), the same location as the expo. Here is our exciting line-up of speakers for 2024.



Kicking off the Speaker Series at 2:00 p.m. is author **Marc David**, an addicted runner who has been getting his daily "fix" for 41 years. Marc has not missed a single day of running for that long. He is not a "streaker" but rather an addict, one with a self-deprecating sense of humor. He will chronicle his Top 10 times of running when he was "Manic

Marc," the maniacal running fool. Marc is the author of five books, the most popular of which is *The Addicted Runner*.



At 3:00 p.m., we welcome **Susie Kundrat**, MS, RDN, LDN, the author of *Eat Move Groove: Unlock the Simple Steps to Lifelong Nutrition, Fitness & Wellness* and the founder of Eat Move Groove (www.eatmovegroove.com). Susie's talk is titled "11 Ways to Eat, Move, and Groove to Boost Your Training and Optimize Well-Being." She is a sports and wellness

dietitian and health and well-being advocate who has worked with athletes at the professional (Milwaukee Bucks), Olympic, and collegiate levels (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Northwestern University; and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) to maximize their sports performance and enhance health and well-being.



At 4:00 p.m. **Dick Beardsley** will deliver the Keynote Address. The story of Dick's running career alone is the stuff of legends, but it is the story that comes after that draws people in and keeps them listening. Dick is a true survivor. Dick has looked death straight in the

eyes, numerous times, and his life story is one of hope and redemption. He is one of the world's most extraordinary, respected, and compelling motivational/inspirational keynote speakers. He wrote the international best-selling autobiography *Staying the Course: A Runners Toughest Race* and was the subject of the best-selling book, *Duel in the Sun: The Story of Alberto Salazar, Dick Beardsley, and America's Greatest Marathon*. Dick has a gift of making people laugh, cry, and most importantly, think and appreciate life to the fullest, despite any ups and downs that may come along. You will be walked through his exciting highs and his dark valley of despair and through the anguish to that great light of hope and redemption. Dick's talks are directly from his heart and are highly inspirational. Dick has been the keynote speaker at Fortune 500 companies, non-profit organizations, conferences, conventions, corporate events, fundraisers, galas, sporting events, prisons, schools, and drug treatment centers, to name a few—anywhere where motivation, inspiration, and hope is needed.

Health & Fitness Expo

Elite Athletes



Thursday, April 25, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and
Friday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Body n' Sole presents the Christie Clinic Race Weekend Health & Fitness Expo, sponsored by the Village of Savoy. The expo will take place at the University of Illinois Activities and Recreation Center (ARC) and feature national and local vendors, as well as national organizations and representatives from prominent running events.

Vendor list

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| ALS United Greater Chicago | Eat Move Groove |
| Athletico Physical Therapy | Experience Champaign-Urbana |
| ATI Physical Therapy | Golden Ticket |
| Body n' Sole Sports | Grifols Plasma |
| Busey Bank | Healthy Champaign County |
| Campus Recreation | Human Kinetics |
| Carle Health | Joe's Pacers |
| CBPB Popcorn Shop | Kennekuk Road Runners |
| Champaign County Regional Planning Commission | Leafguard of Springfield |
| Champaign Park District | Life Goes On |
| Christie Clinic | Mahomet Area Youth Club |
| Cloud9 Cannabis | Marc David Author |
| DREAAAM/PACE | Napleton's Auto Park of Urbana |
| | OrangeTheory Fitness |

- OSF Healthcare
- Photo Booth
- Prairie State Women's Health
- Promise HealthCare
- Quad Cities Marathon
- Quad-City Times Bix 7
- REAL TIME Pain Relief
- Renewal by Andersen
- River Bottom Country Runs for St. Jude
- Road Runners Club of America
- Second Wind Running Club
- Smitty's Car Wash
- Team Noah
- The Immigration Project
- The News-Gazette
- The Shoe Said Project
- UIUC F&S TDM
- UIUC F&S Zero Waste
- UIUC Recreation Sport & Tourism
- Village of Savoy
- Vintage Gear
- Vital Education and Supply Inc.



Taggart VanEtten is an ultrarunner from Morton, Illinois, who is excelling at racing at many distances. His PR in the marathon was at the 2022 California International Marathon, where he posted a 2:21:10, placing 65th overall. He won the Tunnel Hill 100-miler in 12:19:54 in 2020 and set the course record for the Hennepin Hundred in 12:45:59 in 2023. Taggart also won the Hennepin 50-miler and came in fourth in the Tunnel Hill 50 miler. He is also the record holder for 100 miles on a treadmill, earning that honor during COVID, in May 2021 with an 11:32:05 finish time, beating the former record by nearly 40 minutes. Taggart is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and a PE teacher.

Jaime Marcos is a PE teacher at Dr. Howard School here in Champaign. His first marathon was the Indy Monumental Marathon in 2023, when he finished in 2:18:34, coming in eleventh. He also won the Quad Cities Half Marathon last year in 1:05:08. Jamie finished second last year in our Illinois Half Marathon in 1:05:15. He ran cross-country and track at Eastern Illinois University, setting the school record for the indoor 5K (14:00 min.) and has a mile PR of 4:06.

Amy DeLong is a runner from Omaha, Nebraska, who won the Lincoln Half Marathon in 2023 in 1:22:56. She also won the Lincoln Marathon in 2021 in 3:01:36, a 25-minute PR. At Boston 2022, she raced a 2:58:33, finishing as the 195th woman. Starting out as a recreational runner, Amy has been steadily improving her times and is looking forward to our flat course here in Champaign to see what 2024 might bring.



Samuel Doud is a Bloomington, Illinois, native, alumnus of University of Illinois (MCS '23), now living in Seattle, Washington. Sam entered marathoning in 2017 by winning the Rock and Roll DC Marathon in 2:26:57. He won the 2022 Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon in 2:24:27 and qualified to run the 2024 Olympic Trials with a 2:15:50 18th-place finish at the 2022 California International Marathon. Unfortunately, an injury kept him from finishing his race at the 2024 Trials. Sam also came in sixth in the 2022 Frozen Otter 64-mile Trail Run in 13:40.

Rebecca Nussbaum's last marathon was right here at the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon in 2019, where she finished in tenth place in 2:57:57. Since then, she has finished second overall and first woman at the 2023 Super Bull Trail Championships 25K in 2:01:52. Rebecca also finished as second woman at the 2023 Berlin Amish Country Half Marathon in 1:27:00. We're glad to have Rebecca back at the Illinois Marathon, her first marathon since having her fourth child two years ago.

Caleb Grinter is a 2004 Illinois graduate who won the masters division of the Illinois Half Marathon last year, coming in seventh overall in 1:16:09. He is back this year to run the full marathon. Caleb finished the Master at the Mesa Marathon this year in 2:42:35 and was third overall and first master in the 2021 Great River 10-Mile Road Run in 56:50.



MILE Run

The Mile event starts at Green and Goodwin, heads straight west along Green Street, and finishes just east of the intersection of Green and Neil.



Date and Time

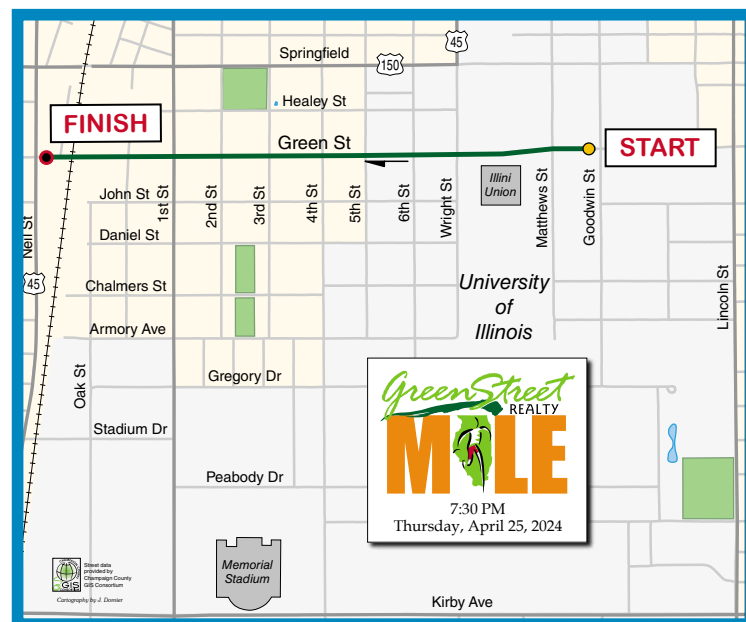
The Mile starts in waves at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, April 25.

Age Groups

Top 5 male and female elite	40-49
12 & under	50-59
13-19	60-69
20-29	70 & over
30-39	

Awards

- Three-deep awards will be mailed to the winners after race weekend.
- Age-group awards are based on chip time.



Goodies

All Mile entrants will receive a 16-ounce logoed silicone cup. Mile finishers also receive an awesome challenge coin at the finish line, and there's postrace party at The City Center.

Results from 2023

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Josh Mollway 4:37
2. Henry Hornbrook 4:46
3. Nathan Fredman 4:50
4. Anthony Morgan 5:01
5. Lane Weber 5:05

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Mikeelie Jensen 6:13
2. Carly Lockard 6:15
3. Caitlin Fredericks 6:18
4. Ashley Niemerg 6:21
5. Holly Black 6:37

5K Run/Walk

The race starts at Oak St., south of St. Mary's Road, runs through campus, and finishes on the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium.



Date and Time

The 5K starts in waves at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, April 26.

Age Groups

10 & under	30-34	60-64
11-12	35-39	65-69
13-14	40-44	70-74
15-19	45-49	75-79
20-24	50-54	80+
25-29	55-59	

Awards

The top three male and top three female runners will receive overall awards. These runners are not eligible for age group awards.

In addition to the overall awards, there will be first-, second-, and third-place awards for each of the age groups listed above. Age group awards are based on chip time.



Goodies

- 5K entrants receive a unisex technical shirt, drawstring backpack, and more.
- Finishers get a great medal and delicious food.

Results from 2023

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Josh Mollway 15:44
2. Jeffrey Hesselbein 16:10
3. Norb Nieves 16:36
4. Jacob Minin 16:40
5. Arthur Mazzeo 16:49

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Farah Scott 19:20
2. Kaytlyn Hettmansberger 19:44
3. Nicole Choquette 20:54
4. Megan Finneran 21:11
5. Jenny Blankenberger 21:13

10K Run/Walk

The race starts near the State Farm Center, runs south to Hazelwood, to Oak, to Gregory to First Street and through campustown and roads adjacent to campus, and finishes on the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium.



Date and Time

The 10K starts in waves at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Age Groups

12 & under	35-39	65-69
13-14	40-44	70-74
15-19	45-49	75-79
20-24	50-54	80+
25-29	55-59	
30-34	60-64	

Goodies

- 10K entrants receive a unisex technical shirt, draw-string backpack, and more.
- Finishers get a great medal, a keepsake Heatsheet, and delicious food.

Awards

The top three male and top three female runners will receive overall awards. These runners are not eligible for age group awards.

In addition to the overall awards, there will be first-, second-, and third-place awards for each of the age groups listed above. Age group awards are based on chip time.



Results from 2023

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Phil Parrot-Migas 31:24
2. Josh Mollway 33:24
3. Jeffrey Hesselbein 33:34
4. Nick Bonn 33:47
5. Lucian Bright 34:00

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Kate Bushue 36:48
2. Emily Farchmin 41:53
3. Leslie Manohar 43:42
4. Sami Moore 43:56
5. Nicole Choquette 44:57

Half Marathon

The race starts near the State Farm Center, runs through campus, loops through Urbana, runs back through campus, and finishes on the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium.



Date and Time

The half marathon starts at 7:33 a.m. (wave start) on Saturday, April 27, at the same time as the 4-person relay. The wheelchair half marathon starts at 7:31 a.m.

The course will be closed to traffic for participants who are on pace to finish in 3:30 or less (roughly 16 minutes per mile). Slower participants may continue after traffic is allowed onto the course, but they do so at their own risk and must follow pedestrian statutes.

Age Groups

12-14	35-39	60-64
15-19	40-44	65-69
20-24	45-49	70-74
25-29	50-54	75-79
30-34	55-59	80+

Note: Half marathon participants must be at least 12 years old on race day.

Goodies

- Half marathon entrants receive a drawstring backpack; a high-quality, U.S.-made short-sleeve, gender-specific technical shirt; and more.
- Finishers get a great medal, a keepsake Heatsheet, delicious food, and one beverage at the 27th-Mile Celebrate Victory Bash.

Awards

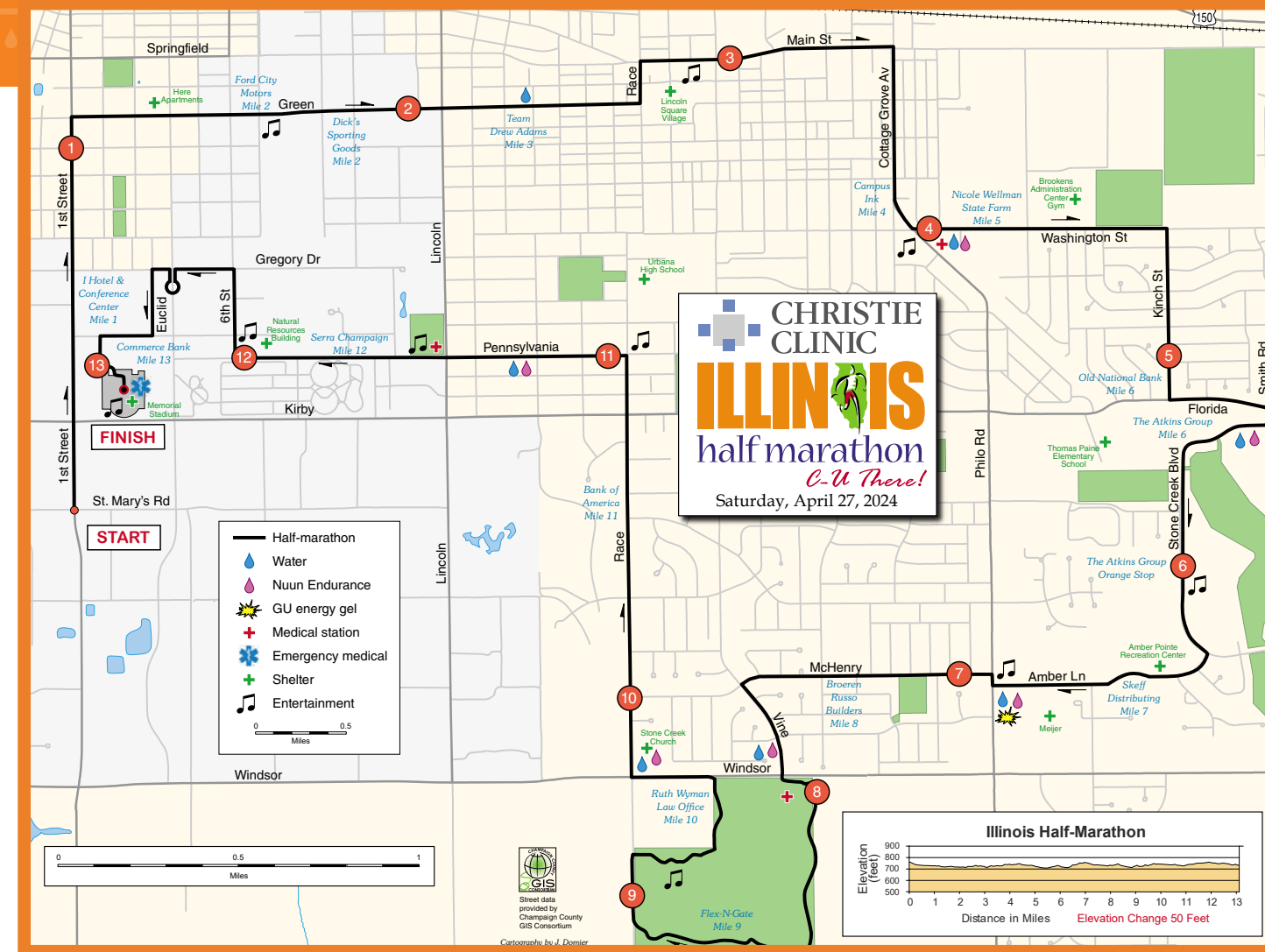
Prize money will be given out to the top three female and male finishers. Prize money winners are not eligible for individual awards.

Prize money awards are based on gun time. See the chart below.

Place	Overall Male	Overall Female
1	\$750	\$750
2	\$500	\$500
3	\$300	\$300

\$100 bonus for breaking the overall record while also winning the race: 1:03:50 (men), 1:13:18 (women).

In addition to the prize money, there will be first-, second-, and third-place awards for each age group. Age group awards are based on chip time.



Results from 2023

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Johnny Crain 1:05:05
2. Jaime Marcos 1:05:15
3. Devin Allbaugh 1:06:07
4. Michael Ellenberger 1:08:07
5. Logan Hall 1:08:17

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Jane Bareikis 1:16:13
2. Pasca Myers 1:18:37
3. Elizabeth Flatley 1:19:17
4. Breanna Gaster 1:22:46
5. Kelli Callahan 1:23:12

Marathon

The race starts near the State Farm Center, runs through campus, loops through Urbana, back through campus, out into Champaign, south to Savoy, and then finishes on the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium.



Date and Time

The marathon starts at 7:33 a.m. (wave start) on Saturday, April 27, at the same time as the half marathon and 4-person relay. The wheelchair half marathon starts at 7:31 a.m.

The course will be closed to traffic for participants who are on pace to finish in 6:00 or less (roughly 13:43 minutes per mile). Slower participants may continue after traffic is allowed onto the course, but they do so at their own risk and must follow pedestrian statutes.

Age Groups

17-19	40-44	65-69
20-24	45-49	70-74
25-29	50-54	75-79
30-34	55-59	80+
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Note: Marathon participants must be at least 17 years old on race day.

Goodies

- Marathon entrants will receive a drawstring backpack; a high-quality, U.S.-made short-sleeve, gender-specific technical shirt; and more.
- Finishers get a great medal, a fleece blanket, a keepsake Heatsheet, food and drink after the race, and one beverage at the 27th-Mile Celebrate Victory Bash.

Awards

Prize money will be given out to the top three female and male participants. Prize money will also be awarded for the top three female and male masters participants (full marathon only). Prize money winners are not eligible for individual awards. A masters runner placing in the top three overall is awarded the place and prize money in the overall race and not the masters race.

Place	Overall Male	Overall Female
1	\$2000	\$2000
2	\$1000	\$1000
3	\$500	\$500

Masters	Overall Male	Overall Female
1	\$300	\$300
2	\$200	\$200
3	\$100	\$100

Back for 2024: We will award \$250 each to the first male and first female finisher who resides in Illinois. This is bonus prize money. If an overall winner also resides in Illinois, he/she will collect an extra \$250 in prize money.

The men's marathon course record is 2:18:11 and the women's is 2:36:51. A bonus of \$200 will be awarded to the athlete who breaks the course record AND wins the race.

In addition to the prize money, there will be first, second, and third place awards for each of the age groups listed above. Age group awards are based on chip time.



Relay

Youth Run

The relay covers the same course as the marathon. It starts near the State Farm Center, runs through campus, loops through Urbana, back through campus, out into Champaign, south to Savoy, and then finishes on the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium.



The youth run course is roughly 1K (slightly longer than half a mile), with a finish at the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium.



Date and Time

Race starts at 7:33 a.m. (wave start) on Saturday, April 27, at the same time as the half marathon and marathon.

The course will be closed to traffic for participants who are averaging faster than 16 minutes per mile. Slower participants may continue after traffic is allowed onto the race course, but they do so at their own risk and must follow pedestrian statutes.

Awards

There will be first-, second-, and third-place awards for each of the divisions. Relay awards are based on chip time.

Goodies

- Marathon relay entrants receive a drawstring backpack, a unisex technical shirt, and more.
- Each member of a finishing relay team gets a great medal, a keepsake Heatsheet, and delicious food.

Exchange Zones

Exchange Zone A: on Amber Lane, Urbana. Approximately 6.75 miles.

Exchange Zone B: On Logan Street, before turning onto Neil Street. Approximately 13.5 miles.

Exchange Zone C: Prospect Ave, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Approximately 19.7 miles.

Divisions

There are four categories: male, female, mixed 2 & 2, and mixed 3 & 1.



Date and Time

The race starts at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Age Groups

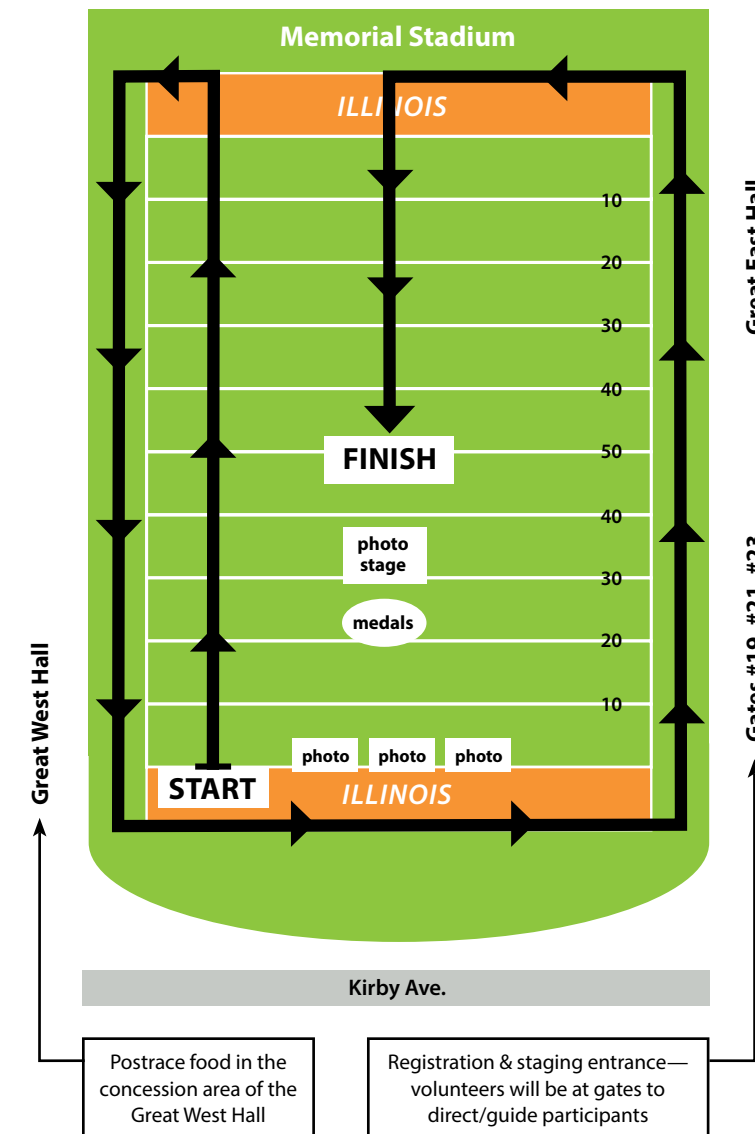
Children will run in separate races according to age. We also have a sibling heat for siblings of all ages. Parents can run with their children.

Goodies

Youth run entrants receive an awesome T-shirt and a drawstring backpack. Finishers receive a finisher's medal and delicious food.

Charitable Partner

The CU Schools Foundation is a Charitable Partner of the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend. A portion of every Busey Illinois Youth Run entry will be donated to CU Schools Foundation.



The I-Challenge Events

Runners who complete the Mile on Thursday night and the 5K on Friday night and then the 10K, half marathon, marathon, or relay on Saturday receive a special I-Challenge medal.

Events

There are eight I-Challenge events:

- **Christie Clinic Full I-Challenge**
= 5K + marathon
- **Christie Clinic Half I-Challenge**
= 5K + half marathon
- **Christie Clinic Mini i-Challenge**
= 5K + 10K
- **University of Illinois Alumni Association 4-Person Relay I-Challenge**
= 5K + 4-Person Relay
- **Triple Full I-Challenge**
= Mile + 5K + marathon
- **Triple Half I-Challenge**
= Mile + 5K + half marathon
- **Triple Mini I-Challenge**
= Mile + 5K + 10K
- **University of Illinois Alumni Association Triple 4-Person Relay I-Challenge**
= Mile + 5K + 4-Person Relay

Goodies

- Two shirts (5K shirt plus 10K, half marathon, marathon, or 4-person relay shirt) and a drawstring backpack.
- Three medals (5K medal plus 10K, half marathon, marathon, or 4-person relay, plus an I-Challenge medal, which is different for each I-Challenge)



16th Running 2025 Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend

THURSDAY,
APRIL 24,
TO SATURDAY,
APRIL 26



Marathon • Half Marathon • Marathon Relay
10K • 5K • Youth Run • Mile
Eight I-Challenge options
(full, half, relay, or mini)

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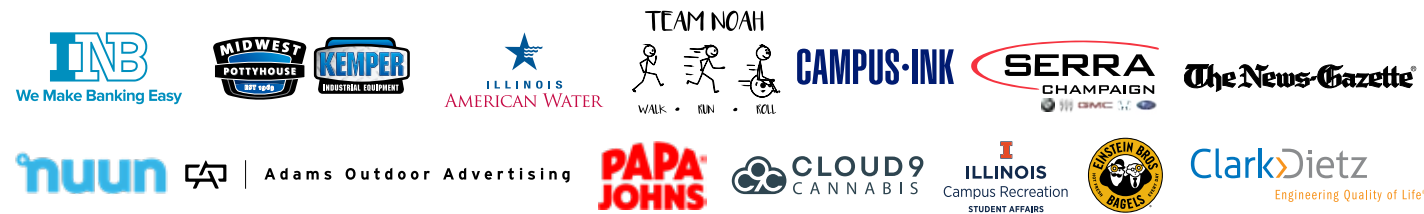
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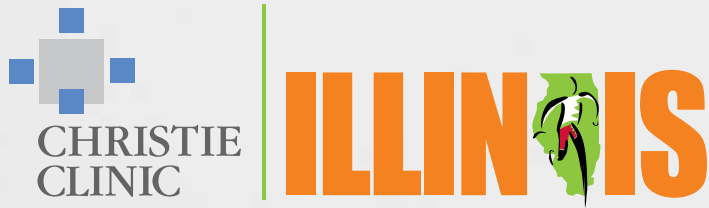
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2024 Race Weekend

FINISH

START

26.2 IS BACK!

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