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Letter from **Christie Clinic** Letter from **the Governor**

Greetings!

On behalf of Christie Clinic, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has helped make this year's Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend an incredible success. As the title sponsor, we are honored to support an event that brings our community together in such a meaningful way.

From the dedicated volunteers and race organizers to the enthusiastic participants and spectators, your energy and commitment make this weekend truly special. Whether you are running, cheering, or working behind the scenes, your involvement helps create an event that not only celebrates health and wellness but also strengthens the bonds within our community.

At Christie Clinic, we believe in the power of coming together to make a difference, and this event is a testament to what we can achieve when we do. We are proud to support the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend and look forward to continuing this tradition and celebrating the triumphs for many years to come.

Thank you again for your passion, dedication, and community spirit. We can't wait to see you all back next year!

Zach Sehy, JD
Chief Operating Officer Christie Clinic



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April 26, 2025

Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend
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Greetings,

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the 16th Annual Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend. This event offers an exciting opportunity for everyone to join with fellow members of your association and engage in healthy competition.

After countless hours of training, years of sacrifice, and a depth of dedication, your aspirations have now become a reality. As you reflect on your achievements, I encourage you to plan for the future, building on the successes of the past. I commend the work you have done to make Illinois a stronger and more enjoyable place to live.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Governor JB Pritzker

Letter from Race Director Event History

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, Parlor Doughnuts, and Columbia Street Roastery.

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

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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 220,000 registrations in the first 15 years. The race has donated over \$1.846 million to local charities, and the economic impact is also cause for celebration—averaging more than \$5 million annually.

At the 2024 event, the event overcame hurdles. Due to bandwidth challenges with local law enforcement, the 5K faced cancellation and was rescheduled to take place in early June. Thanks to Governor J. B. Pritzker and the Illinois State Police in conjunction with the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and the Village of Savoy, organizers were able to pull together the law enforcement staff needed for us to hold safe and secure events on Saturday, which included the return of the full marathon distance!

Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend 2025 features more community engagement and involvement, including charitable efforts and free Hands-Only CPR trainings leading up to the event.

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

Media Fact Sheet

Schedule of Events

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 16th 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.
- Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend's 2025 theme is "Tradition & Triumph," chosen by organizers to capture the elements that inspire participants to toe the line and that carry them to a victorious finish throughout Race Weekend.
- 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 2025 medals for the marathon, half marathon, relay, 10K, and 5K feature a design that is a replica of the Grange Grove gates, with a unique twist that allows those gate doors to be opened, revealing views of iconic Memorial Stadium.

When the gates are opened, it allows the medal to stand on its own for display on a shelf, a table top, or even pose for a photo for social media.



Hands-Only CPR Training Initiative

- During the Christie Clinic Half Marathon last April, 45-year-old Christie surgeon Rafael Ruggieri suffered a cardiac arrest while running in Meadowbrook Park. Rafael survived because of the exceptional care he received that day, which began with high-quality CPR by his son, Isaac, who was running with him that day, and three other runners, who also knew Hands-Only CPR.
- The Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend team wanted more runners and community members to know how to perform this life-saving skill, which is why they created a CPR training program.
- The Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend team is offering multiple sessions leading up to Race Weekend, FREE of charge and open to anyone.
- All race participants who attend the training will receive a set of BibBoards, used instead of pins to affix a race number to a shirt, that say "I AM HANDS-ONLY CPR-TRAINED," as well as a back bib to wear on race day that says the same.
- Individuals attending the training who are working the race in any capacity also received "I AM HANDS-ONLY CPR-TRAINED" BibBoards and back bib.
- Race participants coming from out of town who present their CPR-certification card will receive the unique BibBoards and back bib.



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 24, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Health & Fitness Expo

Located in Gym 1 of the ARC

Thursday, April 24, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 25, 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 on First St., outside Grange Grove, 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 24, 7:30 p.m. wave start

5K—Friday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. wave start

Wheelchair Half Marathon—Saturday, April 26, 7:31 a.m.

Marathon—Saturday, April 26, 7:33 a.m. wave start

4-Person Relay—Saturday, April 26, 7:33 a.m. wave start

Half Marathon—Saturday, April 26, 7:33 a.m. wave start

10K Run/Walk—Saturday, April 26, 8:00 a.m.

Youth Run—Saturday, April 26, 3:00 p.m., Memorial Stadium

FREE Special Events on Race Weekend

4th Mile, April 25—In conjunction with the Christie Clinic Illinois 5K Run & Walk, this kickoff event features food trucks, a beer tent, and the music of DreamCatchers. 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 26—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 26—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 by the PBS Band, food, beer, and family fun for all.

2025 Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend By the Numbers

The Race Gives Back

Total entrants, as of April 20, 2025

Marathon: 1,036
 Half Marathon: 2,738
 Marathon Relay: 63 teams of 4
 10K Run/Walk: 1,428
 5K Run/Walk: 3,782
 Mile: 283
 Youth Run: 374
 I-Challenge entrants (5K + relay, half, or 10K): 617
 Triple I-Challenge entrants (mile + 5K + relay, half, or 10K): 174
 Total registrations as of April 21, 2025: 9,893

Number of states: 45 + DC

Number of countries represented: 12

Percentage of entrants from Illinois: 91%

Gender breakdown: 55% Female, 45% Male

Number of volunteers: 2,000

Number of finisher medals created: 11,982—Each finisher in every race is awarded a unique, race-specific medal.

Number of vendors in the Health & Fitness Expo: 45

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

2024 winning times

Men's half marathon: Devin Allbaugh—1:08:49
 Women's half marathon: Jane Bareikis—1:16:13
 Men's marathon: Jamie Marcos—2:29:46
 Women's marathon: Alexis Dorsey—2:57:58

Stats of Note

\$6 million total annual economic impact of the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend
137 porta-potties
32 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
Date of the 2026 Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend: April 23–25, 2026



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



- Alzheimer's Association
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Boy Scouts of America
- Breast Cancer Research Foundation
- Champaign County CASA
- Champaign County Humane Society
- Courage Connection
- Crisis Nursery
- Cunningham Children's Home
- CU at Home
- CU Schools Foundation
- Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
- Developmental Services Center
- Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club
- Eastern Illinois Foodbank
- Empty Tomb
- Family Service of Champaign
- Feeding Our Kids
- Frances Nelson Promise Health Care
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kiwanis Champaign-Urbana
- Mahomet Area Youth Services
- Mattea's joy
- Merci's Refuge
- Niles Township Food Pantry
- Peacemeal Program
- Prairie Dragon Paddlers
- Salt & Light
- Salvation Army
- Stephens Family YMCA
- The Immigration Project
- University of Illinois Foundation
- Urbana Neighborhood Connection Center
- YMCA/Larkin's Place at the Y

Health & Fitness Expo

Elite Athletes



Thursday, April 24, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and
Friday, April 25, 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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| Alzheimer's Association | Experience Champaign-Urbana |
| Athletico Physical Therapy | F & S TDM |
| ATI Physical Therapy | Ferritiva Inc |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois | Golden Ticket |
| Body n' Sole Sports | Healthsource Chiropractic of Champaign |
| Busey Bank | Healthy Champaign Co/
Morrissey Park Runs |
| Campus Recreation | Human Kinetics |
| Carle Health | Joe's Pacers |
| CBPB Popcorn | Kennekuk Road Runners |
| Champaign Park District | LeafGuard |
| Christie Clinic | Life Goes On |
| Dexcom: Stelo & G7 | |

- OSF HealthCare
- PACE Inc
- Parlor Doughnuts
- Photo Booth
- Prairie Dragon Paddlers
- Promise Healthcare
- Quad Cities Marathon
- Real Time Pain Relief
- Renewal By Andersen
- Rogers Roofing
- Rosecrance Behavioral Health
- Run Mahomet
- Savoy Rec Center
- Second Wind Running Club
- Shoe Said Project
- Sunnyside Cannabis Dispensary
- Team Noah
- The Immigration Project
- Trp. Corey Thompsen Memorial 5k
- Vintage Gear
- Vital Education and Supply Inc



This year the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon has the honor of having both of its 2024 marathon winners returning to defend their titles. **Alexis Dorsey** from Mahomet was first female finisher last year in 2:57:58 on a challenging hot and windy day. She had previously run our marathon in high school with her grandfather, and then went on to compete in cross-country and track at Illinois Wesleyan University. After college, in 2024, she set her sights on the marathon distance, and although not even registered as an elite runner, she went on to win the Illinois Marathon. In November, 2024 Alexis was the overall winner of the Springfield Marathon in 3:01, beating the second-place male runner by almost 4 minutes. We are so glad to have Alexis back to defend her title!

Jaime Marcos teaches PE at Dr. Howard Elementary School here in Champaign. Last year he was the overall winner of our marathon in 2:29:46 on a very challenging day. (Rumor has it that his students had a celebratory assembly in his honor after the race!) Jamie has been competing since then, running the 4 on the Fourth race in Elmhurst last July and finishing second, and a few days later winning the BIG10 10k in Chicago in 30:20. In September Jamie won the Quad Cities Half Marathon in 1:07:32, and in November he competed in the Indy Monumental Marathon, finishing in 2:21:34 for an 11th-place finish. He also raced in the Wash U. Distance Carnival 10K, running on a track, and finished 5th. We welcome Jaime back and hope he has a great run in the marathon again this year.

Phil Parrot-Migas is a seasoned Canadian distance runner with over 20 years of competitive experience. A five-time national team member, Phil

has had the honor of representing Team Canada in both the half marathon and cross-country disciplines. Outside of training and racing, he works full-time at Race Roster, an ASICS-owned online registration platform, where his deep industry knowledge and passion for the sport shine through. Phil's dedication to running is matched by his love of plant-based cooking and a good cup of coffee. For Phil, running isn't just a sport—it's a way of life. Phil's personal bests are 29:02 in the 10K, 63:48 in the half marathon, and 2:13:24 in the marathon. Phil will be racing the half marathon, with an eye toward breaking the record for that distance here at Illinois.

Luke Cheruiyot is a Kenyan runner who will be competing this year in the marathon at our race. He comes here with marathon times of 2:08 (Chun Cheon Marathon, S. Korea 2019), 2:13:39 (Chendu Marathon, CHINA 2024), and 2:12:59 (Chongqing, China 2025.) Luke definitely has a chance of setting a new Illinois Marathon record this year.



Phil Parrot-Migas, Canadian national team member

Another woman to watch in our marathon is **Jessica Rockafellow**, from Palatine, IL. A former competitive gymnast (All American-Balance Beam 2014 and D3 National Team Champions), Jessica found distance running just a couple years ago. Moving up from 5Ks to the marathon, she was the third female finisher at her first marathon, the 2024 Bayshore Marathon, in 2:53:31. She then went on to finish 13th female in the 2024 Indianapolis Monumental Marathon in a time of 2:48:50. Jessica was also the female winner in the Chi Town Half Marathon (2024) in a time of 1:21:23. Illinois will be her third marathon, and hopefully it will be just as successful for her.

MILE Run

The Michael Hogue Team Mile starts on First St., outside the Grange Grove Gates, north of Kirby Ave., heads north on First St. and then west on Green St., finishing 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 24.

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 2024

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Easton Rosen 4:25
2. Thomas Harmon 4:28
3. Nathan Fredman 4:39
4. Anthony Morgan 4:44
5. Henry Hornbrook 4:45

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Laura Krasa 5:03
2. Rayleigh Reach 6:13
3. Aasiyah Adnan 6:26
4. Sydney Lazarus 6:29
5. Haley Eastin 6:41

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 25.

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, delicious food, and one beverage at the 4th-Mile Street Fest.

Results from 2024

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Will Gravell 16:43
2. Justic Carter 16:46
3. Rowan Denmark-Collins 16:59
4. Justin Roth 17:12
5. Gabriel Inojosa 17:17

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Laura Krasa 17:17
2. Rachael Brewer Kamps 18:25
3. Trish Black 18:39
4. Olivia Martin 19:49
5. Selah Wheeler 20:56

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 26.

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	

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

- 10K entrants receive a unisex technical shirt, draw-string backpack, and more.
- Finishers get a great medal, a keepsake Heatsheet, delicious food, and one beverage at the 27th-Mile Celebrate Victory Bash.



Results from 2024

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Brian Bundren 35:23
2. Chris Lardner 36:58
3. Michael Mallon 37:28
4. DJ BJ Clark 38:06
5. Anthony Morgan 38:43

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Trish Black 40:39
2. Olivia Martin 42:53
3. Leslie Manohar 43:54
4. Natalie Malinowski 45:29
5. Julia Johnson 46:10

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 26, at the same time as the 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 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, 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 2024

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Devin Allbaugh 1:08:49
2. Arturs Bareikis 1:12:10
3. Ethan Forsell 1:12:28
4. Andrew Taylor 1:13:32
5. Jeffrey Hesselbein 1:15:20

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Jane Bareikis 1:17:29
2. Lynn Ahlers 1:21:22
3. Andrea Shine 1:24:31
4. Nicole Benson 1:24:54
5. Maria Luevano-Salazar 1:26:25

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 26, at the same time as the marathon and 4-person relay.

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+
35-39	60-64	

Note: Marathon participants must be at least 17 years old on race day.

Goodies

- Marathon entrants will receive a drawstring backpack; a high-quality, 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 2025: 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.



Results from 2024

Top 5 Male Finishers

1. Jamie Marcos 2:29:46
2. Dan Froeschle 2:30:32
3. Jonnathan Fernandez 2:30:47
4. Logan Hall 2:33:38
5. Bram Osterhout 2:33:48

Top 5 Female Finishers

1. Alexis Dorsey 2:57:58
2. Brisa McGrath 2:59:03
3. Rebecca Nussbaum 3:08:47
4. Sabrina Sanchez 3:11:29
5. Veronika Adamczyk 3:15:57

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 26, at the same time as the half and full 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, delicious food, and one beverage at the 27th-Mile Celebrate Victory Bash.

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 Mendota Dr. 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 26.

Youth Run Heats

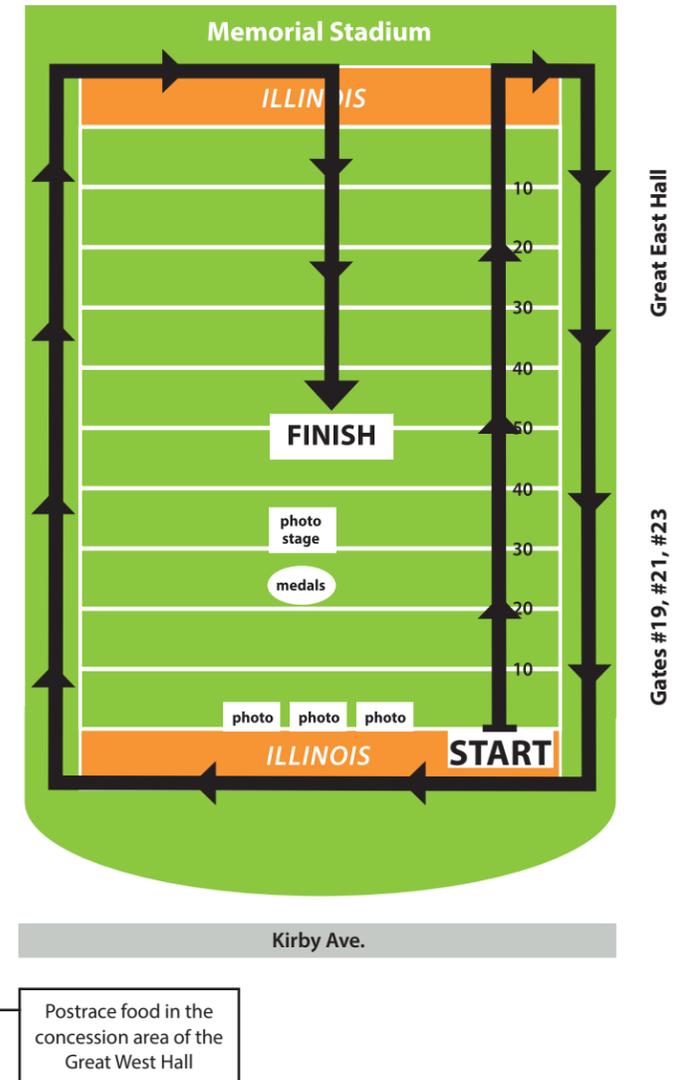
The Youth Run will be run in multiple heats. New for 2025 is the "Welcome Wave"—a heat tailored for families and participants with disabilities. This Welcome Wave heat will be the first wave, immediately following the national anthem, minimizing wait time and the total duration of participation. After the Welcome Wave, the remaining heats will be run according to grade. There is also a sibling heat. The Youth Run is for children fifth grade and under. Parents/guardians/companions can run with their youth run entrant.

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 event).



17th Running 2026 Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend

Thursday,
April 23,
to Saturday,
April 25



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

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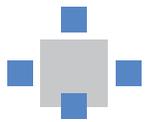
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