

28th Annual Topeka to Auburn Half Marathon

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Race start time: 11:00 a.m. (no early start time)

Starting Line Location: The starting line is located at 2121 SW Chelsea Drive between the west end of Fairlawn Plaza Mall and the KTKA building. In inclement weather runners may wait indoors at the west end of Fairlawn Plaza Mall for the start of the race.

Important Course Information: The Topeka Police Department has requested that runners please run in designated lanes of traffic in certain areas of the course. This will help them better control traffic and keep runners safe. Please note the following:

Along 25th Street, run on the left side of the road AGAINST traffic.

Along Arrowhead/33rd Street, run on the right side of the road WITH traffic.

Along Fairlawn Road, run on the right side of the road, WITH traffic.

When you get to 37th Street on Fairlawn, IMMEDIATELY CROSS 37th ST. to the left side of the road to run AGAINST traffic.

When you run out of Clarion stay on the left side of the road to run against traffic and around the LEFT side of the traffic circle at 37th & Wanamaker.

Bus Transportation: Buses will pick up runners in Auburn before the start of the race and transport runners to the starting line in Topeka. Buses will begin loading near the Auburn Community Center, which is west of the finish line, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 10:00 a.m.. Parking is available along the north and east side of the ball diamond and in the Presbyterian Church parking lot east of the finish line (see map link below). Busing is provided for runners only. Clothing bags will be transported from the start to Auburn Elementary School (see Bag Drop-Off below). There will NOT be bus transportation provided after the race back to Topeka from Auburn.

Map of the parking areas at the Auburn Community Center

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=104264317904371754441.000443c572ac1115f50c0>

Safety: As the course is run entirely along city streets and country roads, please be aware that there is live traffic and runners will need to use caution. Cyclists will accompany the lead runners. There is a roundabout at SW 37th St. and Wanamaker Rd., extra caution may be necessary in that area. The use of headphones or headsets during the race is strictly prohibited. Strollers, skateboards, roller blades, bicycles and dogs are not allowed on the course.

Restroom Locations at the start: Restrooms are located in Fairlawn Plaza Mall, Hastings Video (east end of Fairlawn Plaza Mall near Dillons), and McDonald's (on 21st St, NW of the start).

Bag Drop-Off: Personal belonging bags may be dropped off at the start and will be taken to the finish at Auburn Elementary School. Bags may be checked in with the official TTA vehicles parked at the West entrance of Fairlawn Plaza Mall. Please properly label your personal bag with your name and a contact phone number.

Aid Stations: Aid stations are located at approximately 3.8 miles, 6.8 miles, 10.0 miles, and 11.9 miles. Water and Gatorade will be at all aid stations.

Emergency Medical Support: There will be EMT's stationed on the course. If emergency medical assistance is needed, volunteers at the aid stations will be able to contact EMTs for assistance. Course marshals traveling in officially marked vehicles may also be summoned for emergency help.

Spectator Driving Instructions: All spectators are asked to remain off of the course. Driving the course can be hazardous for the runners and we request all vehicles other than officially marked vehicles stay off the course. Driving directions to the finish line: Chelsea St north to 21st St., left (west) on 21st St to Auburn Rd, left (south) on Auburn Rd. to SW 85th St. entering the City of Auburn. The finish line is near the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Post-Race Activities: The post-race ceremony is at Auburn Elementary School at 251 W. 8th St. (one block south and west of the finish line).

Bag Pick-up and Changing Rooms: Personal belonging bags may be picked up in the hallways of the elementary school. Changing rooms are available; there are no shower facilities.

Pancake Feed: A free pancake feed will be provided to all participants and volunteers by the Auburn Elementary School PTO. Family and friends may also eat for a \$4.00 donation to the Auburn Elementary School PTO fundraiser.

Awards Ceremony: The ceremony will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. or as soon as results become available. Awards will be given to the first three overall male and female finishers, the first three male and female masters finishers, and the first male and female senior masters finishers (50 and over). Masters and senior masters overall awards will be age grade. Age group awards will also be given in the standard five-year age groups. Awards will not be mailed, please make arrangements as necessary.

