

# Important race information — please read carefully!

We want you to have a safe and enjoyable Pirates on the Run. There are MAJOR changes in the race this year, so please read this carefully!

## CHIPS AND REGISTRATION

We are using ChampionChip scoring this year. **You must wear a chip to be scored in the 5K/10K results!** Make sure it's securely fastened to your shoe. Chips will be available for you to pick up starting at 7 a.m. on race morning at Burns Hall of St. Peter's Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. (Chips will not be in your race packet, and you can't use your own chip if you register on race day.) You don't need a chip for the kids' runs or if you are walking the 5K and don't wish to be timed.

If you preregistered, **please make sure the information on the label of your packet is correct** — your name, age, gender, race number (it should match your bib), which race you entered (5K or 10K), and your chip number if you are using your own chip. If any of this information is wrong, it will be wrong in the race results! If you find any errors, please report them to us on Friday, Feb. 20 at (904) 277-8365, or on race morning at the registration table.

**Unless you're using your own chip, you must return the chip at the end of the race.** Volunteers will be available in the finish-line corral to help you remove it and collect the chips. If the chip isn't returned you'll be billed \$30, so please make sure we get it back!

## RACE INFORMATION AND NEW GREENWAY (CROSS-COUNTRY) ROUTE

The 5K/10K race will start on Ninth St. just east of St. Peter's Church at 8:30 a.m. **Please don't run with dogs, strollers, or headphones. Much of the course is along the Egans Creek Greenway, a nature trail that is unsuitable for running with strollers. Also, the Greenway is narrow, and strollers and dogs would be a hazard to runners.**

Before the race start, **please line up according to your pace — slower runners and walkers in the back.**

Both the 5K and 10K are out-and-back. Runners will line up on Ninth St. just east of St. Peter's and north of Atlantic Avenue. You'll head south two blocks on Ninth Street and turn left onto Beech Street, then stay on Beech Street for about a mile. **Traffic will be moving through intersections, so please be aware of your surroundings.**

After crossing Citrona Drive, runners will head into the Egans Creek Greenway. **PLEASE USE CAUTION ON THE GREENWAY AND ESPECIALLY ON THE TWO-BLOCK STRETCH OF GRAVEL ROAD BETWEEN CITRONA AND THE GREENWAY BRIDGE. PLEASE STAY TO THE RIGHT AS YOU SEE RETURNING RUNNERS. THE LEAD 5K RUNNERS WILL BE RETURNING WHILE OTHER 5K/10K RUNNERS ARE STILL HEADING OUT.**

5K runners will turn around at their halfway point and head back through the Greenway onto Beech Street. 10K runners will keep going on the Greenway until they reach Jasmine Street. They will cross Jasmine and turn right onto the bike path, then turn left into the south Greenway. **Please be aware of traffic on Jasmine!** 10K runners will also turn around at their halfway point and retrace their route onto Beech Street.

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**FINISH LINE: 5K and 10K runners will turn right on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and finish on the west side of Central Park, NOT at the starting line.** 5K and 10K runners will use the same finish line.

If you signed up for the 5K, your bib number should be between 300 and 700. If you're running the 10K, it should be between 1 and 299. **Please DO NOT run**

**the 5K distance if you signed up for the 10K, or vice-versa, UNLESS you have gone to the registration table and switched races, and received a new number. If you don't run the distance you've been assigned, your results will be recorded in the wrong race.**

Water will be available at about the 1-mile and 2.2-mile points for 5K runners. For 10K runners, water will be available at about the 1, 2.2, 4 and 5.2-mile points. Water will also be available at the finish area.

After the race, all registered runners are invited to return to Burns Hall at the church for a free pancake breakfast! Bagels will be available for runners who don't want pancakes. **Please save your race bib for entrance to the breakfast.**

## RESTROOMS

Port-o-lets will be set up outside the church near Alachua St. Please don't use the church's restroom facilities.

## PARKING

Free parking will be available at Fred's Discount Store, 22 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., the Atlantic Elementary School, 1205 Atlantic Ave., and other designated areas. Come early for best parking!

## KIDS' FUN RUNS

Half-mile and one-mile kids' runs, for children 10 and under, will begin at 9:45 a.m. at the 5K/10K finish line area of Central Park. The half-mile run will start first. Kids will head north in the park, then east on the sidewalk beside Atlantic Avenue, and return. The one-mile run will follow; kids will head north in the park, east on the Atlantic Avenue sidewalk, south on 11<sup>th</sup> St., and return. **Parents are encouraged to run with their children for free and don't need to register.**

## TURN IN YOUR RACE TABS FOR THE PRIZE DRAWING!

We'll have a raffle at the post-race awards ceremony, outside the church after the kids' runs. The grand prize is a 4-day, 3-night stay at the Amelia Island Plantation. You must be present to win. 5K/10K race participants are eligible. Please save your race bib and drop the small tab (with your race number on it) in the container marked for the raffle, which will be at the entrance to Burns Hall.

## RACE RESULTS

Results will be posted on-site and also later on [www.AmeliaslandRunners.com](http://www.AmeliaslandRunners.com), where event photos will also be posted later. If you find your picture, let us know the photo number and we'll e-mail you a free high-res .jpeg version!

## LAST-MINUTE QUESTIONS?

Call us Friday at (904) 624-0027 or (904) 277-8365, or send an email to [runnernews@aol.com](mailto:runnernews@aol.com). Or come to the registration table Saturday morning starting at 7 a.m. Amelia Island Runners thanks you for entering the Pirates on the Run, and we hope you have a great time!