



MONTANA MARATHON



Sunday, September 15, 2019

The Billings Family YMCA is proud to be hosting the 39th Annual Montana Marathon. This USATF certified, Boston qualifying race course offers a scenic view through Big Sky country and is ideal with it's 1,000 foot decline in elevation. The race starts in Molt, MT at the Molt Community Center and finishes at Pioneer Park in Billings, MT.

Start Times:

7:00am	Marathon and Relay
8:15am	Half Marathon
9:15am	10K
10:00am	Post Race Celebration
11:30am	Awards Ceremony
12:00pm	Kids' One Mile Run

Shuttle Times:

FIRST		LAST	
5:30am	to	6:00am	Marathon and Relay
6:45am	to	7:30am	Half Marathon
8:00am	to	8:45am	10K

Shuttles will depart from the Senior High School parking lot located at 425 Grand Avenue. The parking lot is to the north of the school building just off of Virginia Lane. Parking is limited at the start of the marathon and 10k races. There is absolutely **NO** parking available at the start of the half marathon. We recommend taking the provided transportation to the start of each race in order to keep the course clear and safe for all participants; the race is not on a closed course. You must be on the bus by the above posted time to ensure arrival at your respective race by its start time. The last shuttle is expected to arrive roughly 15 minutes prior to the race start time.

Aid Stations:

More information coming soon!

Portapotties:

More information coming soon!

Drop Bags:

Drop bags will be included in your race packet. It is your responsibility to bring your drop bag on race day, if needed. Fill out the tear-off tag portion of your race bib and attach it to your drop bag with the provided zip tie. A volunteer, at the start of each race, will collect the drop bags and take them to the finish line at Pioneer Park.

Packet Pickup:

Where: YMCA Administrative Offices
502 North 32nd Street
Billings, MT 59101

When: Friday, September 13th from 4pm to 7pm and Saturday, September 14th from 10am to 2pm

There will be no packet pickup on race day!

Course Safety and Closure:

The course is marked well, but it is open to traffic. There will be volunteers at most intersections and security personnel at the busier intersections. Please remain on the right side of the road, unless otherwise directed. Because the course is open to traffic, we recommend that all participants wear bright colored clothing to improve visibility. Music devices and earbuds/earphones are strongly discouraged. The course will officially close at 1:30pm on race day. All participants must be capable of completing the course in 6.5 hours. At that time, there will be no support along the course (e.g. water stations, cross guards, etc.) No runner will be abandoned, however, it will be at the Race Director's discretion to clear the course of any remaining runners, if their finish time will be after 1:30pm.

Emergency:

If you experience medical issues while on the course, please find a volunteer, police officer or security guard. There is no cell phone coverage for the first half of the marathon. Ham Radio will be providing communications throughout the race course. There is a fully staffed medical tent at the finish line and emergency vehicles at certain points along the course.

Race Day Temperature:

Warm with low humidity. Expect to start the race in the mid 40's and end in the upper 60's.

Relay Teams:

A relay team consists of either 2 or 4 participants. Relay teammates are responsible for their own transportation to the assigned hand-off locations. Participants are welcome and encouraged to ride the shuttle buses to the starting line of each race. Teammates who begin at the half marathon hand-off location must use the provided shuttle bus services as there is no room for vehicles to park at the start of the half.

Relay Registrations:

One teammate will register their relay team online, create a team name and pay the full race fee. The other teammates must then register online under that team name. No additional fees will be charged to the other team members.

Relay Hand-off Locations:

1. Starting line of the marathon; in Molt, MT.
2. Mile 6 water stop; about 6.2 miles from the marathon start.
3. Mile 13.1 water stop; near the half marathon start, corner of Shorey Road and Molt Road.
4. Mile 20 water stop; near the 10k start, corner of 46th Street West and Rangeview Drive.

Kids' One Mile Run:

Cost: FREE

Ages: 4 to 12

When: Sunday, September 15th @ 12pm

Where: Pioneer Park - Post Race Area

This event is a great way to get kids involved and excited about running. Each child will receive a finishing medal and race shirt. Currently, registration is limited to 150 kids. Online registration is required. Same day registration is permitted.

Partner Hotel:

More information coming soon!

Transportation:

Local shuttle services offer transportation to various locations throughout Billings. Downtown Billings is walker friendly and has many great shops and eating establishments. Local taxi services, city transportation and/or Uber are means of traveling to our shuttle bus transportation location in the parking lot of Senior High School.

Prerace Dinner:

Billings has many great restaurants to choose from and we want you to experience our city. Check out www.visitbillings.com for a list of restaurants.

Race Medals:

All finishers will receive a medal once they cross the finish line.

Finisher Area:

All runners will finish near Pioneer Park along 3rd Street West and then proceed through to the finish area. This area is restricted to running participants only. Bottled water, chocolate milk, cookies and fruit will be provided. A medical tent provided by **Billings Clinic** will be available to runners. Family, friends and spectators can meet up with the participants in Pioneer Park for the Post Race Celebration. Local physical and massage therapists will have a booth set up in Pioneer Park for all race participants.

Post Race Celebration:

We are congratulating each runner's achievement with a Post Race Celebration in Pioneer Park! We will have music, food vendors and fun games for the entire family. We are encouraging the entire community to join us in supporting our runners.

Awards Ceremony:

The Awards Ceremony will be held in Pioneer Park at 11:30am for the top 3 male and top 3 female winners of each age group for the marathon, half and 10k races. Relay team awards will be given to the winning male, female and co-ed teams.

Refunds:

A refund of your race registration fees, minus a 20% processing fee, will be honored up until July 31st, 2019. After that time, no refunds will be issued.

Event Transfers:

Transferring your registration to a different race is allowed up until September 1st, 2019. This transfer takes place through your RunSignUp account with no additional processing fees, unless you are transferring to a greater event then only the difference in payment is required.

Questions, Comments or Concerns:

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