



Runner Race Instructions

Welcome and Thank You

We are pleased to welcome you to the 2026 CAK 5K on the Runway at the Akron-Canton Airport. Below are IMPORTANT details about the event. Please follow the Parking Instructions! We need to bus you to the race site and we want to start on time. **There are THREE parking locations. You have been assigned a SPECIFIC location to park. Your parking location is noted in the emails we are sending you. It is CRITICAL that you park in these locations.** FREE and shuttles will run all morning back and forth to the race site.

Weekend Schedule

The weekend will start with PACKET PICKUP on Wednesday, September 30th at Second Sole Akron in the valley. The address is 1466 N Portage Path, Akron OH 44313. We will be there from Noon until 7:00pm. You will pick up your race bib, t-shirt, and assorted materials for the race. You may have a friend pick up your items for you! If you live in the AKRON area please make your best effort to pick up your race packet here. It will reduce the lines on race morning. We continue on Thursday, October 1st at Second Sole Canton. The address is 4691 Dressler Rd NW, Canton, OH 44718. We will be there from Noon until 7:00pm. You will pick up your race bib, t-shirt, and assorted materials for the race. You may have a friend pick up your items for you! If you live in the CANTON area please make your best effort to pick up your race packet here. It will reduce the lines on race morning.

If you cannot make it on Wednesday or Thursday, we will continue the PACKET PICKUP on SUNDAY morning at the race site from 6:30am to 7:45am INSIDE of the MAPS Hangar near the LARGE American Flag. Please, Please, Please arrive EARLY. We are starting the race promptly at 8:00am.

Why no pickup on Friday or Saturday? Setting up a race on a active airfield is a little more time consuming than a neighborhood race. We will be busy both days packing and working on the course.



Race Day

The buses will drop you off just outside of the MAPS Air Museum. Please follow the cones / glow sticks to enter the facility. YOUR RETURN BUS will be located here after the race. PLEASE LOOK AT THE SIGNS ON THE BUSES to ensure you are heading back to the correct parking area after the race.

Dogs – Since we are running on an active airfield, we have a strict NO PETS policy for the race.

Strollers – You may bring a stroller to the race. Just be prepared to fold it to carry on the bus.

Gear Check – We will have a limited gear check inside the facility next to the LARGE American Flag. Please only bring the things you need to run in the race. It is important to note that IF you bring water bottles, backpacks, Camelbacks, or any other items, they CANNOT go out on the course. You may have it before and after the run.

Course / Start / Finish - The 5k will start promptly at 8:00am. Please make sure to allow enough time to park, get to the bus, pee, and prepare for the race. We HIGHLY RECOMMEND that you arrive at your parking location by 7am at the latest. It will provide you the most time to get ready to run. Your time will start once you cross the starting line and end as you cross the finish line. Only registered race participants are allowed on the race course. There will be an area for spectators if you are bringing family members. Water and food will be available at the finish line.

The Afterburner Zone presented by Foxtrot Aviation Services – What is it? Well....it is a race inside of a race. We will have a 100 meter section marked off right around Mile 2.3 where you will be timed. Simple awards will be presented to the top 3 in each age group. Will you run your fastest 5K or save some energy to BLAST through the Afterburner Zone?

Awards – Finisher medals will be given as you cross the finish line. The Awards Ceremony will start promptly at 9:05am. Some runners will still be finishing during the Awards Ceremony. Results will be posted continuously throughout the race and can be found at www.runtoyouracing.com. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO COLLECT YOUR AWARD. WE WILL NOT MAIL OUT AWARDS AFTER THE RACE. NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE STICK AROUND FOR THE FEW EXTRA MINUTES AFTER YOU RUN. You are going to want to stick around anyway to check out the cool aircraft at the MAPS Air Museum.

Race Photos – Free race photos will be available just after you finish the race! We would love it if you posted your photos on your social media channels over race weekend. You can view your photos on the Race Results at www.runtoyouracing.com



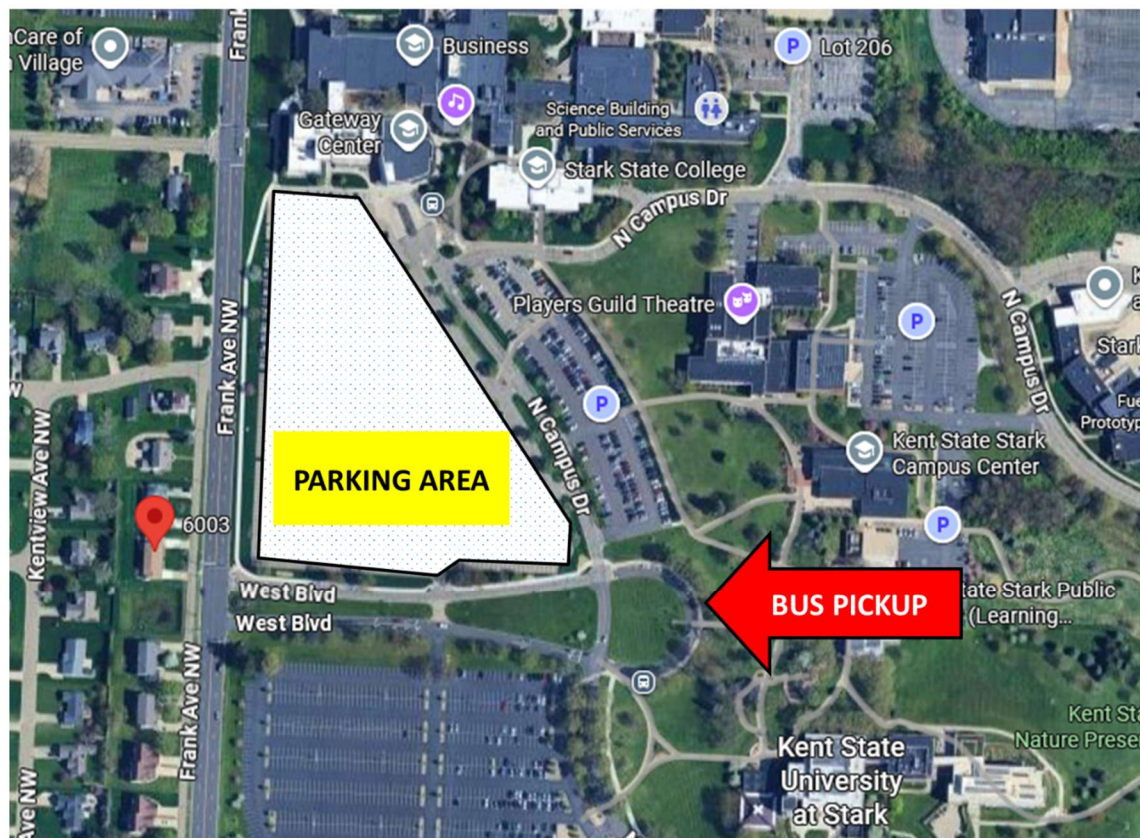
Getting Here / Parking

There are THREE parking areas for the 2026 race. We will have plenty of buses to get you to and from the race site. Please note that ONLY those who paid for Preferred Parking will park at MAPS. All RUNNERS and SPECTATORS must park at their assigned parking spots.

***** ONLY PREFERRED PARKING PASSES WILL BE PERMITTED AT MAPS. YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY IF YOU TRY TO PARK AT MAPS WITHOUT YOUR PREFERRED PARKING PERMIT *****

PARKING AREA – STARK STATE MAIN LOT

Half of you will be parking for **FREE** at Stark State. Use the address of 6003 Frank Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720 to get there. Buses will be running to and from there beginning at 6:15am. It is roughly an 11 minute bus ride to the site. Please try to get here by 7:00am at the latest to ensure a smooth pre-race experience. Buses will be returning to the parking lot from 8:30am to 10:30am. This is a DIFFERENT LOT from 2025!





PARKING AREA – TIMKEN CORPORATION LOT

Half of you will be parking for **FREE** at Timken. Use the address of 4500 Mt Pleasant St NW, North Canton, OH 44720 to get there. Buses will be running to and from there beginning at 6:15am. It is roughly a 7 minute bus ride to the site. Please try to get here by 7:00am at the latest to ensure a smooth pre-race experience. Buses will be returning to the parking lot from 8:30am to 10:30am.



PARKING AREA – MAPS AIR MUSEUM

ONLY PREFERRED PARKING PASS HOLDERS WILL PARK HERE. Be prepared. We will be checking parking passes as you enter the lot. Please do not try to sneak in. It will just jam everything up for everyone. Use the address of 2260 International Pkwy, North Canton, OH 44720 to get there. Please try to get here by 7:00am at the latest to ensure a smooth pre-race experience. ***Preferred Parking participants will be emailed their parking pass on Wednesday, September 30th.***



Race Site / Layout

All activities will be at the MAPS Air Museum. Please take some time to check out the cool aircraft at MAPS. Buses will be dropping / picking up participants just outside of the museum. **There is no parking along International Parkway or Global Gateway! We are using that area for Bus Transitions.** Spectators must park where their Runner is assigned to park.

Race Course



Rules to Follow

We will be running on an active airfield. Remember...you cannot run with your water bottles, race belts, or any other items that could contain prohibited materials. You may run with your phone / iPod.

We also ask that you follow the rules posted regarding the aircraft at MAPS.

Wheelchairs & Strollers

Remember that you will be taking a school bus to/from the site. Please be prepared for that.



Race Schedule

- 6:15am – Buses start rolling from Parking Sites to MAPS
- 6:30am to 7:45am – Packet Pickup inside the hangar near the LARGE American Flag
- 8:00am – Start of the 5K
- 8:55am – Lil' Captains Dash
- 9:05am – Awards
- 10:30am – Last Bus Departs back to Parking Sites

Lil' Captains Dash

This is roughly a 200 meter run for those 8 years old and younger. Parents may run with their children. It is a FREE event, but we kindly ask that you register your children at www.runsignup.com/cak5k so that we have a proper count of how many kids will be participating. The dash will be at 8:55am just before we start the awards ceremony.

Stuff the Plane

Help us Stuff the Plane with food and funds at the CAK5k on the Runway and support the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank!

Runners are encouraged to rally their friends, families and coworkers to collect shelf-stable food and monetary donations leading up to race day. Then, bring your donations to the CAK5K, where Foodbank and airport staff will help pack the plane full of generosity for our neighbors facing hunger. Every donation helps fuel our mission and provide meals for local families. Let's see how much we can pack aboard!

Thank You Partners

We want to say thanks to our partners for the weekend! Make sure you thank our volunteers!

