

Sledgehammer Runner Information Sheet

February 3rd, 2024



Packet pick up

Packet Pickup- February 2nd, 2024

Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Location:

JOSC Offices

1099 Gum Branch Rd. - Jacksonville

Packet Pickup- February 2nd, 2024

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Location:

Salty Turtle Beer Company

103 Triton Lane, Surf City, NC

We will be doing random prizes for those that pick up at either location on February 2nd.

Race Day Packet Pick Up

6:45-8:00AM

On Site

2950 Island Dr, North Topsail Beach, NC

Inside your packet

-Information from our sponsors

*-Information about the JOSC Race Series and the next race in the series (Ainsley's Angels) with a **discount code** that can be used on **ANY** of the races in the series.*

*-List of **restaurants** offering a **discount** each race weekend if you show your bib*

Race Day Schedule

6:45: Packet Pick up opens

8:00: Packet Pick up closes

8:15: Opening ceremony

8:30: Half Marathon start

8:35: 10k start

8:40: 5k start

Parking

FREE parking is available at the start/finish line. 2950 Island Dr, North Topsail Beach, NC.

We expect to sell out so we ask that you carpool to help make room for everyone.

NOTE: No transfers after Feb 1st

Course

Half marathon, 10k & 5k courses are all on the beach. It is an out and back course.

***Half marathon cut off time is 4 hours.*

Anyone left on the course after the fourth hour will be picked up by a staff member and will be disqualified for awards.

Reminder about GPS watches. The course is measured in feet not by GPS so your watch distance will vary.

AID STATIONS: Cups of water will be provided. Half marathon runners will pass a total of five stations twice since it is an out and back course so there will be a total of ten. Half marathon runners will have GU Energy gels at their turnaround and a Gatorade option. 10k runners will have a water stop at your turnaround and will pass the 5k water stop twice. 5k runners will have a water stop at your turnaround point.

FINISH LINE:

-Volunteers will distribute your medal based on the color of your bib.

-Blue Water Inn will be providing water and snacks

-Salty Turtle Beer

Half Marathon: 2 beers

10k Runners: 1 beer

NOTE: You must show your ID with your bib ticket to receive your free beer(s).

Onslow County Tourism will be providing a hot cocoa bar

Sponsors

Thank you to all of our sponsors!
Marine Federal Credit Union
Salty Turtle Beer Company
Guild Mortgage- Team Goss
Ultimate Sports Massage Therapy
Onslow County Tourism
Texas Roadhouse - Jacksonville

Special Thanks

Town of North Topsail Beach
Onslow County Parks & Recreation

Hotel Information

Hampton Inn & Suites (Sneads Ferry)

Booking Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=OAJSFHX&groupCode=CHH90F&arrivaldate=2024-02-02&departuredate=2024-02-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Holiday Inn & Express (Jacksonville) special 15% discount

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&hotelCode=OAJHI&rateCode=AEXSH&PMID=99502056&corpNum=787110194&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Blue Water Inn & Suites

King Suites at a rate of \$109 per night plus tax and our Double Queen for \$95.00 per night plus tax. Use the booking link below to make reservations and guests are welcome to call the hotel directly at 910-327-8282 to reserve rooms.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.34188.html?groupId=7L6WM9R3

For more information about Onslow County, check out the [Only in Onslow website](#).

Race Background Information

Sledgehammer Beach Run is in memory of Dr. E. B. Sledge. The mission statement of the "Sledgehammer Race Series": To Honor the memory of Sledgehammer and All Combat Veterans." Sledge was a lifelong Marine who spent the remainder of his post war years coming to terms with what he and his fellow combatants experienced during World War II. His memoir, *With the Old Breed at Peleilu and Okinawa*, was used as a reference for Ken Burns' PBS documentary, "The War" and Tom Hanks and Stephen Spielbergs' HBO miniseries "The Pacific" starring Joseph Mazello as Sledge.

Social Media

Feel free to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We will be sharing reminders leading up to the event and photos after the event.

Instagram & Twitter: @playjosc

Facebook: JOSC.NC

[Facebook event page](#)

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#sledgehammerrace

Awards

Awards will be given to the top overall male, female, male masters and female masters. Thank you to USMT for sponsoring the top overall awards.

First place medals will be given in the following age groups.

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15-19

20-24

25-29

30-34

35-39

40-44

45-49

50-54

55-59

60-64

65-69

70+

This event is a part of the JOSC Race Series. More info at www.racejosc.com.

FAQs

1. Does everyone receive a finisher medal?
 - a. Yes, to everyone that finishes the race!
2. Does everyone get a race shirt?
 - a. Only those that purchase them separately. In order to keep our races affordable we have the race shirt as an optional cost.
3. Where does the race start and end?
 - a. Beach Access #2 - 2950 Island Drive North Topsail Beach, NC
4. Where do I park?
 - a. You can park at Beach Access #2 (race start/finish)
5. Are dogs allowed to run with us?
 - a. No, unfortunately our insurance does not allow dogs unless they are a certified service dog.
6. Where do the proceeds go?
 - a. The proceeds are divided between us and Semper Fi & America's Fund. Both organizations are 501(c)3 non profits..
7. Is the course all on the beach?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes 8. Is the course certified? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No, the course is not certified and can vary slightly depending on the tide. 9. Do you offer referral discounts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes, when you register for the race, you will be given a link to send to your friends. You can earn up to \$20 off your registration. 10. Do you offer photos? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We have volunteer photographers on the course and will post the photos on RunSignUp after the race. 11. Can I transfer my registration? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes, but you must request it from the race director. The deadline is February 1st, 2024. Please do not give your bib to someone else without speaking to a staff member. This could cause issues with our awards presentation. 12. What is the JOSCS Race Series? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The JOSCS Race Series is a running series that was started in 2019. All races occur in Onslow County, NC and runners earn points towards being the first, second or third place winners overall. In addition you receive exclusive discounts on all the races in the series (once you race in at least one) and you receive exclusive restaurant discounts on race weekends. 13. Do you offer awards for 1st place and top overall? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes! We give a medal in the age groups below. Top Overall Male, Female, Male Master and Female Master will receive a special award.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14u 15-19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59 60-64 65-69 70+ |
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