Dear 2026 Charlottesville Turkey Trot Participants,

Thank you for signing up to race in the Charlottesville Turkey Trot 5k! We are excited to make this a great race for everyone. **Please read this brief Race Guide in its entirety (3 pages).**

Race Start Times – Wave Start is self-seeded based on your estimated 5km finish time
Thursday, Nov. 26
9:00am - 5k - 1st Wave Starts (under 30 minute finishers)
9:02am - 5k - 2nd Wave Starts (30-40 minute finishers)
9:03am - 5k - 3rd Wave Starts (40+ minute finishers)
9:04am - 5k - 4th Wave Starts (ALL stroller, walkers, 40+ minute finishers!)

Packet Pick-up
TUESDAY Nov 24 - 3:00pm-6:00pm - Connect Church
WEDNESDAY Nov 25 - 1:00pm-5:00pm - Connect Church
THURSDAY Nov 26 - 7:45am-8:30am - Albemarle High School (track entrance)
TIP: *Avoid race morning lines by picking up your number and t-shirt prior to race morning!*

Connect Church is located at 2080 Lambs Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22901 (directly across from Albemarle High School).

Late Registration
Wednesday Nov. 25 after 6:00pm thru Thursday, Nov. 26 at 8:30am. Price increases to $48.
Sign up online at www.charlottesvilleturkeytrot.com until Thursday 8:30am.

Race Number Instructions
1. Pin race numbers on the FRONT of your chest on your outer layer so your time can be recorded.
2. If racing with your family, it's important to wear the correct number assigned to each person because it affects your result AND OTHERS! We all want the results and awards to be accurate.
3. Once you have crossed the finish line, please don't cross the finish again with friends/family members. This can impact the accuracy of results.

Race Morning Timeline
- 7:45-8:30am – Race day packet pick-up & late registration online or onsite
- 8:45am – Runners move to Start Line
- 8:50am – Welcome and Pre-Race Instructions at Start Line
- **9:00am – RACE START**
- 9:15am – First finisher expected
- 9:15am – Post race treats available for racers and volunteers near the Finish on AHS track
- 10:00am – Awards Ceremony begins approximately 10:00AM near the Finish area

Awards
Top 3 Male/Female Overall and Top 3 Male/Female in each 5-year Age Category

Please stay for the awards if you earned one, or have someone pick up your award for you. Awards will not be mailed. Thanks to our sponsors we have some nice Top 3 overall and top 3 age group prizes!

Results
All final results and age group winners will be posted online on the Results webpage at www.charlottesvilleturkeytrot.com

IMPORTANT: Course & Parking Map (See MAP below at end of document)
It will be first come first serve and is expected to fill up. Once the Albemarle High School's main front parking lot is full, racers will be directed to park in the surrounding business & Connect Church parking lots across the street from Albemarle HS. (see the map below to plan ahead)

TIP: *Avoid last minute parking concerns by previewing all the surrounding parking options in the map below and giving yourself 5 extra minutes to walk .25 to .5 mi.*

Water
Water will be available at the Start & Finish. There will not be a water stop on the course.

NO Dogs Please

Strollers allowed only in the back of the last 4th wave. No exceptions! This is a safety rule allowing you to participate while keeping you, your baby and other runners safe. (If we see anyone with a stroller in a wave other than the last 4th wave, we will be forced to discontinue allowing strollers in the future. Don't be that guy!)

Bathrooms
Albemarle High School Track bathrooms will be open. There are approximately 25 Women & 25 Men's bathrooms.

Race Beneficiaries
C'ville Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry (located just off the race course behind Albemarle High School at Lambs Ln & Lambs Rd) and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank (BRAFB). In an effort to help keep the Loaves & Fishes & the BRAFB shelves stocked during unprecedented demand for their services, we're proud to support their missions. Just $1 donated = approximately 3-4 meals! Thank you to everyone who has donated! Cash donations are easy to make through the online race registration process or at www.brafb.org and cvilleloaves.org.

Thank You Sponsors, Partners & Volunteers!
This Thanksgiving Day event is helped made possible by all the generous race sponsors, partners and volunteers. 2026 race sponsors and partners include Tammy Wilt-Gray Fox Mortgage, Ragged Mountain Running, Formula Complete Fitness, Kate Lucas, Realtor®, The Yard Gym, Connect Church, Albemarle County Police, The Seminole Trail Fire Department, and many individuals from the surrounding area.

A special thank you to all our generous friends who continue to come back to help each year, especially, Katy & Steve Hood for keeping us organized as the Volunteer Coordinator (Katy) and the Parking Captain (Steve)!

Race updates will be posted to the Charlottesville Turkey Trot Facebook page, on the website at www.charlottesvilleturkeytrot.com, and sent via email to registrants.

Please take a look at the 2026 course & parking map below...

Thank you!
Kate Lucas,
Race Director, Charlottesville Turkey Trot

2026 Charlottesville Turkey Trot 5k - Course & Parking Map

SEE NEXT PAGE BELOW

CHARLOTTESVILLE TURKEY TROT

START: 9AM - Albemarle HS
FINISH: Albemarle HS Track

RACE PARKING - LIME GREEN



