



WOBBLE NOW. GOBBLE LATER

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HOSTED BY THE ATHENS ATHLETICS CLUB
IN SUPPORT OF ATHENS YOUTH RUNNING

8:30 am

Hello Turkey Trotters!

We are so excited that you will be joining us bright and early on Thanksgiving morning to walk, run, or trot the 2025 Athens Turkey Trot! This Athens Turkey Trot has become a Thanksgiving tradition for many of you, and we're looking forward to continuing that tradition. For some, this may be your first time or even your first race. Athens is a special community and whether you live here, are home for the holiday or are visiting family and friends, we are so grateful that you have registered for this race. We hope that this information packet will be helpful as you prepare for race day. Please note the change in start time this year, with the race starting at **8:30 am**. We can't wait to see you all out there on Thursday!

With Thanks,
The AAC Turkey Trot Team

P.S. Fun Turkey Trot attire is welcome!



Important Race Day Info

The race will start at **8:30 am**. Race day registration and packet pick up will be available from 7-8 am.

Race Day Registration- \$30

Venmo or check accepted

Location:

398 West State Street
Fenway Shelter House

Bib Pick-Up

Bib pickup will be available from **4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 26, at Ohio Valley Running Company (OVRC)** at 20 Station Street in Athens, Ohio.

You can also pick up your bib and t-shirt Thursday morning before the race. Please direct any questions about bib pick up to athensathleticsohio@gmail.com and not OVRC.

A special thanks to OVRC for not only being the bib and t-shirt pick-up location but also for sponsoring and supporting this race in many ways.

OVRC Food Drive

While you're registering or picking up your race bib on Wednesday, there also will be a separate canned food collection taking place at OVRC to support those in need throughout our community. All canned food donations will go to the SEO Foodbank and area pantries.

Everyone who donates at packet pickup will be entered into a drawing for OVRC gift cards- winners to be announced at the Turkey Trot pre-race activities.

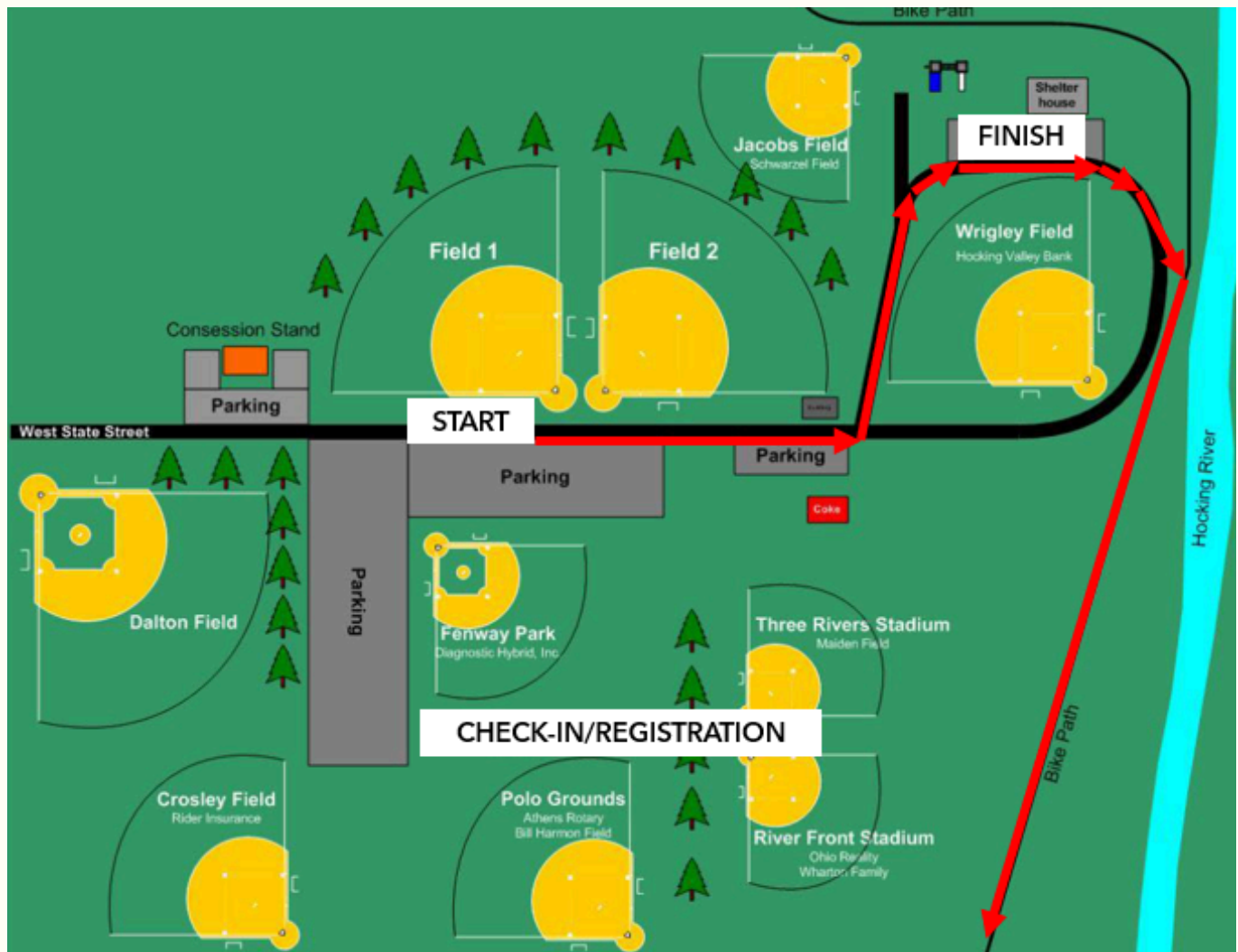
OVRC will be accepting any canned goods starting today through November 30th, so if you miss dropping items off at packet pick up just stop by over the holiday weekend!



Parking

Parking will be in the main parking lots for the West State Ball Fields. No vehicles will be allowed to enter through the circle at the end of West State Street.

We will have a few volunteers assisting with parking. If you have a special mobility need, just let a volunteer know and they will assist you. The OhioMeansJobs Center on West Union Street has graciously allowed us to use their parking lot as well. You can park there and walk the short distance on the bike path to the race start area.



The Course

The course is a very scenic, fast and flat out-and-back on the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway. The race starts near Fenway Field in the West State St Park. Runners will head west on the bike path towards Eclipse and the turnaround will be clearly marked at approximately 1.5 miles from the start. We will have volunteers at the turnaround as well. Please note there are no official water stations on this course, but post race refreshments will be available. Friendly dogs on standard leashes are welcome. Strollers are also welcome on the course. Please be mindful and share the bike path as runners return toward the finish.



Timing and Prizes

For the second year, we are once again offering official chip timing, provided by SEOTR Events (www.seotrents.com).



We will be asking participants to line up on the start line in order of goal race performance (faster runners at the front of the start line with walkers and those with leashed dogs or strollers near the back).

Got your eyes on a top finish? Pumpkin pies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category. Thank you to our platinum sponsors for helping with these awards!

Top 3 Male- O'Neil- Hartman Insurance Agency

Top 3 Female- Goldsberry Wealth Strategies

Top 3 Under 12- Dr. Jason Reed



All runners 12 & younger will receive a Turkey Trot medal.

Volunteers

A huge shout out to all of the volunteers that are helping this year! Most of the volunteers are Athens High School Cross Country athletes. These athletes have had an incredible season and are excited about the future of youth running in our community. Thank you to each of you for volunteering and please help us thank them on race day.

Special Thanks

This year we are excited to be giving out Shagbark Chips to participants as a post race snack. Thank you, Shagbark for your donation!



We are also excited to announce that there will be a photo booth opportunity this year. Thank you, A-Roc Entertainment for your donation!



The Cause

This year's race is being organized by the Athens Athletics Club (AAC), a 501(c)3 Athens-based nonprofit organization formed in 2024 that supports the development of youth running and Athens Bulldogs cross country and track & field athletes. AAC is an affiliate member of the Road Runners Club of America. All funds collected from the Athens Turkey Trot go to the AAC and will be utilized to support the Athens Bulldogs cross country and track & field teams so that no athlete faces barriers to entry or development. If you want to learn more about AAC, please follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) at [athensathleticsclub](#), visit our website <https://athens-athletics.org/>, or email us at athensathleticsohio@gmail.com.

Here are some accomplishments from our first year:

- Summer Youth Running Club- for kids entering 3rd-6th grade
- July 4th Fun Run- free community 5K
- Midsummer Mile Fest- mile races for all levels and ages
- Shoe Discounts- for all area youth XC and T&F athletes at OVRC
- Post Season Competition Support- for AHS & AMS runners



Race Day Photos

We'll be sharing race day photos and videos, so be sure to check out our Facebook and Instagram pages.

If you're sharing race day pictures or videos on social media, please tag the Athens Athletics Club and use these hashtags:

#athensturkeytrot
#wobblenowgobblelater
#athensathleticsclub



Sponsors

This race literally could not happen without the support of our sponsors. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you that is supporting the race this year. We hope that you will consider thanking and supporting them in the future.



Questions

If you made it this far, thanks for reading! And if you still have questions, please reach out to athensathleticsohio@gmail.com.