

First of all, thank you for choosing our race to run on Thanksgiving morning. We know there are a lot of races to choose from and for the huge number of you who chose The Great Turkey Race we are humbled. We hope to give you a race day experience that will bring you back for years to come.

#### **RACE BAG PICKUP**

Wednesday, November 27th 6pm – 8pm

Redding Community Center 33 Lonetown Rd Redding, CT 06896

Thursday, November 28th 6:30am – 8:15am

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- To alleviate race day stress, we recommend, if possible, picking up your race bag on Wednesday.
- Picking up another runner's bag is allowed.

#### Directions:

#### From Merritt Parkway

Take Merritt Parkway to Rt. 58 North Fairfield/ Easton (Exit 44)

Take Rt. 58 North

Pass Joel Barlow High school

at first stop sign make a left onto Cross Highway

At the first set of four way stop signs- continue straight

At the second set of four way stop signs- make a right onto Lonetown extension (actually there is a diagonal road in front of the church leading you to the extension)

At the end of Lonetown extension, (the Green is on the left) make a right onto RT 107 (to head to Redding Elementary and Redding Community Center)

Redding Elementary is on the left in about 1/10 of a mile

The Redding Community Center is in back of the Redding Elementary school and can be accessed by the labeled driveway just past it.

#### From Route 7

Heading North on Route 7

Make a right onto Route 107 in Georgetown (a left if coming on Rt. 7 South)

Go about 3 miles where Rt. 107 goes down a hill to a stop sign.

Go through the stop sign about 100 yards and make a right onto 107

Climb the hill (bearing left)

at the top of the hill is Redding Green (on the right)

another 1/10 of mile is Redding Elementary School on the left

The Redding Community Center is in back of the school and can be accessed by using the labeled driveway after the school entrance.

#### **Direction from I-84 Eastbound**

Go straight off exit 8

In about 200 yards, make a right immediately after the bank (CHASE) onto PAYNE Rd. Follow the road straight through a few intersections and a stop sign. When in doubt bear SLIGHTLY right......

At end of road make a right onto Plumtrees Rd. go over the bridge and make an immediate left into the Bethel school complex. When the road through the school complex ends make a left.

At the light, cross RT 302

The road your on becomes RT 58

Follow RT 58 South to Putnam Park.

At Putnam Park, make a right onto RT 107

When you hit a stop sign make a left (still RT 107)

The Redding Community Center and Redding Elementary are on the right just past the Redding Country Club.

The Redding Community Center is the first driveway and is in back of the Redding Elementary school.

#### **Directions from I-84 West bound**

Get off exit 8 bear left through set of lights and bear left following signs to 84 East you will go over a bridge and make a sharp left.

Don't get back on the highway! In about 200 yards, make a right immediately after the bank (CHASE) onto PAYNE Rd. <u>Follow the road straight</u> through a few intersections and a stop sign. When in doubt bear SLIGHTLY right.

At end of road make a right onto Plumtrees Rd. go over the bridge and make an immediate left into the Bethel school complex. When the road through the school complex ends make a left

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## **WEATHER FORECAST**

• Follow the weather at: <a href="http://www.accuweather.com/en/us/redding-ct/06896/weather-forecast/347811">http://www.accuweather.com/en/us/redding-ct/06896/weather-forecast/347811</a>

#### **PARKING:**

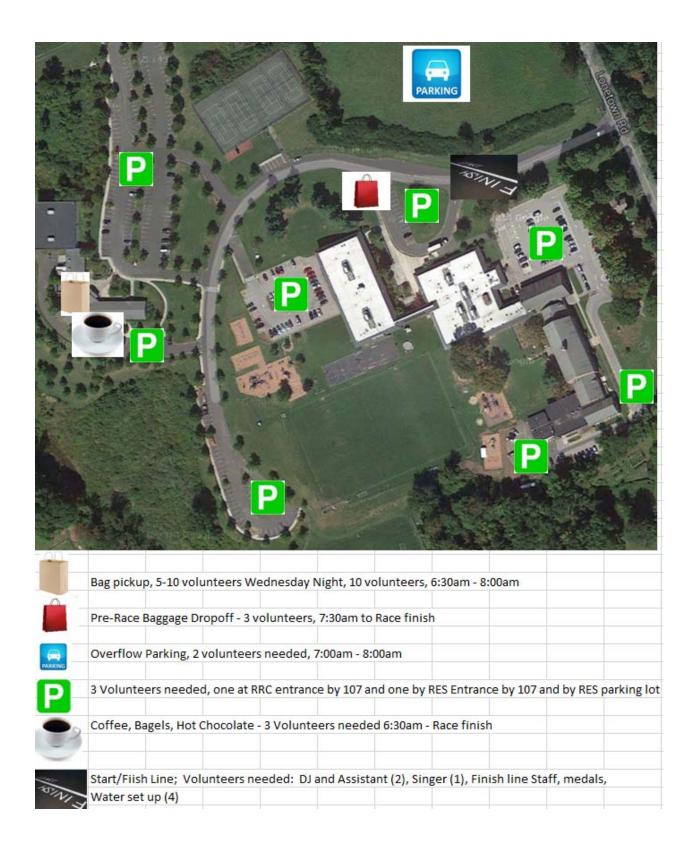
• The Redding Community Center and The Redding Elementary School have about 250 parking spots, while the Redding Historical Center has a field for parking (see map).

## **BAGGAGE PICKUP:**

• At the Community Center (see map)

## **BAGGAGE DROP OFF:**

• By the start



#### **RACE DAY SCHEDULE**

6:30am – 8:15am Bag pickup

6:30am - 10:00am Food and beverages 7:55am Final race instructions

8:00am 3/4 Mile start

8:25am National Anthem

8:30am 5K start 9:15am Awards

#### **FOOD & BEVERAGES**

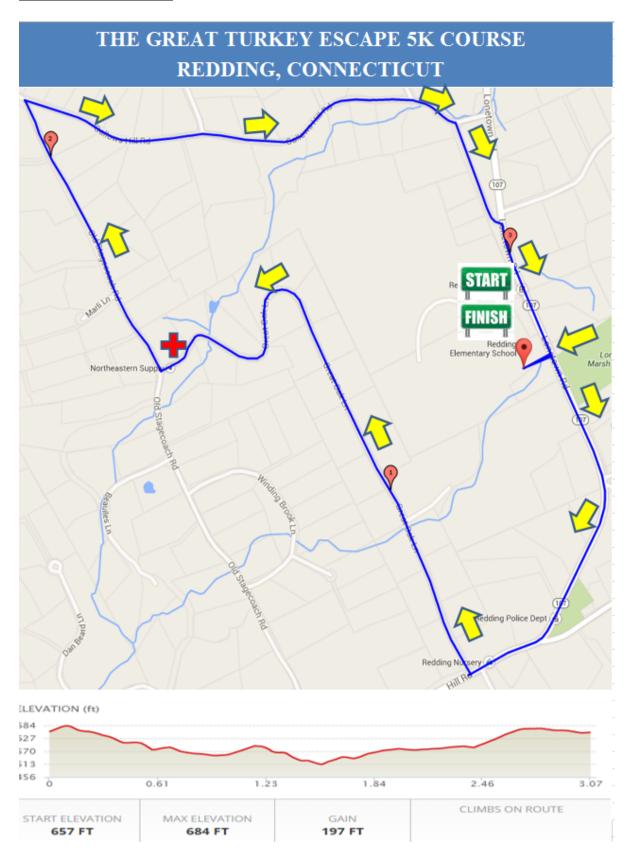
• Water, coffee, hot chocolate

• Bagels, donuts, bananas ++

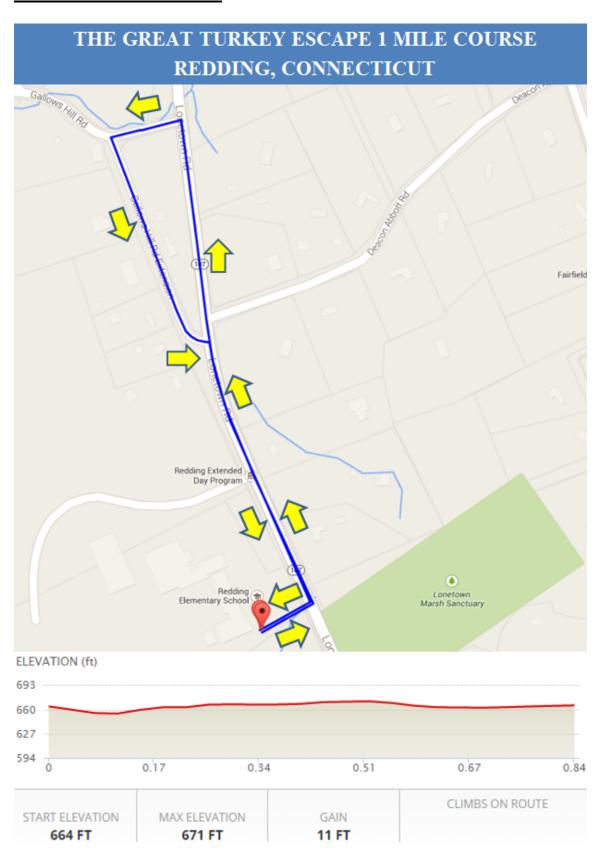
## **STARTING LINE**

• Please be considerate of your fellow runners. Runners with strollers and walkers please start near the back. Your official time does not start until you cross the starting line (net chip timing), so there's no hurry to get to the start.

## **5K COURSE MAP**



## **3/4 MILE COURSE MAP**



#### **COURSE SIGNS**

• There are mile marker and kilometer marker signs on the course, along with directional arrows and a lot of "fun signs" if you have time to read them. Turns are also marked with flour on the pavement

#### **AWARDS**

- 5 year age groups, 3 deep (93 total awards!)
- All winners receive a trophy
- 1st place in each age group (male and female) receive a turkey hat
- All participants receive a die-cut finishers' medal

#### **RUNNER GIVEAWAYS**

### **SHIRTS**

• Long sleeve tech shirts (will be safety yellow shirts this year)



# **BEANIE** – color to be determined



