

**CHANCE FOR HOPE GOING GOLD FUN RUN
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q: When and where will the Chance for Hope Going Gold Fun Run be held?

A: The Going Gold Fun Run will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023. All participants for both the 5K and 10K must be present by 7:00 a.m. sharp. There will be just a few brief announcements followed by staggered starts, with the 10K race starting first and immediately followed by the 5K race start. The race will start and finish at the pavilion in the center of Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway St., Pearland, Texas 77584.

Q: How do I register? Is there a deadline?

A: Register on-line at <https://runsignup.com/chanceforhope>. On-line registration will be open through Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Late registration will also be available at packet pick-up on Friday, September 8 (details below) and on the day of the event at 6:00 a.m.

Q: Where do I pick up my race packet?

A. Packet pick-up will be on Friday, September 8th from 1:00pm - 7:00pm at Wild Pear Running in Pearland (9330 Broadway Street). Late registration will be available at packet pick-up for anyone who did not register on-line. Packets can also be picked up on the morning of the event at the registration table beginning at 6:00 a.m.

Q: Can someone else pick up my packet?

A: Yes, you may have someone else pick up your packet.

Q: Can I register on the day of the race?

A: Although early registration is encouraged, participants are welcome to register on the day of the event. Race day registration will be available at the registration table between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m. The registration table will be located at the pavilion at Pearland Town Center on race day.

Q: How much does it cost to register?

A: Registration is only \$30 for the 5K, \$35 for the 10K and \$30 for virtual (either distance).

Q: Is my registration tax deductible?

A. Because your registration fee covers the cost of your entry, race shirt, race medal and bib – i.e., goods and services – the registration is not tax deductible. However, if you make a direct donation, that donation is tax deductible.

Q: Are we allowed to run in the race without registering?

A: No. Only registered participants with race day bibs are permitted to run in the race.

Q: Will I receive a race day t-shirt?

A: Complimentary race day Going Gold t-shirts will be guaranteed for all participants who register on-line by August 23th. The shirts are high-quality dry-fit athletic shirts. Because this is an event to promote awareness during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we encourage participants to wear their event shirts for the race.

Q: Where do I park on the day of the event?

A: Participants should park in the lots in front of Dick's Sporting Goods, in front of Macy's, or in front of HCA, and then walk to the pavilion from there. Please DO NOT attempt to park in the lots immediately adjacent to the pavilion as roads will be blocked for the race.

Q: I am an event volunteer. Where do I check in?

A: Please contact our volunteer coordinator Julie Biles. On the morning of the race, the volunteer check-in table will be in front of H&M.

Q: Are the 5K and 10K courses different?

A: 10K runners will run the same course as the 5K participants but will do it twice! **HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE** that the 5K and 10K races will have staggered starts and will have different starting locations on opposite sides of the pavilion. When you arrive at the pavilion, please look for the starting flag banner for your race (5K or 10K). **PLEASE NOTE ALSO** that our 10K runners will be starting the race by completing an entire loop around the pavilion before starting out onto the main course.

Maps for the certified courses are available at <https://runsignup.com/chanceforhope>. We strongly encourage all participants to review and familiarize themselves with the certified course for their race.

Q: As a registered participant, do I have to run, or can I walk?

A: Of course you can walk! Walkers are asked to sign up for the 5K (not the 10K). Please note that walkers must complete the 5K race by no later than 9:00 a.m.

Q: Can I walk/run with a stroller?

A: Strollers are welcome! Because this is a timed race, however, we ask all participants with strollers to line up at the back for the start of the race.

Q: Can I bring my pet to the Fun Run?

A: No. For the safety of participants and attendees, dogs and other pets are not allowed at the event (this includes both the run course as well as the Event Village and Kids' Zone).

Q: Are bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, and hover boards permitted on the course?

A: No. Due to safety concerns, and because this is an officially timed race, bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, hover boards (and similar modes of transportation) are prohibited on the course.

Q: Can my children register for the race?

A: Absolutely! This is a Fun Run for the whole family! Please note that children under age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Q: Will there be a place to check our belongings?

A: No, there will not be a bag check at the race.

Q: Will there be water available on the course?

A: Yes. There will be several water stations along the course.

Q: Where do I go if I need medical attention?

A: There will be a first aid table located at the Event Village/Kid Zone in the pavilion area, as well as a registered nurse patrolling the course. If you need assistance during the race, notify one of our volunteers located at intersections on the course and at the water stations.

Q: If I register for the 5K, can I change my registration to the 10K (and vice versa)?

A: If you have registered for the 5K or the 10K, you can switch your registration to the other distance by emailing info@chanceforhopefoundation.org **by no later than September 2nd**. Please provide your first and last name and your desired race distance in your email.

Q: Can I use/purchase someone else's bib?

A: While it may seem like no big deal to give or sell your race bib to another person, it does present serious consequences to both the race organizers and the participant field alike. Race results and finisher's awards can be impacted, and medical staff might not be able to identify a participant in need of treatment on the course. It is imperative that the person wearing the bib and taking part in the race is the same person that is in our registrant database. The person wearing the bib will also be disqualified from any official results.

Q: Is the course a USATF certified course?

A: Yes. Certified Course No. TX22006JH (5K). Certified Course No. TX22007JH (10K).

Q: How is my competitive time captured and recorded?

A: Your official race time is captured by a chip attached to your race bib and will be recorded when you cross the starting line at the beginning of the race and the finish line when you

complete the race. (However, please see the note below regarding gun time to determine race winners.)

Q: Where should I place my race bib?

A: To aid our race volunteers and to ensure that times are captured by the timing mats, we ask that runners pin their bib on the front of their shirts.

Q: Where will the race results be available?

A: Race results will be available at the timing tent located at the finish line. If you would like to get your race results sent to you after you complete your run, please go to the following link and set up result notifications: <https://runsignup.com/Race/FindARunner/?raceId=92772>

Q: What awards will be given for the race winners?

A: Plaques will be awarded to the winning male and female for the 5K and the winning male and female for the 10K.

Q: How are the race winners determined?

A: Although official time for all runners will be based on chip time, the four race winners will be determined based on **GUN TIME** (i.e., the first to cross the finish line). Accordingly, competitive runners should position themselves at the front of the group for the race start.

Q: When and where will the winners be announced?

A: Winners will be announced at the Event Village/Kid Zone in the pavilion area at 8:40 a.m.

Q: Will I receive a race medal even if I don't win?

A: All registrants will receive a commemorative Chance for Hope Going Gold Fun Run Medal!

Q: What happens if it rains?

A: Rain or shine, we plan to run and have fun.

Q: What can we expect at the Kid Zone?

A: Fun! The Kid Zone will be open from 7:15 - 9:15 a.m. and will feature a DJ, balloon artist, face painting, caricatures, juggler, magician and more! The Kid Zone will be located at the pavilion in the Pearland Town Center and is open to children of all ages.

Q: What is the Event Village?

A: Also located at the pavilion in Pearland Town Center, our Event Village will feature informational tables of the incredible local businesses that have sponsored our event. Please stop by and say hi!

Q: How do I enter the Raffle?

A: All registered participants are automatically entered into the raffle. There is nothing else you need to do except to remember your bib number. The raffle is only available to registered participants.

Q: When and where will the Raffle be held? Do I have to be present to win?

A: The Raffle will be held at the Event Village/Kid Zone in the pavilion area at 8:45am. You must be present to win.

Q: Will food be available?

A: Breakfast and other snacks will be provided in the Event Village/Kid Zone courtesy of our generous event sponsors, along with bottled water. Snow cones from Kona Ice will also be provided!

Q: Where will the restrooms be located?

A: There are public restrooms adjacent to the pavilion.

Q: How can I learn more about the Chance for Hope Foundation?

A: You can learn more about us by visiting our website at <https://chanceforhopefoundation.org> and by following us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/chanceforhopefoundation>.

Q: Where will we be able to see race day pictures?

A: Race Day photos and a link to our comprehensive photo gallery will be posted on our Facebook page, so please be sure to follow us on Facebook! If you post your own photos on social media, please be sure to include the hashtag: #C4Hrun

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question regarding the Chance for Hope Going Gold Fun Run?

A: Please feel free to direct any questions to info@chanceforhopefoundation.org.