

Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon FAQs



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How do I pick up our race items (race bibs and shirts)?

- Visit the 2024 Pittsburgh Health & Fitness Expo at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center on Friday, May 3rd from 11am-8pm and look for the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon booth.
- Visit the 5K/Kids Marathon packet pickup tent on race morning. The packet pickup tent will be in Red Lot 5 on race morning of the 5K and Kids Marathon events.

Kids of STEEL sites have the option to receive their participants' race bibs and t-shirts for the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon prior to race day. If your child participates in the Kids of STEEL program at their school or programming site, stay tuned for more information as to whether your coach is participating in site packet drop-off. Specific details will be sent to coaches in April.

Please note that for the Kids Marathon; shirts, medals and goody bags are for youth runners only and not for the adult(s) accompanying them. Goody bags and medals will be handed out in the finish line exit.

What should we bring on race morning?

1. **Race Bibs:** Please complete the parent/guardian contact information on the back of your child's bib before race day. Bibs must be pinned to the front of the shirt. If you are running with a child, you will need to wear an accompanying adult bib. If you are not running and plan to meet your child at the end of the finish line chute area, you will need to have the 'Child Claim' with you (this is a tear-off portion of your child's race bib) so that staff can safely release the child to an adult with the corresponding Child Claim number. (bibs shown on next page)
2. **Hydration:** There are no water stops on the Kids Marathon course. There will be water available for runners in the Finish Line. You are welcome to bring your own hydration for your run.
3. **Photo of your child in race day attire (highly recommended):** Take a picture of your child with your cell phone the morning of the race. If you and your child become separated, you can show the photo to race officials and it will help them correctly identify and reunite you with your child.

What time does the race start?

The first heat of the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon starts at 9:30 AM. The race is divided into 15 heats that start at 5-minute increments until 11 AM. Participants are assigned to their heat based on school district or Kids of STEEL site. Stay tuned, the heat schedule will be announced and emailed to participants in April.

My child is not part of Kids of STEEL. Can they still run in the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon?

Yes! About 30 percent of runners on race day are running without a team, so the race is designed to give everyone the same great experience.

Can I run with my child/children in the Kids Marathon?

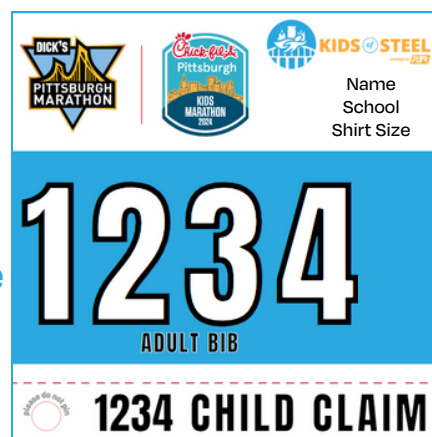
Yes! Each child registration comes with one FREE adult entry.

Each child will receive two matching bibs (same number). Children will not be allowed to leave the finish line chute without the adult wearing the corresponding matching bib. Our Family Reunion event staff will make sure that children and adults are wearing matching bibs as participants exit the finish line area. Adults can run with multiple children (for example, a guardian with two children) as long as the adult is visibly wearing all of the matching bibs (for example, a guardian running with two children will need to wear two bibs: one for each child).



Child Bib = Red

Adult Bib = Blue



Once you exit the finish line chute, you cannot re-enter. Please make a plan to meet your child in the designated waiting area after you cross the finish line before you exit.

If your child is running without an adult, please be sure to detach the 'Child Claim' tag from the bottom of your child's bib before the start of the race. Adults are required to provide the 'Child Claim' tag to appropriate race volunteers for their child to exit the finish line Family Reunion Area. Adults reuniting with more than one child are required to provide the 'Child Claim' tag for each child.

Can additional adults run with a child?

If other adults want to participate, additional adult bibs are available for \$10 and can be purchased:

- During the registration process or going back into your Race Roster Account.
- At the 2024 Pittsburgh Health & Fitness Expo on Friday, May 3, 2024.
- On race morning at the Registration Tent in Red Lot 5A (CASH ONLY) - plan additional time for this option.

Is the Kids Marathon a timed race?

Yes. Each child participant's bib will have a timing strip attached to it. Their time will be based on chip time, which is recorded from the time the start line is crossed to the time the finish line is crossed. Finishing times can be found at thepittsburghmarathon.com.

What fun stuff is available after the race?

Join us after the race for the Finish Line Festival in Point State Park. This family-friendly festival features games, activities, refreshments, air brush tattoos, a bubble show and much more!

Where can my friends and family watch the race?

Crowd support makes race day FUN! Bring your signs and noise makers to cheer for participants along:

- W. & E. General Robinson Street (between Mazeroski Way and Sandusky St.)
- The Andy Warhol Bridge
- 7th Street
- Wood Street from 6th Avenue to Boulevard of the Allies

What is the quickest way from the Start Line to the Finish Line?

- From the Start Line, cross the Fort Duquesne Bridge, through Point State Park and head southeast on the Blvd. of the Allies to the Family Reunion area.
- Or cross the Roberto Clemente Bridge, turn right onto Fort Duquesne Boulevard, and left onto Stanwix Street. Follow that until Blvd. of the Allies to the Family Reunion Area.

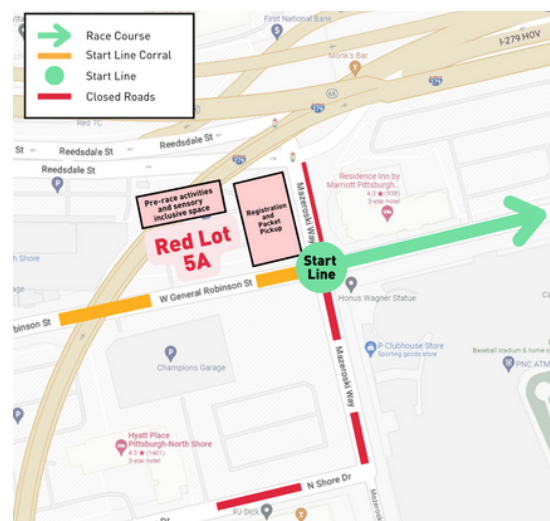
Start Line Details

The start line is at the intersection of West General Robinson Street and Mazeroski Way (right in front of PNC Park).

The first race heat is at 9:30 AM, and subsequent heats will follow. The heat schedule will be posted online and emailed to all participants. Please plan to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to your scheduled heat time. Later heats do not need to arrive for the 9:30 AM start.

For the safety of all participants, children and adults who want to be in the race corrals must have a Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon bib. Individuals will not be allowed into the corrals without a Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon bib. Even if you are waiting with a child who will run by themselves, you must wear the matching adult bib provided with the child's bib to access corrals. If the child is running without an adult, please be sure to detach the 'Child Claim' tag from the bottom of the child's bib BEFORE the start of the race. See below for finish line details and Family Reunion instructions.

For the safety of all participants, strollers are not permitted on the course. Waivers for medical strollers and wheelchairs are offered. Please email kidsofsteel@p3r.org for a waiver.



Finish Line Details

The race finishes downtown on the Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Street. As runners proceed through the Finish Line chute, there is a Waiting Area for children who finish before their accompanying adult and a Family Reunion Area for adults meeting the child after the event. Whether you run with the child OR you plan to meet them at the end, adults will need to show the corresponding bib number to leave the chute with the child (either with a parent bib or the 'Child Claim' tag from the bottom of the child's bib).



IF RUNNING WITH THE CHILD: Accompanying adults will wear the bib that matches the child's bib number. Adults accompanying multiple children are required to wear the matching bib numbers for all the children they are responsible for and will need to show these numbers in order to exit the Finish Line chute together.

IF MEETING THE CHILD AFTER THE RACE: Be sure to detach the 'Child Claim' tag from the bottom of the child's bib BEFORE the start of the race. Adults are required to provide the 'Child Claim' tag to appropriate race volunteers in order for the child to exit the Family Reunion Area. Adults reuniting with more than one child are required to provide the 'Child Claim' tag for each child in order to exit the Family Reunion Area.

Participant safety is our top priority. Volunteers will make sure children are only released to a parent/guardian with a corresponding bib number or 'Child Claim'. Please be patient with our process and follow the directions of the volunteers.

While downtown, be sure to check out the Finish Line Festival at Point State Park and the 2024 Pittsburgh Health & Fitness Expo at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.



The Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon



RACE HEAT SCHEDULE

May 4, 2024 * Participants NOT running with a Kids of STEEL Team or a school district listed may join Heat 5, 10, 11, 16, or 19*

Wave 1 - 9:30 AM

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Elizabeth Forward, Bethel Park

Heat 2 (9:35 AM)

Keystone Oaks, North Hills,
The Ellis School

Heat 3 (9:40 AM)

McKeesport, Montour

Heat 4 (9:45 AM)

Ambridge Area, Eden Christian
Academy, McKees Rocks,
South Fayette

Heat 5 (9:50 AM)*

Canon-McMillan, Central Valley,
Gateway, South Side Area SD

Wave 2 - 10:00 AM

Heat 6 (10:00 AM)

Greater Works Christian School, New Brighton,
Pittsburgh Public Schools, Shady Side Academy

Heat 7 (10:05 AM)

Catalyst Sports, Diocese of Pittsburgh,
Freedom Area, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Pleasant
Church, , Steel Valley

Heat 8 (10:10 AM)

Chartiers Valley, Pine Richland, Shaler Area

Heat 9 (10:15 AM)

Carlynton, McGuffey, North Allegheny,
Norwin, Provident Charter School

Heat 10 (10:20 AM)*

Hampton, Kiski Area, Oxford Athletic
Club, Upper St. Clair

Wave 3 - 10:30 AM

Heat 11 (10:30 AM)*

Clairton, Deer Lakes, Fox Chapel, Monessen City,
Peters Township, West Allegheny

Heat 12 (10:35 AM)

Allegheny Valley, Clarion Area, Greensburg Salem,
Latrobe, West Jefferson Hills, West Mifflin

Heat 13 (10:40 AM)

Fort Cherry, Jefferson-Morgan, Kentucky Avenue
School, , Plum, Temple Emmanuel of South Hills

Heat 14 (10:45 AM)

Baldwin, Charleroi, Hopewell, Northgate, Penn
Hills, Providence Heights, Redeemer Lutheran
School, Winchester Thurston School

Heat 15 (10:50 AM)

Franklin Regional, Quaker Valley

Wave 4 - 11:00 AM

Heat 16 (11:00 AM)*

Blackhawk, Portersville Christian, River Valley,
Seneca Valley, St. Edmunds Academy

Heat 17 (11:05 AM)

Burrell, Butler, Harrison Hills, Indiana Area, Mars
Area, Williamsburg

Heat 18 (11:10 AM)

Avonworth, Falk School, Penn-Trafford,
Sewickley Academy

Heat 19 (11:15 AM)*

Belle Vernon, Bellwood Antis, Freeport Area, Kane
Area, Riverside Beaver County, Somerset Area

Sensory Inclusive Heat (11:20): During the start of this heat, the music volume will be lowered, activities will be reduced, and personal space is increased for participants. This heat is for participants with sensory sensitivities or other individualized needs making this event accessible to all. This heat is open to any interested participants.