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Throughout the history of the River to River Relay, several photographers have given time and support to the relay. Our staff photographers in 2023 were Jim Kramer, Micki Colson, and Chad Colson. Other photos were generously shared by friends and fans. We thank them heartily for their support.

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In Memory of:

Keith McQuarrie

May 12, 1946 - January 8, 2024

Keith McQuarrie, Race Director Emeritus passed away on January 8, 2024. We reflect on Keith's legacy fondly as he shaped the River to River Relay into what it is today. Keith was involved with the Relay in many

different capacities from it's inaugural year until 2020 including serving as Race Director from 1996 – 2006.

River to River Relay 2025

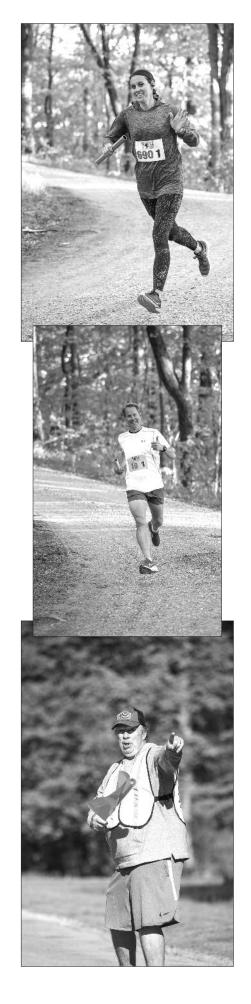
The River to River Relay next year will be run on Saturday, April 26, 2025

Registration is Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m. CDT

River to River Relay Hall of Fame

Nominees to River to River Relay Hall of Fame

Judy Ayala	Judy and the Gang
Bruce Arrow	
Joe Bannon, Jr	
Chuck Barnett	
Lance Bovard	
Doug Braasch	
Joe Brading	
Cathy Bradley	
Clearance "Buzz" Bradley	
Lenny Bruce	
Pete Carroll	
Chris Christian	
Jon Davis	
Carl and Carol Gross	
Roy Haake	
Keith Hammond	1
Bob Hickman	
Chuck Hinde	
Gary Holda	
Sister Marion Irvine	
Gene Jones	
Larry Keeling.	-
Jim Leming	
Jack Meyer	
Mike McGrath	
Keith McQuarrie	
Dick Macknick	Fritterragg the Smatterriff (and other teams)
Gary Moss	
Tom Newlin	
Lance Nogle	
Peter Olson	
Dick Parker	
Gordon Pitz.	
Bob Putnam	
Kevin Reveal	
Jerry Riebling	
Dale Righter	
Robert Rogalski	
Charles Rose.	
Greg Rose.	
Dick Ruzicka	
Stu Sax	
Martha Schierer	
Donald (Butch) Sherrod.	
Brook Smith	
Ron Smith West Frank Stash	
Bob Stevens	
Patti Swayka	
John Taylln	
Bob Theodore	
Cheryl Tucker	
John Welge	
George West	
Ray Wucher	
Tim Demco, Andre Fomby, Gus Coronado, Tony Daniels,	
Jeff Hill, and Craig Young:	Arenberg Kacing Team



Planning for the Relay

Does it matter which runner runs which leg?

Team members must run in a fixed order, and each runner has to deal with a different challenge. The runner in position 8 has furthest to run; runner 3 has the shortest total distance. Team members who run in the sixth position probably have the most difficult job. They will tackle a steep hill leaving Cobden and face the most difficult hill on the course on section 22.

How should we train for the relay?

The course is not easy. If you normally run only on flat routes, you should include some hill training in the weeks before the race. Some teams use the ramps in a parking garage for training purposes if there are no hills available.

If you have never run in a race, we recommend you do so a month or two before the relay. Do not engage in any strenuous training the week before the race.

It is important to avoid dehydration during the race. Therefore, in the days leading up to the relay it is wise to drink plenty of fluids. Coffee, beer, and other alcoholic drinks don't count; in fact, they increase dehydration.

How long will it take to finish the race?

If you start at 6:15 a.m., your team must maintain an average pace of 10 minutes per mile in order to finish the course before it closes. If you start at 8:45 a.m., your team must maintain an average pace of 8 minutes per mile.

A rough estimate of your team's finishing time can be calculated by adding typical 5-kilometer race times for the eight runners, and multiplying the total by 3.5. For example, if a team of runners averages 20 min-

utes for a 5K race, the total times for all eight runners is 160 minutes. Multiplying that total by 3.5 gives the team an estimated finishing time of 9 hours and 20 minutes.

Where can we stay?

There are numerous hotels, motels, cabins, and bed and breakfast accommodations within a reasonable distance of the start line and Friday's check-in. Simple Internet searches will generate the most current contact information.

How do I find out about changes in the course?

Late changes in the course will be described at the managers' meeting on Friday, April 19, the evening before the relay, at 6:30 p.m. at the The Pavilion of the City of Marion, 1602 Sioux Drive in Marion, Illinois, There have been last minute changes almost every year the race has been run, so please arrange to have one or two team representatives attend the meeting.

What should we bring in the way of supplies?

Be prepared for both cold rain and warm sunshine. Following is minimum check list of supplies to bring.

- water (a lot of water)
- other refreshments
- litter bag
- first aid kit
- sun screen
- toilet paper
- towels
- extra clothing and shoes for each runner
- reflective safety vest (needed if your team does not finish before sunset)

Food, drinks and other basic supplies may be purchased in the towns of Cobden and Goreville along the route. Water is the most important item; you cannot have too much. It may be quite warm by the time you run your third section. Drink regularly, especially before running your own sections.



A nyone who has participated in the River to River Relay will understand the hard work and dedication that is required to bring a team of eight runners to the starting line. For many teams, the same person has contributed time, effort, and often money, year after year.

Whether the team is a perennial winner or a struggling also ran, everyone who is associated with the relay benefits from the contributions of these dedicated people, and we are pleased to recognize them through the River to River Relay Hall of Fame.

Divisions and Awards

May my team enter more than one division?

You may enter only one of the nine major divisions. Eligibility rules for each division are on the inside back cover.

In addition to the major divisions, there are several special divisions. These special divisions are informal and not meant to be taken too seriously. To qualify, a team need only declare that it comes reasonably close to meeting the qualifications. You may enter one special division in addition to one of the major divisions.

How many awards are given in each division?

The number of awards in each major division is listed on the inside back cover. There will be one award in each special division for every five teams entered, up to a maximum of three awards.

May I change the division in which the team is entered?

You may make changes any time before March 16, 2024. After that you may only change to a less restrictive division. That is, a Mixed-Masters team may change to either Mixed or Masters, and a Women-Masters team may change to either Women or Masters. Any team may change to the Open Division at any time.





Friday, April 19, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Pavilion of the City of Marion

1602 Sioux Drive • Marion, Illinois 62959 phone 618-993-2657 • fax 618-997-1874

Manager's Meeting, Friday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.



Special Divisions

Academic Division

Any team affiliated with a school, college, university, or other center of learning.

Armed Forces

Any team that is instrumental in the nation's defense.

City and County

Any team that claims to represent the city or county included in the team's name.

Civil Service Division

Any team affiliated with a federal, state, or municipal government agency; non-U.S. governments acceptable upon receipt of appropriate visas.

Culinary Division

Open to any team that claims special culinary skills, and is willing to prove it.

Ecclesiastical Division

Any team affiliated with a church or other religious group. Freedom of religion guaranteed, but no animal sacrifice allowed during the relay.

Financial Services

Any team associated with banks, insurance, stock brokers, etc. Awards in this division are not for sale (unless absolute confidentiality guaranteed).

Happy Families

Every team member must be related in some way to some other team member.

Health and Medical Division

Any team affiliated with a health agency, hospital, or other medical group. Proof of insurance required.

Legal Division

Any team affiliated with a law firm or other legal group. Special waiver and release of liability required from these teams.

Old Friends Division

Team members have run together for at least four years.

Running Club Division

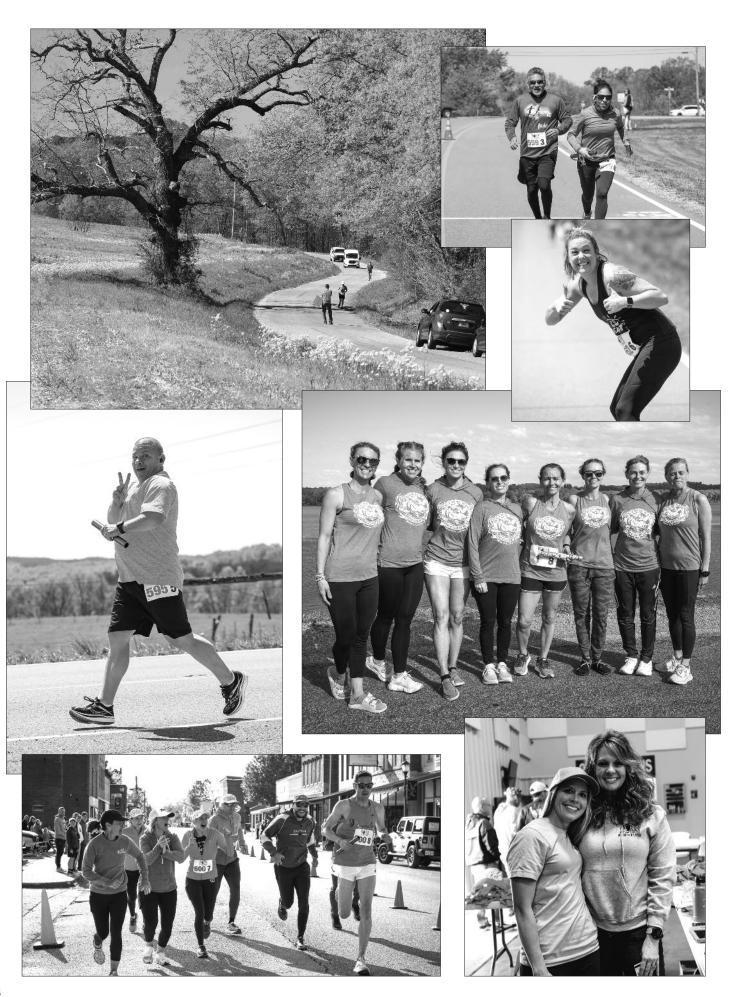
Any team consisting of members of the same running club (no ringers allowed).











Race Packets

Where do we collect the race packets?

Race packets will be available at The Pavilion of the City of Marion, Illinois, and can be collected between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., on Friday, April 19. Packets must be collected on April 19. They will not be available on the morning of the race. Packets will contain runners' numbers, vehicle identification tags, and a baton. A roll of toilet paper will also be provided.

Why are there nine runner numbers in the race packet?

Runners must be assigned numbers in the order in which they run—the person running the first leg must wear the number ending in 1, the runner for the second leg must wear the number ending in 2, and so on. Use the ninth number for any alternate who runs as a substitute.

What are the other numbered labels for?

They are vehicle tags. They should be attached to the rear window and front window of the team vehicle as instructed. The tags must be visible to race officials. Vehicles will not be allowed to park at exchanges unless tags are displayed. If a vehicle is seen displaying only one of the registration tags, that team will be disqualified.

What do I do with the form asking for a final roster?

The final roster must be turned in when you reach the Pre-Start area on race morning. It is your official announcement of the team rotation, in case there are disputes later. It should also list the license plate numbers of your team vehicles. Also, the finish line announcer uses the list to read as many names as he can when your team finishes.













Vehicles

How many vehicles may we use to transport the runners?

The permitted number of vehicles per team depends on the starting time. Only seeded teams and teams starting at 7:45 a.m. may register two vehicles. Other teams are restricted to one registered vehicle.

How do we register vehicles for our team?

A registered team vehicle must display official tags in front and rear windows. The tags will be provided in the race packet.

Teams that try to use additional vehicles by using one tag per vehicle are being unfair to every team that follows the rules. Any team vehicle that does not display both vehicle tags will be disqualified.

May we use extra vehicles to transport the team members?

Unregistered vehicles may be used to transport members of the team to later sections of the course. Unregistered vehicles may not use the relay route for transporting team members or supporters. Only registered vehicles may park at the exchanges. Unregistered vehicles may park in towns along the route: Cobden, Goreville, Robbs, Eddyville and Golconda. For example, the sixth, seventh, and eighth runners might go directly to Cobden and meet other members at Stage 6. From there, the fourth and fifth runners may go directly to Goreville and Stage 12.

Can we use a camper to transport the team?

No vehicles wider than 7 feet are allowed.

We will have two vehicles. What's the best way to use them?

One possibility is to split the team into two groups of runners that function independently.

Another strategy is to begin the race with odd-numbered runners in one vehicle and even-numbered runners in the other. Each runner would be dropped off by one vehicle at the beginning of a section and picked up by another at the end of the section. Runners must be picked up by the same vehicle that dropped them off at every seventh exchange.

Be certain not to leave runners. stranded; it will be difficult if not impossible to return to get them.



Team Rosters

When must the team roster be submitted?

A preliminary list of runners must be a submitted via www.r2rrelay.com by March 16, 2024. Team seeding is done and shirts are ordered based on the information supplied by the team manager by this date. An electronic confirmation of the receipt of the roster will be sent to the e-mail address listed on the roster form after it is processed. It is a good idea to keep a copy of everything you send to us.

Must all eight runners be listed on the preliminary roster?

The preliminary roster need not be complete, but a complete roster must be submitted by April 13, 2024.

How should I report changes in the team membership?

On or before 4 p.m., April 13, 2024, go to the web site for roster submission. You can retrieve your team's current data by entering the last name of the team manager and the team's roster number. The roster number is included in the reply showing that we accepted your team entry. (If you cannot find it, send the race director an e-mail at kyle@r2rrelay.com and he will reply with your roster number). You will be able to retrieve the current data and then change those runners, etc. that need to be updated. After April 13, plan to bring all changes to the check in on Friday.

Must alternates be listed?

You are encouraged to list one or two alternate runners on the roster in case of late changes to the team. You may substitute alternates for registered runners without charge at any time.

Alternates listed before March 16, 2023, will receive shirts. If your alternates would really like to run, they should attend checkin on April 19 where there are always teams looking for extra runners.

May I recruit a runner who has already signed up for another team?

A runner who has signed the roster for one team may not change teams without written permission from the manager of the original team.

Do I have to pay for changes to the roster?

You may replace runners with registered alternates at any time at no cost. Please do not send in changes to your roster that only change the order of running. You will turn in the final order of running at the pre-start area on race day. Before April 13, you may make changes to your roster at no cost. Beginning on April 13 at 4 p.m., all roster changes will be charged at \$5 per change. The computer "thinks" that any correction to a runner's information is a change (spelling, shirt size, gender, 5K time, etc.) and charges accordingly.

Must I list on the roster the order in which team members will run?

No. You can wait until the last minute to settle on a running order.

Where do I get the waiver or minor waiver forms?

Both the relay waiver and minor waiver forms are available on the web site at www.r2rrelay.com. You can mail the signed waiver form to our PO box or you can bring it to check-in on Friday, April 19.

Must every runner sign the waiver before I send the team roster?

No. Every team member must eventually sign the waiver. However, we do not need the waivers until April 19, so you may, if you wish, bring them with you when you check-in.

Again, keep copies of any waivers you send to us, and have blanks available so that people you add to the team have a copy to sign.

May I change the team's name?

No. Team names must be on original entry form.



The Start of the Race

How do we get to the pre-start area?

Study the map on pages 16-17 in this book. There are two ways from Marion to the start line. (1) Take I-57 south to exit 30 at Anna. Head west on Illinois 146 for 16 miles to Illinois Rt. 3. Turn north on Illinois Rt. 3. Teams with one vehicle will go north for 9.2 miles and turn east onto Muddy Levee Road. This is gravel road the SOUTH side of the bridge. Those teams with 2 vehicles will have the "B" vehicle turn east at Wolf Lake after going north on Illinois Rt. 3 for 4.5 miles. Driving time from Marion to the pre-start check-in area is slightly more than one hour when you get on I-57 south.

Or (2) take Illinois Rt. 13 west through Carbondale to Murphysboro. Take Illinois 149 west through Murphysboro to Illinois Rt. 3. Turn south on Illinois Tr. 3 for 13.5 miles. Cross the concrete bridge and take the

turn east onto Muddy Levee Road. DO NOT TAKE THE GRAVEL ROAD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE.

Driving time from Marion is approximately 75 minutes to the pre-start check-in area. "B" vehicles will continue south on Illinois Rt. 3 an additional 4.5 miles to Wolf Lake and turn east for 1/2 mile to Stage 2.

Should all of the team vehicles go to the start?

NO. If you have a second registered vehicle, it should take Illinois Rt. 3 to Wolf Lake, and go directly to Stage 2 (the first exchange) or beyond. The exchange is half a mile east of Wolf Lake. Your second vehicle should arrive at Stage 2 by the time your first runner is starting. If you are early, please wait in Wolf Lake, not at the

exchange. Unregistered team vehicles should go directly to Cobden, Goreville, Robbs, Eddyville, or Golconda to meet the remainder of the team.

What should we do when we reach the pre-start?

You will be stopped at a check-in point about 4 miles short of the race start line. Race officials will ensure that your vehicle stickers are appropriately displayed. You will also turn in your final team roster, which indicates the order in which team members will run. You will drive past the porta-potties and park where directed. Since there are only one or two pit toilets at the starting line area, we recommend you use porta potties here at the pre-start.

Should all of the team vehicles go to the pre-start?

NO. If you have a second registered vehicle, it should take Illinois Rt. 3 to Wolf Lake and go directly to Stage 2 (the first baton exchange) or beyond. The exchange is onehalf mile east of Wolf Lake. Your "B" vehicle should arrive at Stage 2 by the time your first runner is starting. If you are early, please wait in Wolf Lake, not at the exchange.

How long does it take to reach the starting line?

Allow 20-25 minutes for the 4.3 mile drive from the pre-start check-in to the top of Pine Hills and the starting line. This will give you time to drive PAST the starting line, park in a single line, and have the #1 runner jog or walk back to the starting line. Before you leave the pre-start area, set your trip odometer to 0. The ride to the start will seem further than it actually is. Do NOT SPEED. Dangerous drop offs and low hanging branches are ahead.

What is the protocol at the starting line?

You will drive PAST the starting line before letting out your first runner. The vehicle in the lead will drive about 0.4 of a mile and stop at a designated spot. All other vehicles should park in a single line behind that first vehicle. Don't let your first runner out until you are stopped in the line. #1 runners should jog back to the starting line with their baton in hand. Porta-Potties are available where the vehicles stop and for the #1 runner at the starting line. **Do not stop** to let your runner out at or before you get to the starting line! Team vehicles will leave for Stage #2 FIVE minutes before the runners start. This allows time to reach stage #2 before the runners.

Will the race start on time?

It always has! Timing is under the control of the Southern Illinois Amateur Radio Society whose members take pride each year in starting the race by the National Bureau of Standards' atomic clock.

What happens if we are late?

Your lead off runner must locate the Race Director, who is at the start line, and inform him that your team missed its assigned start time. Your team will then be allowed to start with the next wave of teams. The team's finish time will be corrected in the computer to assure the correct finish time for the team.

Do the fast teams start together?

A small number of teams with the fastest predicted times in each division will be seeded. Seeded teams will start at special times, regardless of previous assignments, and they may use two support vehicles. Seedings will be based on runners' previous

> 5K race times, as listed on team rosters submitted before March 18,



The Exchanges

Why is the first exchange number 2?

The beginning of each section is referred to as a "Stage." Stage 1 is the first section of the race; the first exchange is Stage 2, and so on. The terminology was chosen so that the stage number corresponds to the number of the runner who takes over the baton.

Runner number 1 begins at Stage 1; his or her later sections begin at Stages 9 and 17. Runner number 2 takes over at Stages 2, 10, and 18, and so on.

What do we do at each exchange?

Race officials will direct traffic at the exchanges. Parking areas will generally be

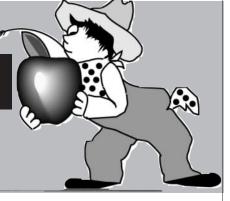
100 to 500 meters beyond the exchange. When parking, drivers must follow the directions of the officials. **Do not stop in the exchange area to discharge your runner.** The officials may penalize teams that refuse to obey their instructions by assessing time penalties or by disqualifying a runner or a team.



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The Appleknocker Town



We invite you to visit and enjoy

Cobden Peach Festival
Cidernite Cruise
Union County Museum



Emergencies

What are the chances of a runner getting lost?

There are one or two tricky turns on the course. Sometimes course markers mysteriously disappear, and once a runner was misled by a directional sign unrelated to the relay. Everyone on your team should be familiar with the course description in this book, and each runner should review it before setting out on a leg. If your runner is alone on the course, your team vehicle should pause at the turns marked "tricky" to assure the runner goes the right way.

What happens if one of my runners is injured?

The official rules spell out the conditions under which one runner may replace another. If your team hopes to win an award, the rule is quite strict. The only reason for a runner to drop out is injury or a medical problem. If a runner drops out, the rule spells out who may take his or her place. Once a runner has dropped out, he or she may not return to the team.

For noncompetitive teams the rule is less strict, but it is still important. A runner

may drop out for any reason, and any other team member may replace the runner who has dropped out. It is still the case, however, that once a runner has withdrawn he or she may not return to the team.

If we are all exhausted, may we drive part of the way?

No. Someone must run (or walk) with the baton at all times. There have been reports of runners emerging from a van half way through a section; illegal transportation of the runner is strictly forbidden, and guilty teams will be disqualified.

Will medical assistance be available during the race?

Ambulance services will be on call during the race. Members of the Southern Illinois Amateur Radio Society will monitor the race, and will be able to summon assistance if it is needed. If you need help, look for cars that have Radio Communicator signs prominently displayed. You will also be provided with a first aid manual that includes phone numbers for ambulance and other emergency services.

When does the course close?

The last exchange closes at 7:30, but the finish line in Golconda will be kept open until 8 p.m. Sunset is at 7:35 p.m. If your team is still on the course after dark, you must be prepared to provide for your runner's safety. The rules require that runners wear a reflective vest after sunset.

Stage	Closes at	Stage	Closes at
2	9:30 a.m.	14	3:10 p.m.
3	10:00 a.m.	15	3:40 p.m.
4	10:30 a.m.	16	4:00 p.m.
5	11:00 a.m.	17	4:30 p.m.
6	11:30 a.m.	18	5:00 p.m.
7	12:00 noon	19	5:30 p.m.
8	12:30 p.m.	20	5:50 p.m.
9	1:00 p.m.	21	6:20 p.m.
10	1:25 p.m.	22	6:45 p.m.
11	1:50 p.m.	23	7:10 p.m.
12	2:20 p.m.	24	7:30 p.m.
13	2:45 p.m.	Finish	8:00 p.m.

Safety First

The most serious hazard for the runner is traffic. Heed these important suggestions for a safer run:

- 1. The rules require runners to pause at stop signs. Be very careful when crossing main roads.
- 2. Run on the shoulder of the road if there is one; otherwise stay as near the side of the road as you can.
- 3. In general, run on the left side of the road. At a blind curve to the left and at the crest of a steep hill, it may be safer to run on the right. Runners like to run tangents, crossing from side to side of the road as it turns. Be warned that this can be very dangerous.
- 4. Vehicles should exercise great care

- Sunset is at 7:34 p.m.
- The last exchange will close at 7:30 p.m.
- The finish line will remain open until 8 p.m.

If your team has not reached the last exchange by the time it closes, you will be asked to leave the road. If you finish after dark, a reflective vest is mandatory.

when passing runners. Do not drive beside a runner; park if you need to provide water.

Use warning flashers at all times to advise other traffic that runners are present. 6. Do not drive against the flow of the race on narrow roads.

Congestion can be avoided if everyone follows four simple rules at the exchanges:

- a. Runners waiting to take the baton must remain on the left side of the road, behind the exchange marker.
- Spectators and other team members must remain on the right side of the road.
- c. The road must be kept clear for moving vehicles and runners.
- d. Drivers of vehicles must yield the right of way to runners as they pass through the exchange area.

After the Race

Is there a place to shower after the race?

Runners may use facilities at Pope County High School to shower and change clothes. The school is located 1.5 miles west of Golconda, on the north side of Illinois Route 146.

Please keep the school facilities clean and tidy. We depend on the cooperation and good will of school officials, who ask runners not to bring beer or other alcohol onto the school grounds.

Can I find help for my sore legs?

The sports council of the Illinois Chiropractic Society will provide chiropractic services (massage, rehabilitation, and recuperation) for runners who might like to avail themselves of these services. Additional help will be provided by physical therapist assistant students from SIUC.

What else happens after the race?

A food tent, music, craft fair, and other activities are also planned at the Pope County Court House near the finish line.

The awards ceremony will begin at 6:45 p.m.

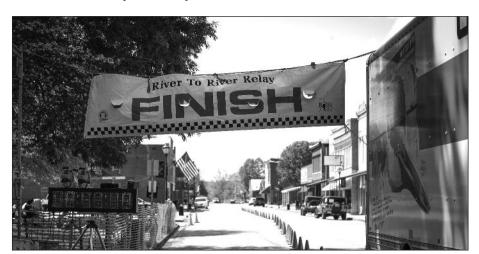
We encourage you to pick up your awards at the awards ceremony. If you must leave, please arrange for someone to pick up your awards for you. Sorry, but we do not mail awards to those who could not stay.

While celebrating your success, we urge you to honor the wishes of our hosts in Golconda and keep beer containers out of sight: no visible cans or bottles; please use cups.

Once again, the Illinois Valley Striders and Starved Rock Runners, Ltd. will host a prerace party. The location will be at the check in facility, the The Pavilion of the City of Marion, on Friday night. All runners are invited.

Will I receive an official set of results later?

Official results will be posted on the Relay website by Monday, April 22, 2024.



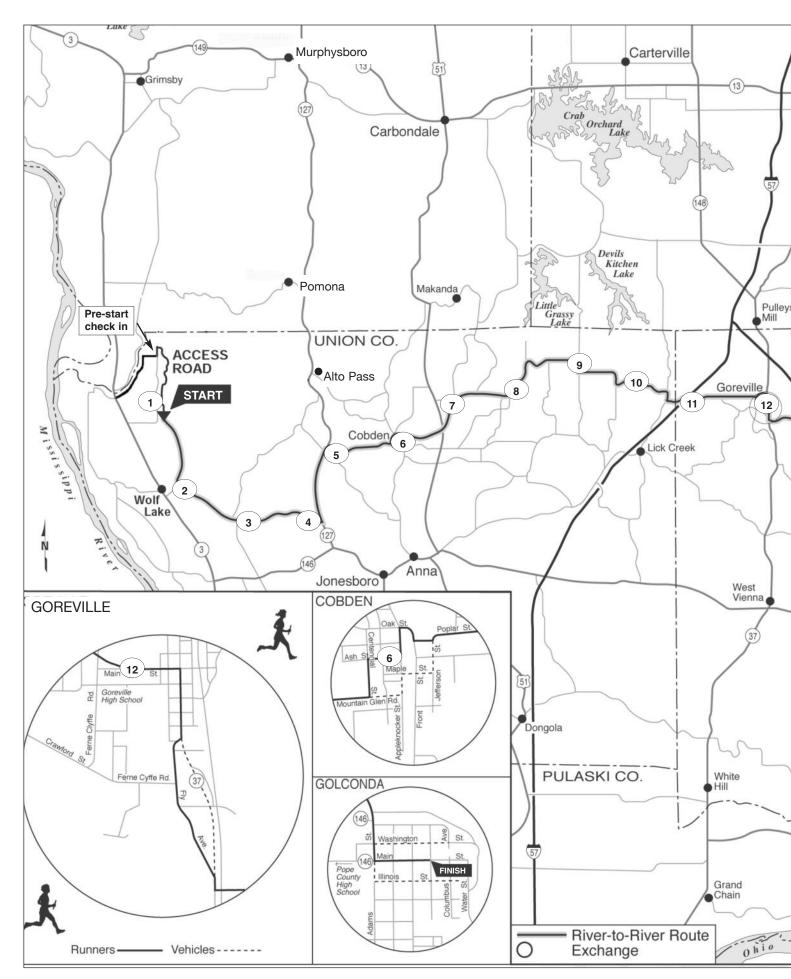
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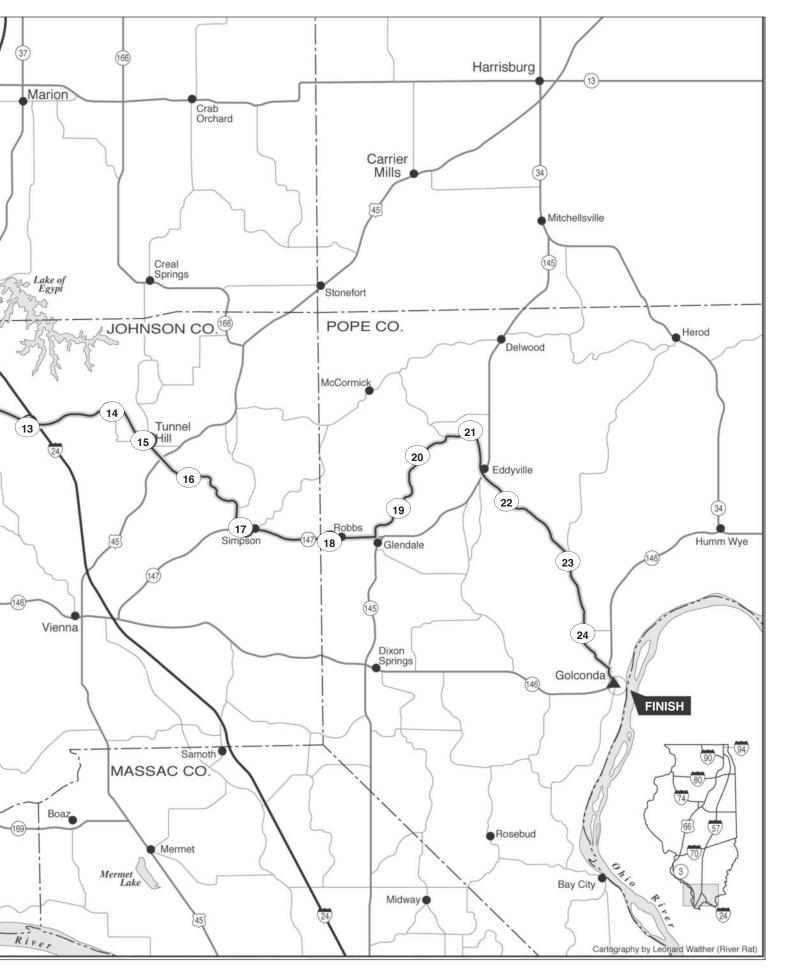


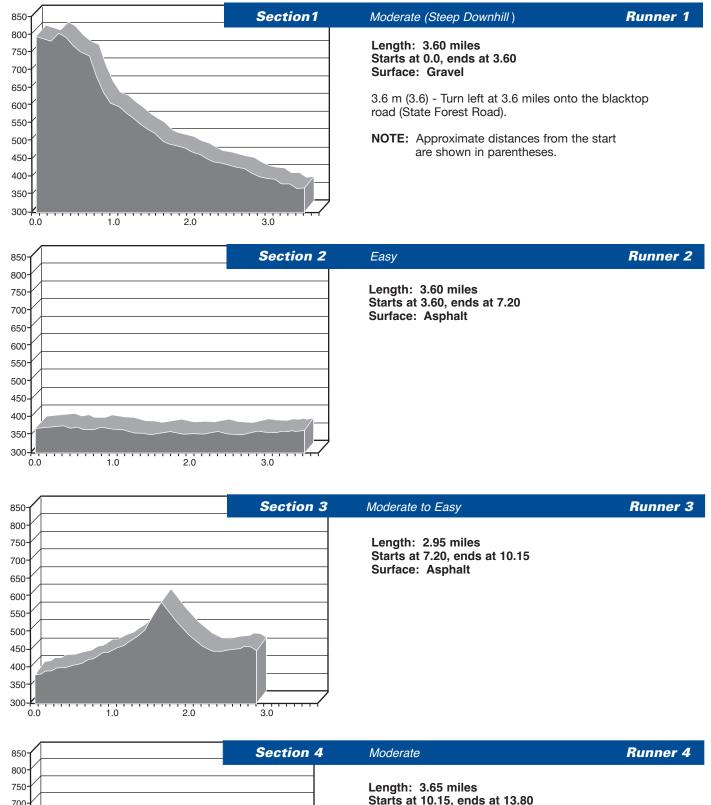
On behalf of all the employees of Gilster-Mary Lee, especially from our plants in Chester, Steeleville, and Centralia, IL, welcome to beautiful southern Illinois! Gilster-Mary Lee has been providing food products to consumers around the world since 1895, and like the River to River Relay, we are proud to call southern Illinois home.

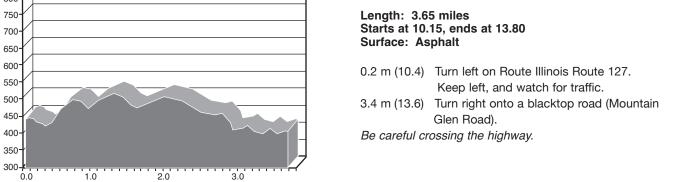
Have a great race, stay safe, and finish strong!

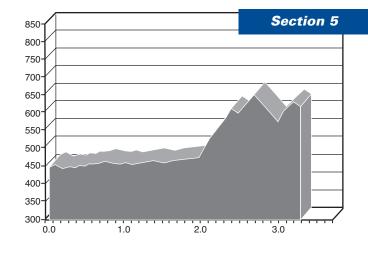
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Hard Runner 5

Length: 3.35 miles

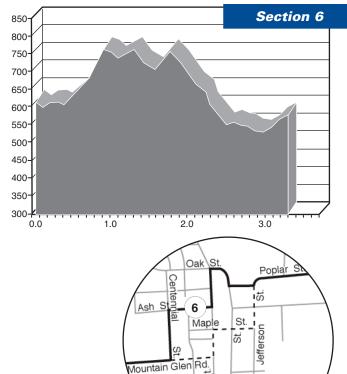
Starts at 13.80, ends at 17.15

Surface: Asphalt

3.0 m (16.8) Runners turn left on Centennial.

3.2 m (17.0) Turn right on Ash.

Vehicles go straight ahead, then turn left at Appleknocker Street. Park on Appleknocker.



Very Hard (Cobden)

Length: 3.30 miles Starts at 17.15, ends at 20.45

Surface: Asphalt

0.0 m (17.2) Turn left on Appleknocker.

0.1 m (17.3) Turn right across the bridge over the railroad.

0.2 m (17.4) Take the first left turn, onto Poplar Street.

THIS TURN IS EASY TO MISS!

0.3 m (17.5) Bear left, then right, remaining on Poplar

Street.

2.1 m (19.2) U.S. 51 is the busiest road you will cross.

Pause, look carefully, and have team members help you watch for traffic. Continue on

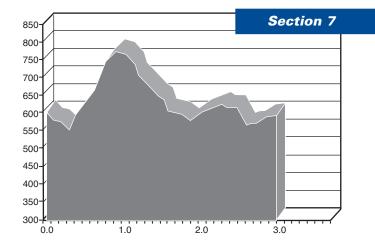
Runner 6

Water Valley Drive.

Vehicles

Cobden

Cross the railroad tracks on Maple street. Turn left on Jefferson, proceed two blocks, then turn right on Poplar. If delayed by a train, cross the tracks by the bridge used by runners.



Length: 3.00 miles

Hard

Starts at 20.45, ends at 23.45

Surface: Asphalt

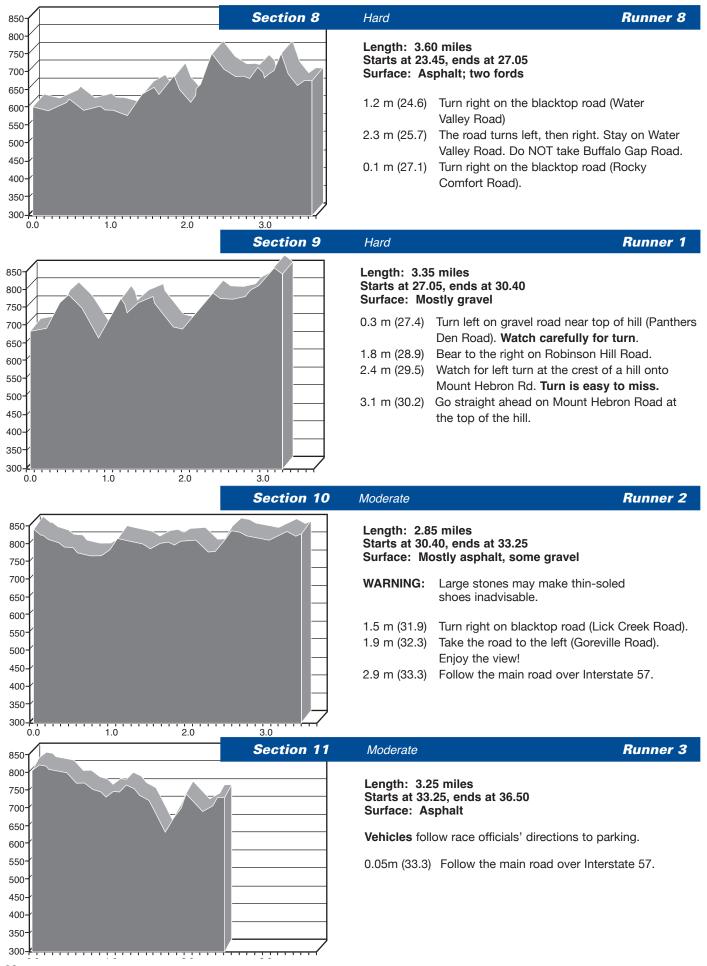
0.1 m (20.6) Bear right at the fork. Remain on Water Valley Road; do not take Shiloh Road.

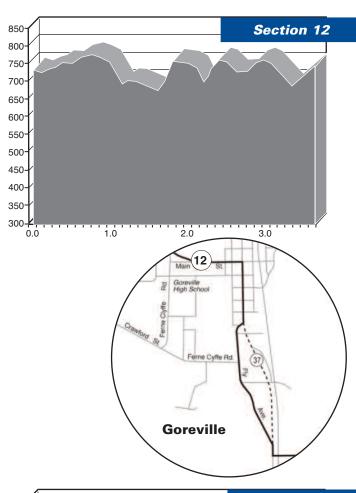
1.1 m (21.6) Stay right on blacktop road. Remain on Water Valley Road; do not take Giant City Park Road.

2.0 m (22.5) Stay left on blacktop road. Remain on Water

Valley Road; do not take Bethel Church Road.

Runner 7





Length: 3.80 miles

Starts at 36.50, ends at 40.30

Moderate to Hard (Goreville)

Surface: Asphalt

0.3 m (36.8) Turn right on Broadway. Stay to the right!

0.6 m (37.1) Turn right and follow Fly Avenue.

This is an easy turn to miss; do not follow

Runner 4

Runner 5

Runner 6

vehicles along the highway.

Do not follow vehicles along the highway.

0.9 m (37.4) Stay to the right.

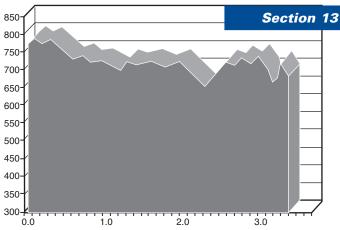
1.3 m (37.8) Be very careful crossing Illinois Route 37.

Pause, and watch for traffic.

Then turn left under the railroad bridge onto

Tunnel Hill Road.

Vehicles From the center of Goreville, follow Illinois Route 37. Do not follow runners. The runners emerge from the right, south of the town. At that point, turn left onto Tunnel Hill Road, under the railroad bridge.

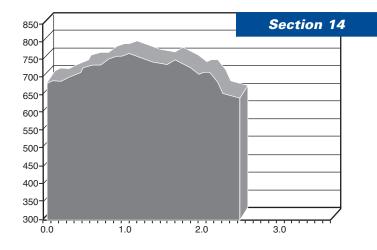


Moderate

Length: 3.40 miles

Starts at 40.30, ends at 43.70

Surface: Asphalt



Length: 2.50 miles

Easy

Starts at 43.70, ends at 46.20

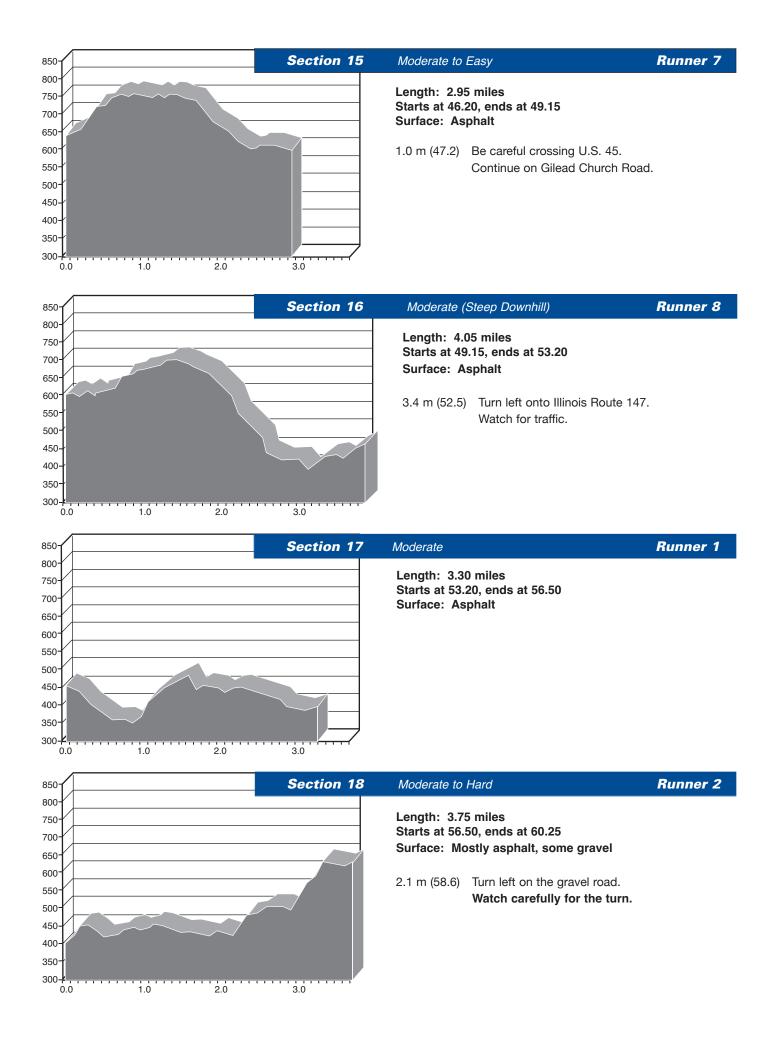
Surface: Asphalt

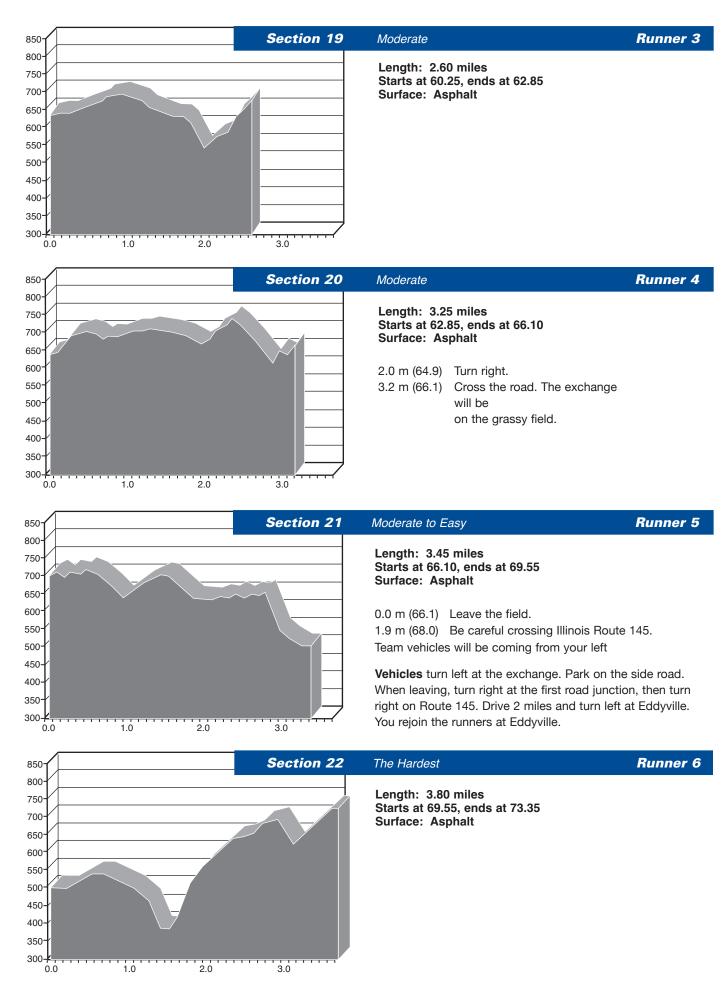
Vehicles only turn right on Bowmans Bottom Rd.

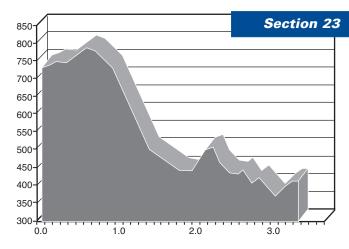
2.0 m Vehicles only turn left on Possum Rd.1.75 m Vehicles only turn left on High St.

Watch for race official to cross over Tunnel

Hill Rd. to parking lot.







Moderate (Steep Downhill)

Length: 3.35 miles

Starts at 73.35, ends at 76.70

Surface: Asphalt

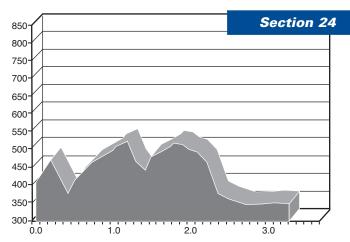
3.2 m (76.6) Runners go straight. Do ${f not}$ follow the

Runner 7

Runner 8

main road to the left.

Vehicles follow the main road to Illinois Route 146.



Length: 3.30 miles

Hard

Starts at 76.70, ends at 80.00

Finish

Surface: Asphalt

1.9 m (78.6) Turn right on Illinois Route 146.

Be very careful; watch for traffic.

3.1 m (79.8) Turn left on Main Street.

3.3 m (80.0) Finish beside the Pope County Court House.

Vehicles turn right on Illinois Route 146 and drive toward Golconda. The runners will emerge from the right, 1.4 miles along Illinois Route 146. Follow directions to parking in town.

Elevation on vertical axis in feet

Runner 1	Runner 2	Runner 3	Runner 4	Runner 5	Runner 6	Runner 7	Runner 8
1 - 3.60 Downhill	2 - 3.60 <i>Easy</i>	3 - 2.95 Moderate to easy	4 -3.65 Moderate	5 - 3.35 <i>Hard</i>	6 - 3.30 Very hard	7 - 3.00 Hard	8 - 3.60 <i>Hard</i>
9 - 3.35 <i>Hard</i>	10 - 2.85 Moderate	11 - 3.25 Moderate	12 - 3.80 Moderate to hard	13 - 3.40 Moderate	14 - 2.50 <i>Easy</i>	15 - 2.95 Moderate to easy	16 - 4.05 Downhill
17 - 3.30 Moderate	18 - 3.75 Moderate to hard	19 - 2.60 Moderate	20 - 3.25 Moderate	21 - 3.45 Moderate to easy	22 - 3.80 Hardest	23 - 3.35 Downhill	24 - 3.30 Hard
total 10.25 mi.	total	total 8.8 mi.	total	total	total 9.60 mi.	total 9.30 mi.	total 10.95 mi.







Je can't wait to see you in Golconda!

REFUEL & REFRESH AT THE FINISH LINE



RESTAURANTS

Within walking distance from finish line:

Tanny's Grill & Chill - 8am to 8pm (618) 683-2655

Diver Down - 12pm to 12am (618) 683-3483

Golconda Dari-Barr

6am to 7pm (618) 683-4878





DRINKS

Levee Lounge Wine & Beer at Riverview Mansion Hotel (618) 683-2196

Lusk Creek Liquors & Gaming

10am to 12am (618) 683-2545



FUEL & SNACKS

Golconda Gas 'n Go (618) 683-3482

Golconda Food Mart

8am to 6pm (618) 683-7100

IN NEARBY EDDYVILLE

15 minute drive from Golconda **Shotgun Eddys Bar & Grill** - 6am to 10pm (618) 672-3339

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2024 Team Roster

Corporate Division		Makanda Mainstreamers	Carbondale, IL
16 Cheeks to the Wind	Lemont, IL	Masters of the Universe	Paducah, KY
Air Mobility Flying Feet Road Warriors	O'Fallon, IL	No Walkin' 'til the Van Passes II	Champaign, IL
AISIN Running Group	Marion, IL	Super Tuscans	Oak Park, IL
Brinkmann Constructors	Chesterfield, MO	Team Godzilla	Edwardsville, IL
Carbondale Firefighters	Carbondale, IL	The Beavs In Full Force	Plainfield, IL
CNApple: Made from the Best Runners	Chicago, IL	The Iron Dragons	Maryland Heights, MO
Illinois Army National Guard	Marion, IL		,
Street Fighters	Granite City, IL		
		Mixed Divi	sion
Corporate Handicap Div	rision	Atomic City Roosters	Paducah, KY
Belleville Firefighters Local 53	Belleville, IL	Back of the Packers	Carlock, IL
CUSD10	Collinsville, IL	Bean There Run That	Northbrook, IL
		Belleville Running Club 1	Belleville, IL
Handicap Division		Belleville Running Club 2	Belleville, IL
6:20 Club	St. Louis, MO	Breakfast Club	Shorewood, IL
A Pace Only a Mother Could Love	Chicago, IL	Broken	So. IL, IL
Bannon's Mountain	Liberty Twp., OH	Buzz Boys Mix	St. Louis, MO
Big Dog Running and Eating Society	Olney, IL	Carmi	Carmi, IL
Big Rock Milers	Springfield, IL	Chester Running Club	Chester, IL
Bottoms up Bar & Grill	Jacob, IL	Cool Relay Kids	Cape Girardeau, MO
Breaking Wind Running Club	Mattoon, IL	Desperately Seeking Doughnuts	Carterville, IL
Chicago Gazelles	Chicago, IL	Downhill From Here	Carbondale, IL
Easy to pass and tough to lap	Steeleville, IL	Dudes and Boobs	Robinson, IL
Jones Creek Road runners	Dickson, TN	Eight runners running	McLeansboro, IL
Lab Rats	Chicago, IL	Fat Mac's Run Club	Chicago, IL
Los Tortugas	Albuquerque, NM	Friends to Foes	Carterville, IL
Movin' Shoes; the Elders	Madison, WI	Girls Run Harder	Flora, IL
Ozark Baptist Church Running with Endurance	Vienna, IL	Heaven Bound	Herrin, IL
Roadhogs of the Rockies	Chicago, IL	Hope Church	Carbondale, IL
Running on Empty	Carbondale, IL	Keeping Up With the Joneses	Anna, IL
Running Renegades	Paducah, KY	Local Joggers	Jonesboro, AR
Second Childhood	Cabondale, IL	Med-TENTicles	Greensboro, NC
Silver Snickers	Bolivar, TN	Mixed Nuts	Champaign, IL
Springfield Wildcats	Springfield, IL	Mother Hen and Her Copper Nuts	Herrin, IL
Squinge	Cobden, IL	Phtephen's Phat Phriends	Waterloo, IL
St Jude Runners	Vienna, IL	Pulled Pork Hamstrings	Coulterville, IL
The Cutting Edge of Insanity	Glenarm, IL	Pyramid Running Club	Pickneyville, IL
Thunder Canyon Road Raptors	Carbondale, IL	Smart Runners	Vienna, IL
We Are Not Them	Champaign, IL	Snailed It	Tamms, IL
		Sole Train	Germantown, IL
Masters Division		Speed Hump Hash House Harriers	St. Louis, MO
Gunslingers Haul'n Arse	Georgetown, IL	S'tang Striders	Paducah, KY
Lisle Windrunners	Lisle, IL	TBD	Bloomington, IN
QC Faster Masters	Davenport, IA	The 90s Machine	Carterville, IL
Radical Runners	Paducah, KY	The Cake is a Lie	Urbana, IL
STFD	Saint Charles, MO	The Wunning Wabbits	DuQuoin, IL
Vodquila	St. Charles, IL	Tobi's Turtles	Marion, IL
Zatopeks	Davenport, IA	Trauma Troopers	Carbondale, IL
AA1 1 A4		Wabash Waltzers	Sigel, IL
MIxed Masters Division		We Thought They Said Rum	Carbondale, IL
Chicks and Dips Geneva, IL		White Claw Warriors	Orland Park, IL

Elwood, IL

Evanston, IL

If Found in Bar Return to R2R

Geek Brigade

2024 Team Roster

Open Division	1	Shawnee Sheepdogs	Harrisburg, IL
3 Runners and 5 Fattiez	St. John, IN	Simpson Baptist Church	Simpson, IL
521 on the run	Denver, CO	Simpson Gray Gang 2	Simpson, IL
80 R U Crazy	Belle Rive, IL	Slytherwin	Carlyle, IL
Art and Kevin Reveal Memorial Team	Herrin, IL	Smith Family Tree XC	Edwardsville, IL
A-town Throwdown	Alton, IL	Sole Crushers	Harrisburg, IL
Banana Clan Beatdown	Springfield, IL	Sole Mates of the #618	Marion, IL
Chaney's Gang	Carterville, IL	Speedbump	Harrisburg, IL
Cheetahs	St. John, IN	St. Louis Hash House Harriers	St. Louis, MO
Clumsy Elephants	McLeansboro, IL	Star Church Saved Soles	Eldorado, IL
Cockadoodledo	Effingham, IL	Steeplechasers	Harrisburg, IL
Everywhere Family of Runners	Oregon City, OR	SteepleWeb	Springfield, IL
Faster than a Polka	Carbondale, IL	Stride for Stride	Marion, IL
Fastor Pastors	Effingham, IL	Super Happy Awesome Running Team	Carbondale, IL
Feet First	Marion, IL	Sweet Feet	Carbondale, IL
Fellowship Baptist Church	Vienna, IL	TBIFF	Channahon, iL
Finish The Task	Cobden, IL	Team Neuro	Carterville, IL
First Church of Flora	Genevieve, MO	Team Sloth	Harrisburg, IL
FlamiGOs	Champaign, IL	Team Sockmonkey	Winnebago, iL
Golconda River Rats	Golconda, IL	The Replacements	Sparta, IL
H.U.A.W.	Lexington, MO	Toolen's Running Start	Shiloh, IL
Has Beens	Cape Girardeau, MO	Unknown Rash	Edwardsville, IL
Heaven Bound Too	Marion, IL	W3T?!	Golconda, IL
Hermie Squirmies	Madison, WI	We 8 The Sandbox	Champaign, IL
Higher Ground	Highland, IL	Well Diggers	Jackson, TN
9	•	We've Got The Runs	Noblesville, IN
Highland Pierron Runners Hill Raisers	Highland, IL Lemont, IL	When Bad Knees Happen To Good People	Springfield, IL
Ice Packs & Beer	Carterville, IL	When Did We Become a Running Family?	Creal Springs, IL
Iron Mules	Indianapolis, IN	when Bid we become a raming raming.	Great optings, 12
Its Better With Butter	-		
	Perryville, MO Lake Bluff, IL	Women Masters Div	ision
Jenny Spangler Racing	Highland, IL	Miss Direction	Wheaton, IL
Kicking Assphault	· ·	Sisters with Blisters	Marion, IL
Kings of Taper VIII	Morton, IL Glenn Carbon, IL	Wine Not	St. Charles, IL
Law Dawgs		Women on the Run	Valparaiso, IN
Legs of Ages Marshfield Pirates	Strasburg, IL	women on the Run	varparaiso, ii v
	Shelbyville, IL	Womens Division	n
Metro Milers Mistakes Were Made	Edwardsville, IL Mundelein, iL	5@5	Paducah, KY
		BCB Babes	Springfield, IL
Motion Lotion	Carterville, IL Carbondale, IL	Blind Pig Social Club	Herrin, IL
Neighborhood Co-op Grocery No BS Meat		Chafing the Dream	Goreville, IL
O Runner, Where Art Thou?	Harrisburg, IL Mt. Vernon, IL	F.R.O.G.G.S.	Red Bud, IL
O'Neill and Company	Marion, IL	First Baptist Harrisburg	Harrisburg, IL
* *	Webster Groves, MO	GET IT GIRL	Valparaiso, IN
One Way Ticket		Gone Girls	Murphysboro, IL
Oops Prairie Chickens II	Carterville, IL Newton, IL	Queenager	Springfield, IL
		Run for God	Ballard County, KY
Quest Runners	Urbana, IL	Shawnee Goddesses	Carbondale, IL
Rocinante	Normal, IL	Sisters on Hills	Harrisburg, IL
Running for BT and Claire	Chicago, IL	Thong Distance Runners	DuQuoin, IL
Running Scared	Sparta, IL	White Squirrels	Olney, IL
RunWell	Edwardsville, IL	Wonder Women	Harrisburg, IL
Ryan's Rhinos	Shelbyville, IL	wonder women	riairisbuig, IL
Sammy and the Sufferers	Indianapolis, IN		

Carbondale, IL

Scrambled Leggs

Official Rules

1. Teams shall consist of eight runners, each of whom shall complete three legs of approximately 3 miles each while carrying a baton.

Rules Concerning Runners

- 2. Team members shall run in a fixed order. The first runner shall complete sections 1, 9, and 17; the second runner shall complete sections 2, 10, and 18, and so on.
- 3. Runners must wear official race numbers that correspond to their position on the team. The first runner must wear a number ending in 1; the second runner must wear a number ending in 2, and so on. Race numbers must be visible from the front.
- 4. If for medical reasons a runner cannot complete a section, another runner may take over. The substitute must be either the next runner in sequence or the previous runner in sequence (e.g., if runner 3 is injured, runners 2 or 4 may take over). Substitutes must complete all remaining sections for the injured runners they replace, as well as their own sections. Once a runner has dropped out of the race, he or she may not re-enter. The team shall be eligible for awards in the Mixed or Mixed-Masters divisions if at least three runners of each sex complete the course. The team shall be eligible in the Handicap or Corporate Handicap divisions, but only the handicap times of runners who complete the course will be counted in calculating the team handicap. Note 1. Teams are not required to follow the substitution rule unless they are competing for an award. If substitutions are made other than those that are allowed, including the use of extra runners, teams may finish the race but will not be eligible for any award. Note 2. The substitution rule applies if one or more runners are missing at the start of the race. One or more substitutes must then complete back-to-back sections (approximately 20 miles in all). Note 3. Teams in the Mixed and Mixed-Masters divisions with only three women will be able to follow the rule only if the women follow each other in sequence (e.g., positions 2, 3, and 4).
- 5. The baton must be passed from one runner to the next within a marked exchange zone 50 meters in length. While in the exchange zone, runners must remain on the left side of the road.

Note 1. Teams are not required to follow the substitution rule (Rule #4) unless they are competing for an award. If substitutions are made other than those that are allowed, including the use of extra runners, teams may finish the race but will not be eligible for any award.

Note 2. The substitution rule (Rule #4) applies if one or more runners are missing at the start of the race. One or more substitutes must then complete back-to-back sections (approximately a total of 20 miles).

Note 3. Teams in the Mixed and Mixed-Masters divisions with only three women will be able to follow the rule only if the women follow each other in the sequence (e.g., positions 2, 3, and 4).

- 6. Runners must carry the baton so that it is visible to race officials while approaching or leaving the exchange zone.
- 7. Runners may receive water or other supplies from team members. No other physical contact with the runner is permitted.
- 8. Runners who take a wrong turn must return to the course where they left it and continue on the correct route. Runners may use the team vehicle or other transportation to return to the correct route, provided they complete all of the correct route unaided.
- 9. Runners must pause at all stop signs, and obey all safety instructions.
- 10. Runners must wear an approved reflective vest if running before sunrise or after sunset.
- 11. Runners may not wear headphones or any other equipment that interferes with their hearing.

Rules Concerning Vehicles

12. Teams may use one or two registered vehicles, depending on the team's starting

time, to transport runners during the race. Team vehicles must be less than seven feet in width.

- 13. Registered team vehicles must display an official identification tag in the front and rear windows. Both tags must be visible to race officials at the exchanges. Only team vehicles displaying both official tags will be allowed to park at the exchanges.
- 14. Team vehicles must obey all speed limits, traffic signs, other traffic laws, and instructions from race officials.
- 15. Team vehicles must drive at a normal rate of speed. Vehicles may not block or interfere with other vehicles, and must yield right of way to runners at all times.
- 16. At the exchanges, team vehicles must park only in designated areas. Vehicles may not stop at an exchange, even to discharge runners, except where directed.

Rules Concerning All Participants

- 17. At the exchanges, team members and other participants who are not involved in the exchange of the baton must remain on the right side of the road.
- 18. Participants must leave no litter on the course.
- 19. Participants must only use bathroom facilities provided. No public urination or other public relief is allowed.
- 20. Participants must follow all local, state, and federal laws at all times.
- 21. These rules may be modified from time to time for participant safety and to maintain the sanctity of the event.

Violation of Rules / Penalties

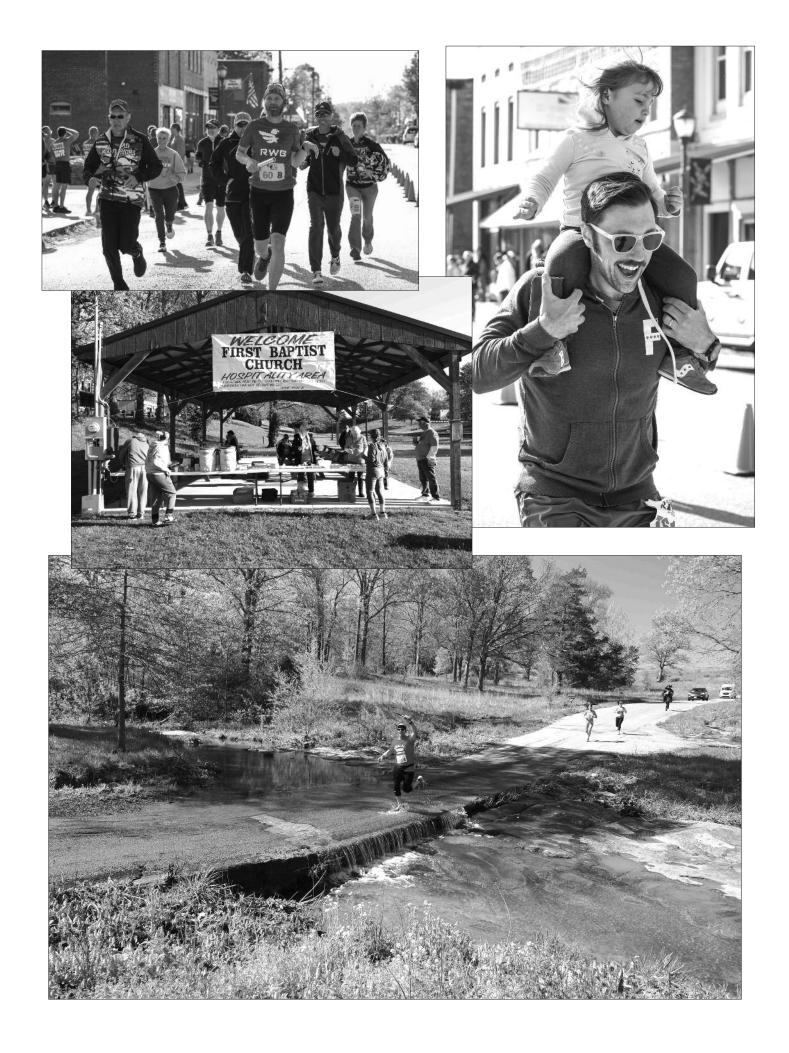
- 22. Violation of any rule may result in the assessment of time penalties, disqualification of the runner, disqualification of the team, and/or assessment of an Administrative Fine at the sole discretion of the Race Director.
- 23. A team with an outstanding administrative fine shall not be eligible for registration of the next years Relay.
- 24. 100% of all administrative fines shall benefit the River to River Runners Scholarship Fund.

Handicaps

Age	Males	Females									
10	17:30	19:00	30	0:00	8:20	50	7:30	19:00	70	22:00	43:00
11	15:00	17:30	31	0:00	8:40	51	8:00	19:40	71	23:00	45:30
12	13:00	16:30	32	0:20	9:00	52	8:30	20:20	72	24:30	48:00
13	11:00	15:30	33	0:40	9:20	53	9:00	21:00	73	26:00	51:00
14	9:00	14:30	34	1:00	10:00	54	9:30	21:45	74	27:30	54:00
15	7:00	13:30	35	1:20	10:30	55	10:00	22:30	75	29:00	57:00
16	5:00	12:30	36	1:40	11:00	56	10:30	23:15	76	30:30	60:00
17	3:30	11:30	37	2:00	11:30	57	11:00	24:00	77	32:00	63:00
18	2:30	10:30	38	2:20	12:00	58	11:30	25:00	78	33.30	66.00
19	1:30	10:00	39	2:40	12:30	59	12:00	26:00	79	35:00	69:00
20	1:00	9:30	40	3:00	13:00	60	12:45	27:00	80	36.30	72:00
21	0:30	9:00	41	3:20	13:30	61	13:30	28:00	81	38:00	75:00
22	0:00	8:45	42	3:40	14:00	62	14:15	29:00	82	39:30	78:00
23	0:00	8:20	43	4:00	14:30	63	15:00	30:30	83	41:00	81:00
24	0:00	8:10	44	4:30	15:00	64	16:00	32:00	84	42:30	84:00
25	0:00	8:00	45	5:00	15:30	65	17:00	33:30	85	44:00	87:00
26	0:00	7:50	46	5:30	16:20	66	18:00	35:00	86	45:30	90:00
27	0:00	7:50	47	6:00	17:00	67	19:00	37:00	87	47:00	93:00
28	0:00	8:00	48	6:30	17:40	68	20:00	39:00	88	48:30	96:00
29	0:00	8:10	49	7:00	18:20	69	21:00	41:00	89+	50:00	99:00









Course Records

Open	6:47:10	1997	Where We Go One We Go All	Bartlett, III.
Handicap	*6 : 43 : 41	2013	Los Tortugas	Albuquerque, N.M.
Women's	8 : 32 : 13	1995	Chicago Gazelles	Chicago, III.
Mixed	7 : 36 :35	1999	Palos Roadrunners	Palos Heights, III.
Masters	7 : 20 : 45	1994	Masters of Shawnee Forest	New Lenox, III.
Women Masters	9:09:05	2005	Run Chicago Gazelles	Chicago, III.
Mixed Masters	8:01:38	1995	Coed Masters of Shawnee Fore	st New Lenox, III.
Corporate	7:43:03	1990	McDonnell Douglas Flyers	St. Louis, Mo.
Corporate Handicap	*7 : 35 : 08	1995	DMA-Cartographic Express	St. Louis, Mo.

^{*} Times adjusted for team handicap.

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Awards

The divisions and minimum number of awards for each division are as follows:

7 awards

Open	All teams may compete.	7 awarus
Handicap	All teams may compete. Awards will be based on times corrected for handicap.	7 awards
Women	All team members must be women.	3 awards
Mixed	A minimum of three members must be of each sex.	7 awards
Masters	All team members must be at least 40 years old.	3 awards
Mixed Masters	All team members must be at least 40 years old. A minimum of three members must be of each sex.	3 award
Women Masters	All team members must be women, and at least 40 years old.	3 awards
Corporate	All members must be employed by the same employer or place of business.	3 awards
Corporate Handicap	All members must be employed by the same employer. Awards will be based on finish times corrected for handicap.	3 awards

Team handicaps will be the total of the handicap times for all team members.

Acknowledgments

More than 200 volunteers, including members of the Southern Illinois Amateur Radio Society, will help on the day of the race. The sheriffs of Johnson, Pope, and Union counties, and the Illinois State Police, will assist with traffic control. The organizing committee is very grateful to all of these people. Please express your appreciation should you have the opportunity, and make their jobs easier by following their instructions.

