



Frequently Asked Questions

Race Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021

5K/10K Start Time: 7A – Wave Start

Starting Line: On Main Street just south of Seminary Avenue (east of Memorial Park)

Finish Line: Seminary just west of Main Street

Wave Start

To adhere to Restore Illinois Bridge Phase guidelines, runners will be sent off in waves of 100 runners. Waves will be sent off every two minutes beginning at 7A with the final wave start at approximately 7:15A. Runners must be in their assigned start line corral by 6:50A. Corral assignments will be received at packet pick up.

Packet Pick-Up:

Wednesday, June 2 | 3-7P | Wheaton Park District Community Center | 1777 S. Blanchard

Thursday, June 3 | 8A-1P | Wheaton Park District Community Center | 1777 S. Blanchard

Saturday, June 5 | 6-6:45A | Memorial Park | 225 Karlskoga Ave

COVID-19 Guidelines

- Face masks are not required in Memorial Park for fully vaccinated participants. Non-vaccinated participants are encouraged to wear a mask in Memorial Park.
- Per recommendations for the Chicago Area Runners Association, all runners regardless of vaccination status are asked to please wear a mask while in their start line corrals. Masks may be removed once runners are socially distanced on the race course.
- To adhere to gathering restrictions, Memorial Park will only be open to registered runners, volunteers and race staff. Minor runners may be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- To limit gathering sizes, the start and finish lines will be closed to spectators.
- Runners are encouraged to bring their own, filled water bottles for use on the course. Sealed bottles of water will be available at aid stations.

Race Day Packet Pick-up, Gear Drop, First Aid & Washrooms Located At: Memorial Park (225 Karlskoga Ave, Wheaton). To adhere to gathering restrictions, Memorial Park will only be open to registered runners, volunteers and race staff. Minor runners may be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Parking: Participants are encouraged to use the parking garage located between N. Wheaton Avenue and N. Hale Street. Street parking is limited. Limited handicap accessible parking is available in the parking lot of Gary United Methodist Church. Please enter this lot from Wesley Street.

First Aid: Minor first aid is available in Memorial Park at the First Aid Booth near the park entrance on Karlskoga Avenue and Hale Street. For serious incidents, dial 911.

Course Details: In an effort to reduce the number of race day volunteers needed and keep gathering sizes to a minimum, the 2021 10K route will follow 5K route twice. A course map is available at cosleyzoo.org.

Race Results & Awards: Results will be email and posted online within four hours of race. Awards will be available for pick up beginning Wednesday, June 9 at the Community Center front desk. Per CARA requirements, overall awards will be based on gun time and age category awards will be based on chip time.

Overall first, second and third place awards will be given to the top male and female finishers in both the 5K and 10K (gun time).

Age category awards are given to the top three male and female finishers per category in both the 5K and 10K: 19 & under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+.

Safety: For participant's safety, **NO** bicycles, in-line skates, or other-wheeled vehicles (except wheelchairs or other accessibility devices). Strollers **ARE** allowed, but all runners with strollers must start in the designated stroller corral at the end of the race. Animals are also **NOT** permitted on the race course or in Memorial Park (except for service animals with proper clearance from the race director prior to race day). Failure to provide advanced notice of a service animal may result in a delayed run start time.

Inclement Weather: The run is held rain or shine. In the event of severe weather before the race start, the race director may postpone or cancel the race. Pre-race inclement weather announcements will be made on the Cosley Zoo and Wheaton Park District websites and social media outlets; via e-mail to all registered runners; and through public address announcements. If severe weather occurs while on the race course, please follow course officials and/or emergency personnel's instructions. No refunds will be given due to cancellation of race for weather or unforeseen circumstances. You may choose to donate your registration fee to Cosley Zoo or apply it toward next year's race registration.

Questions: Please contact Michelle Artis, Race Director at martis@wheatonparks.org or 630.510.5135.