

Greetings Interplanetary Participants!

The Interplanetary 5K/1 Mile Fitness Walk/Kids' Fun Run is just around the corner! Here is some helpful information:



Friday Packet Pick-Up:

Packet pick-up is available Friday, April 4, from 12:30 to 5:30 pm in the auditorium of the Peoria Riverfront Museum on the lower level. You can park free of charge in the museum's parking structure (under the museum, enter from Water Street at the electronic sign). Enter the museum from the parking structure and turn left right before stairs. Registration is also available during packet pick-up, in case you have friends who want to sign up.

Race Day Packet Pick-Up:

On Saturday April 5, packet pick-up and race day registration begins at 7:30 in the Peoria Riverfront Museum auditorium on the lower level. On weekends, you can park in the museum's parking garage, anywhere along Water Street, or in the Martini's lot free of charge. If you park on the street, enter the auditorium through the Sculpture Garden. You are welcome to come into the auditorium in the morning before the race. We will have coffee on, and will all walk over to the start together.

The Weather:

The show must go on! Rain or shine, we will run this race. As of the writing of this letter, the rain is expected to stop by 5 AM on Saturday morning with a 7% chance at 9 AM, and the temperatures are calling for the mid-forties. The pre-race gathering and post-race refreshments and awards will be inside our warm auditorium.

Bibs and timing (5K):

You will find a bib with a timing strip on it in your bag, if you are running the 5K. If you are super fast, line up near the front!

Walkers do not have bibs as the 1 mile walk is not timed. Kids Fun Runners just have fun bibs but that race is also untimed.

Event Starts:

All events will start near the Gateway building. The 5K race starts at 9 AM.



The 5K Race will begin on the River Trail on the river-side of the Gateway Building and run north along the trail for slightly over one mile. It then turns right into the Detweiller Marina parking lot, then takes a right turn onto the "goose loop". The course circles the goose loop counter clockwise and returns to the River Trail, then, back to the Gateway Building. The runners will run past the starting line, the (empty) fountain, and finish about 500 feet south of the Gateway Building. The water stop is at around .8 miles out and 2.3 on the way back.

The 1 Mile Fitness Walk will begin at the same spot as the 5K, at 9:05 am. The walkers will follow the trail for 1/2 mile until coming to the scale model of Venus, will turn around, and will return by the same route. Walkers please stay on the river side of the trail, both on the way to Venus, and on the way back. On your return trip, 5K racers will be finishing their race, so please leave room for them by staying to the left (on the river side). We wouldn't want any interplanetary bodies to collide!

The Kids' Fun Run will begin on the Water Street Side of the Gateway Building at 9:30. The young Space Explorers will run north along the Riverfront Trail. Just before the Riverplex parking lot, they will move onto the grass and begin a clockwise "U" there, going out to the model of Mercury. The route will be marked with flags. Kids will keep the flags on their right—they stay to the outside of the flags. They will make a "U" and end on the opposite side of the Gateway Building as they started, by the giant star shaped planter. There will be a star on the pavement that will serve as the finish line, and cones to lead the way. A staff member will lead the Space Explorers.

Restrooms:

At the museum, there are two sets of restrooms on the lower level near the auditorium. There are larger restrooms upstairs in the lobby, past the giant clock. At the starting line, the restrooms on the south end of the Gateway Building will be open.

Post Race

Come back to the Peoria Riverfront Museum after the race for refreshments, rewards, and fun. We have fabulous door prizes, including a family membership to the museum, tickets to our 4th of July BBQ, and a family package of tickets to our Giant Screen Theater!

See you soon!

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