

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, March 22, from noon 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 the antique car (Duryea Trap). Registration is also available during packet pick-up, in case you have friends who want to sign up.

Race Day Packet Pick-Up:

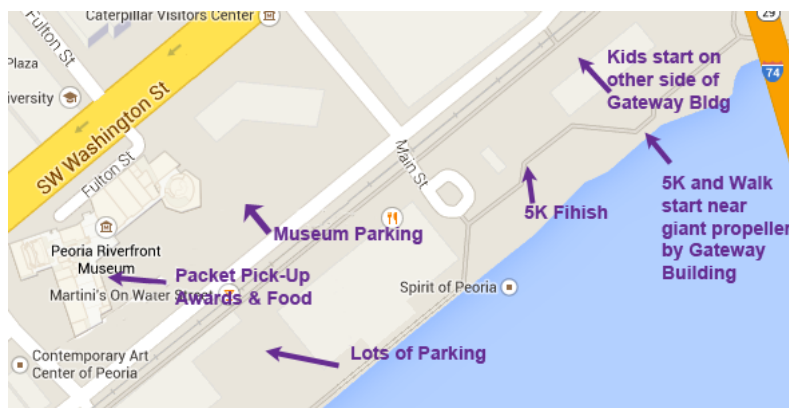
On Saturday March 23, packet pick-up and race day registration begins at 7:30 in the Peoria Riverfront Museum auditorium on the lower level. On weekends, you can park in the museum's parking garage, anywhere along Water Street, or in the Martini's lot free of charge. If you park on the street, enter the auditorium through the Sculpture Garden. Look for the yard signs—they will show you the way! The weather is looking great for tomorrow, about 35 degrees and sunny. 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. Self-serve lockers are available upstairs in the lobby, free of charge.

Bibs and timing (5K):

You will find a bib with a timing chip on it in your bag, if you are running the 5K. This year we are not doing the chips on your shoe, all you need is your bib! If you are super fast, line up near the front! Walkers also have a bib in their bag, but the walk is not timed. Fun Run kids will pick their own bibs at packet pick-up.

Event Starts:

All events will start near the Gateway building.



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 tickets to our 4th of July BBQ, and Museum After Dark! 5K finishers will each have an epic distance sticker in their bag to celebrate running to Mars and back – enjoy!



See you soon!

Mike Rucker and Renae Kerrigan

