

FOURTH OF JULY RUN

7:15a

Welcome !

The races will begin in about a half hour.

Anyone who has not yet picked up their race number should do so now. If you have not yet registered for the race, you may also do this now at the kiosk near the finish line.

If anyone is in search of restroom facilities, porta-potties may be found throughout downtown. The library is NOT open.

7:25a

The races will start in about 20 minutes.

Your race number bib may be picked up near the finish line.

It is very important that you run in the race which you signed up for...if you signed up for the 2 mile but want to run the 10k, or vise versa, then you may make the change at the registration kiosk now. Very important that you run the race you told you are going to run, so if you need to make a change, do it now.

Also, if you have not yet signed up to race, you may do so at the registration kiosk now.

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We would like to extend our appreciation for their continued support of this event to:

- a) Officer Steve MacLennon and the Ashland Police Department
- b) the Ashland Parks and Recreation Department
- c) Rogue Valley Runners and Star Collision, our sponsors
- d) the Phoenix High Cross Country Team
- e) the Ashland High Cross Country Team
- f) the Ashland Public Library
- g) Avant Garb, who provides the electricity for this mornings' event.
- h) Hither, who allows us to fill up out water containers at their business
- i) Also, this event would also not be possible without the many volunteers who staff the finish line, water aid stations, traffic control and other areas associated with the race. There are over 100 volunteers who are important in making this event happen.

7:33a

The 10k and 2 mile will start at the same time, in about 12 minutes

If you have not picked up your race number, you may do so at the table near the finish line. There is also a kiosk at the finish line. You may do two things at these...

- (1) Sign up to race, if you have not done so yet
- (2) Change your race from the 2 mile to 10k, or 10k to 2 mile, if you have changed your mind about which distance to run. Only one single finish line this year, so it is important the computer has you in the correct race.

Awards will be presented at 12:00 noon in front of the Ashland library. If you look toward the front of the library from this street, you will have no problem locating the awards ceremony.

Random drawings for donated prizes will be presented at that time.

Photos from today's event may be found on Facebook page. All are welcome to join it.

Announcers Script 2019 (Continued)

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7:38a The 10k and two mile races starts soon

For the 10k race, please make your way to the starting line, with those who expect to finish toward the top of the field in front. They should be followed by those running the two mile race, and behind them those with strollers and walkers.

This is the same 10k course as last year

In about four hundred meters you will turn right and go down Water Street, followed by another right onto Hersey Street. You will then go down the length of Oak and most of Eagle Mill Road before looping around a flag and returning on the bicycle trail and back up Oak, Hersey and Water streets. The 10k race is 6.2 miles.

The water aid stations are staffed by runners from the Phoenix and Ashland cross country teams. Traffic control is provided by representatives of these teams, in addition to officers from the Ashland Police Department.

7:43a Final announcements:

We need you to run the distance you are registered for. If you have chosen to run the race other than what you initially signed up for, you need to step to the kiosk now to make sure the computer has the correct race for you.

The Awards Ceremony will be at noon in front of the Library.

One final announcement: We have a Facebook page! You will be able to find photos from today's race on it.

7:45a Ladies and gentleman, have a good race.

Your starter today is Tyler Davis, the Track coach at Phoenix High School.

The start command will be: "Runners set", and then firing the gun.

**Tyler makes sure Josh/timer is ready, gives the command and starts the race*

OTHER THINGS

Goal of the announcer:

To inform of the finishing runners and to make the participants feel good about the experience.

How to announce runners as they are finishing.

1. The runners have a computer chip in their race bib number, and some distance before the finish line they will run over a sensor, and this will put on the computer screen the finisher's name.
2. You announce their name and anything else you chose to say.

How to make runners feel welcomed.

In addition to announcing their name, consider saying any notations written by their name

- ↳ Invite the crowd to cheer on a finisher (like *“folks, these runners have been working hard; lets help them through to the finish”* or *“can we give a round of applause for all these finishers”* or if a little kid is finishing really shine the spotlight on them *“check out that quick finish on Tim here!”*)

Other things to announce as convenient:

Thanks to our many volunteers

Nearly 500 participants this year

Remind runners that we have a Facebook page with photos from today.

Thanks to your sponsors