

Final Instructions for The Flying Pig Kids Marathon 26th Mile May 5th, 2018

NEW COURSE THIS YEAR

Where do we go for the 26th Mile start?

We have a new start, course and finish this year! Race will start at noon at the corner of Freedom Way and Elm Street, on the east side of Paul Brown Stadium, plaza level. Each group will be assigned to a wave and will line up according to their wave sign on the Plaza Level of Paul Brown Stadium. Many group leaders select a meeting place to gather and go to their wave area.

How will the "wave" start work?

The Kids Marathon 26th Mile has nearly 4,000 participants. Most are in an organized group. We have assigned groups to 1 of 5 waves that will go off in about 8 minute intervals, beginning at 12pm. This is to keep the finish line flowing smoothly and the children safe. If you are not part of a group, we strongly suggest that you participate in the 5th wave so that the large groups can pass through the finish area and give a clear path without anyone behind you. Please arrive at the Start Line prior to 12pm to get into your assigned wave.

Can a parent run/walk with their child?

In order to insure the utmost safety and security for all participants, spectators, staff, volunteers and officials, we ask that all people on any Flying Pig Marathon race course be an officially registered participant, or an official volunteer. If your child is not part of an organized group with chaperones, you can register as a participant and stay with them on the course or have a clear plan for meeting after the finish. Adults can register online or at the expo until 5/4. No race day registration on site will be available for the Kids 26th Mile.

Be sure to fill out race day contact information on the back of each child's race bib.

How do we see the children finish and where do they exit?

The finish line needs to be a safe and secure place. Unfortunately, we cannot allow spectators access inside the finish area. Once they cross the Finish "Swine", they will be directed to chutes that will keep them moving toward their medals, and recovery snacks. They will exit on Mehring Way and into the Smale Park reunion area marked with signs. It is a good idea for you to show this area to your child before the race. **NEW THIS YEAR:** The Start and Finish Line are close together this year. Parents can easily maneuver from the Start Line to the Finish Line to watch their child start/finish. From the Start Line corral staging area, you will be able to see the Finish Line.

What do I do with my Hog Log?

Your Hog Log is your own personal record of how many miles you have tallied in your "oink"remental marathon of exercise, eating well and reading. We love getting them back so we can brag about the healthy habits of our Cincinnati Kids Marathoners. But if you want to keep it that is OK by us too. You can always download another one and keep on logging those miles beyond marathon distance.

What if we cannot attend the 26th Mile?

If you cannot be there on May 5th, we hope you will complete your marathon on your own in grand fashion. But if you need your medal, just send us an email after the weekend is over and it can be picked up from our office with our heartfelt congratulations!

For additional information including parking and directions, visit our website at
www.flyingpigmarathon.com