

Fuzzy Flakes Buzzed But Did Not Bother Runners

The *NEW* event, the Oshkosh Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 8 a.m, seemed to not be detoured by a few white fuzzy flakes buzzing around this week. Over 1700 runners have signed up for the event. “We have been flooded with the registrations coming in for the half marathon and even more so excited that the community interest has come on strong. The event also has so much fun spicyness to it,” said Linda McDaniel, local marathoner.

The course was developed by Oshkosh community leaders by focusing places that Oshkosh has to offer. It will showcase the downtown heart of Oshkosh with its start line at the famous Sundial at Opera House Square. The course takes in South Park and then cuts through the main artery of University on Algoma Boulevard.. With Oshkosh being on the Lake, every bit of the Menominee Park Trail has been incorporated into the route. So it may not be hot and sunny, trailing the shore of Lake Winnebago is a great scenic asset when runners come up to the last 2 to 3 miles of the course. Then the finish line will be glamorous as runners finalize their journey right into the Leach outdoor Amphitheater with bands playing on stage.

Notable perks for the event every year are hosting registration at a historical bank, local bands on the course, entertaining water stations, free beer at the finish and helicopter and fire truck tours for the kids. Kids also have their own exclusive run called the “Lionhearted Run” because the lion is a long stranding icon for the city of Oshkosh. They will also be able to meet the Red Baron mascot.

Organizers work closely with local businesses to maximize the efforts of fostering awareness of the downtown area. There will be water stations and bands on Algoma Blvd. in front of the Reeve Memorial Union. Proceeds from the event go to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and the Christine Ann Center.

So let go of “cabin fever” and replace it with “spring fever” by getting out for a new and refreshing fitness event this weekend. If you have any questions or want to register yet call anytime 800-429-8044. Visit our website at midwestsportsevents.com for more details.

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