



RUNNER INFORMATION

OCTOBER 22



a fundraiser for AthFest Educates

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THE 14TH ANNUAL ATHHALF HALF MARATHON, ATHHALF 2023, IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

We hope your training has been fantastic and you're ready to run because we're ready for you!
Here are 20 things we want you to know about the race and the Health and Fitness Expo:

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RACE PACKET PICK UP

Race packet pick-up is on Saturday, October 21st from 12 pm – 6 pm at the Health & Fitness Expo, held at The Classic Center Pavilion, located at 440 Foundry Street. If you cannot attend, please send a representative with a copy of your photo ID and a letter giving them permission to pick-up your packet on your behalf. If you plan to transfer your bib to another runner, all bib transfers must be completed by Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00pm. There will be no bib transfers and no race day registration at the Expo.

RACE T-SHIRT PICKUP

At the Expo, all participants will be given the shirt size ordered at registration. If the shirt ordered is too large or too small, on Sunday you may visit the T-shirt table up in the hospitality area of the West Lawn to see if there is a shirt available in your size. Shirt must be unworn! If we have extra shirts available, we will gladly swap sizes.

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ATHHALF START LINE

The start line for the 2023 AthHalf is located at the intersection of Washington Street and College Avenue in downtown Athens, Ga.

PARKING

Parking in Athens and on the UGA campus is free on Sundays. We encourage you to park in the College Avenue parking garage (287 College Avenue) or the West Washington Street parking garage (please use the entrance located near 140 W. Clayton Street). Both garages are near the start line on race day.

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SHUTTLE FROM FINISH TO START

There is a shuttle to take you from the finish line to the start line. The shuttle runs from the Hull Street/Baxter Street intersection near the finish line back to the College Avenue parking garage. The shuttle is operated by our friends, the Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA), so look for their white shuttle with blue letters. The shuttle spot can be a bit tricky to find, but it's as close as we can get to the finish line without getting stuck in traffic. To get to the shuttle pick-up spot, cross Lumpkin at the Lumpkin/Baxter intersection and walk one block west on Baxter to Hull. You'll see the red and white sign that says AthHalf Shuttle on the corner of Baxter and Hull. The shuttle will make a continuous loop from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

START TIME

The race begins at 7:30 am. We have four corrals: A, B, C, and D. Your assigned corral will be printed on your bib which you pick up at the Expo. We will do a staggered release of each corral so that the course does not become too congested. We encourage you to be in your corral by 7:20 am. All runners running with strollers must start in Corral C or D regardless of your assigned corral.

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PRE-RACE SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church will be holding a brief pre-race service on Oct. 22nd from 6:30 am - 7:00 am. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 185 E. Hancock Avenue – just two short blocks from the start line. Running attire is welcomed and encouraged! To allow for social distancing, the service will be held outdoors.

HYDRATION STATIONS

Hydration stations will be located at miles 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and the finish line. All hydration stations will have water and Powerade to drink and portable toilets for runners to use as needed. GU energy gels will be available at the mile 8 hydration station.

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FIRST AID STATIONS

First Aid stations will be located at miles 6, 10, and the finish line. The stations are manned by medical personnel. Please note that if they administer ibuprofen or acetaminopen to you they are required, by Georgia law, to transport you to the hospital. If you will need these medications during or after the race, we encourage you to carry them with you.

PORTABLE TOILET LOCATIONS

Portable toilets are available at the Start Line, Miles 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and at the Finish Line.

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ATHHALF SWEEPER

Our “sweeper” is back! The AthHalf course has a four-hour time limit and our sweeper will be at the back maintaining that time limit. You’ll see her decked out in balloons! If you fall behind the sweeper, she will tell you that the course and amenities (i.e. hydration stations, police, finish clock, etc.) are being disassembled behind her. You are welcome to move to the sidewalk and complete the race, but please know that the regular amenities will not be available to you. If you cannot complete the course and need a vehicle to transport you, notify the sweeper or any volunteers and they will arrange a vehicle to pick you up.

LIVE MUSIC

Live bands and DJs will be set-up throughout the course from the start line to the finish line to help you and your amazing fans and supporters stay energized. We have some high-energy bands out there for you, so be sure to sing along!

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Please move to the West Lawn celebration and hospitality area after clearing the finish line chute in order to alleviate congestion in the finish line area. The runner celebration and hospitality area will be on the West Lawn of the Tate Student Center. The West Lawn is essentially above the Tate parking deck. You will need to go up the stairs (we're sorry about that) or take the elevator on the first floor of the parking deck, to access the West Lawn. Cross the finish line, receive your well-earned finisher's medal, then join us, and thousands of your fellow AthHalf-ers, for snacks, refreshments, and live music to celebrate your race! Family and friends are welcome, but please ask them to refrain from eating or drinking the refreshments. We want every runner – from the first to the last – to have access to the same refreshments.

AWARDS AND RESULTS

Results will be posted on the glass of the Tate Center just behind the Hospitality area. There will be one award ceremony which will take place on the stage on the West Lawn at approximately 9:30 am. If you miss the awards ceremony, check the results list and you may pick up your award on the West Lawn at the far right end of the stage closest to the Tate Center Building as soon as you come through the finish line. Awards will be available until 11:30 am. After that time, you may email race@athfesteducates.org about coming into the Athfest Educates office to pick up your award.

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COURSE AND ELEVATION MAPS

The 2023 AthHalf course map and elevation map can be downloaded at: <https://athhalf.com/half-marathon-course/>
A course map is also included at the end of this information packet.

RACE RESULTS

Race results can be found on the AthHalf website, athhalf.com, under the tab, "The Race".

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SPECTATORS

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As a runner, you know that cheering fans can keep you going, so we hope you get your family and friends out there to support you and your fellow runners on race day. Spectators are welcome anywhere along the course with the exception of inside Sanford Stadium. UGA does not permit spectators inside the stadium. We have worked with local businesses and organizations to put cheer squads along the course. Let folks know you appreciate their support so they come back to root again next year!

THEME ART

Each year, AthFest Educates selects an artist to create the theme art for our two major events, AthFest and AthHalf. This year's theme artist is Gunnar Tarsa. To learn more about Gunnar's work, please visit Instagram, @scribblewarlock or visit his website at scribblewarlock.com.

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RACE BENEFACTORS

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The AthHalf is produced by the nonprofit AthFest Educates and all proceeds from the AthHalf go directly toward our mission of supporting high-quality music and arts education for the young people of Athens-Clarke County. To date, AthFest Educates has awarded over **\$582,000 in grants** to local schools, nonprofits, and government programs. Thank you for helping us advance the quality and quantity of music and arts education in our community.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow the AthHalf on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and the ATHHALF.COM website, to stay up-to-date on race and runner details!

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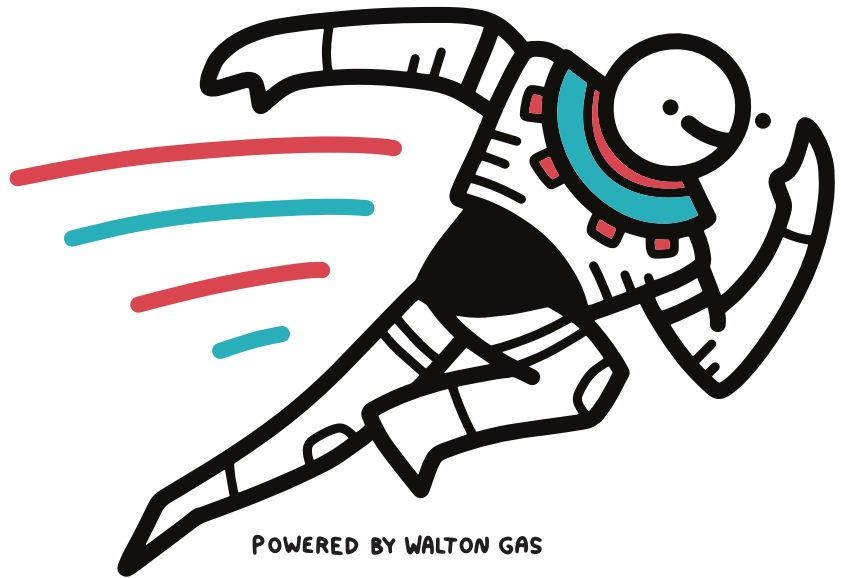
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HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

If health and safety protocols are required at the time of the race, we will communicate the exact protocols to all runners in a separate email the week of the race.

HAVE A GREAT RACE!

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THANK YOU!

The AthHalf Half Marathon would like to thank the generous sponsors who make the race possible and help us advance our mission of supporting high-quality music and arts education for K - 12 youth in Athens.



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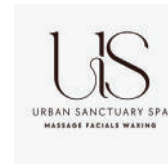


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LEGEND

- Finish
- Start
- Course direction
- 💧 Water station
- 🎵 Live music
- ✚ First Aid
- Mile Marker

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