



Frequently Asked Questions – Veterans 5K and Kids Fun Run (½ mile) November 14, 2021

What is the Veterans 5K? The Veterans 5K is a Run/Walk 5K open for all ages held on Sunday, November 14, 2021. The race will begin at 8:00AM.

Who does this race benefit? The Westchester Park District is proud to provide our Veterans with a buffet style brunch on November 14, 2021, following the race. The proceeds from the 2021 Veterans 5K will be used to fund the costs directly related to the Veterans Brunch expenses and facility set up requirements for up to 185 Veterans and immediate family.

Are there registration and entry fees? Registration is currently available. Participants are encouraged to sign up now at wpdparks.org. Online registration ends Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 11:59P. Advance Registration is \$35 for individuals. Registration is also available at packet pick-up (November 11, 2021, from 8AM-Noon) and on race day (November 14, 2021) for \$45. Entry fees are non-transferrable and non-refundable.

Where will the Kids Fun Run be held? Participants for the Kids Fun Run will start inside Mayfair Park near the tennis courts, run around the park's pathway and end by the FINISH line near the softball fields. Each child will receive a medal for participating if they are registered by October 11, 2021, when the order needs to be placed.

What t-shirt sizes will be available for runners? Youth and adult sizes are available on a first come, first-serve basis. T-shirts will be given out at packet pick-up (November 11, 2021, from 8AM-Noon) and on race day (November 14, 2021) at the Mayfair Recreation Center. Anyone registering after October 11, 2021, will not be guaranteed a shirt due to ordering requirements and timelines.

Are kids allowed to participate? Yes, this race is open to all ages.

When is packet pick-up? Packet pick-up will be held at the Mayfair Recreation Center (10835 Wakefield Street, Westchester) on November 11, 2021, from 8AM-Noon, and on race day prior to the race beginning (November 14, 2021).

What should I wear? Participants are encouraged to dress in comfortable, warm clothes and comfortable shoes. We will be providing our first 50 participants with hand-held flags to show their pride as they travel throughout the route.

Where is the route? The race begins in front of the Mayfair Recreation Center on Mayfair Road and ends inside the Mayfair Park parking lot/walking path.

Can we bring strollers? Pets? Skates? Bicycles? Strollers are welcome but must start the race from the back of the heat. When running with a stroller, please be conscious of the other runners in front of you who may stop suddenly. The following are prohibited on the course: pets, bicycles, in-line skates or roller skates. Service dogs will need to be approved before the race. *Please note in special accommodations on the registration form and include any necessary paperwork.*

Will there be restrooms? Portable restrooms will be located within Mayfair Park near the beginning/end of the route.

Where can we park? Recommended parking will be held inside the Mayfair parking lot, along Mayfair Avenue, at Divine Providence Church, within the Primary School parking lot and within the neighborhood where permitted.



Do I have to sign a waiver? Every participant will be required to sign a waiver when registering online and in person. For those under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the waiver. Racers are not able to participate without a signed waiver.

Where should I go for safety/first aid? First aid stations and medical personnel will be available to all runners if required. The Westchester Fire Department will be riding along the racecourse on bicycles to assist anyone in need.

What if there's inclement weather? The race is a rain or shine event. If the weather is threatening, the race will either be postponed or cancelled. Proper communication will be made with all participants.

Where can I find my race results? Will there be awards? Runners can find their time by checking their bib number at the information desk. All participants will receive a race medal.

How is my time being collected? Is there a cut off time? Each bib is tagged with a timing chip. Please do not remove the chip from the bib. Bibs MUST be displayed at torso height on front and be always visible during the race. The run will close 1 hour 30 minutes (9:30AM) after the official start time.

I am not a walker or runner; however, I would love to assist with this event, how will I go about doing that?

Volunteers are essential to the success of the race. Please visit <https://10835mrc.ivolunteer.com> (qr code included below) or contact Nicole Chesak at nchesak@wpdparks.org. Also, if you are interested in sponsoring a Veteran for the breakfast, we will be selling signs that will be posted along the route (family personalizes the message and returns to the park district before the race), or you can sponsor a Veteran by paying \$13 to cover the cost of their buffet breakfast. *All options are available on the registration form.*



Volunteer Sign Up code. Simply hold your smart phone camera up to the image, click on the link that appears on the screen and you will be taken directly to our volunteer sign up website.

Further Questions For more information and further questions; please contact the Race Director, Nicole Chesak, 708.562.6410 or send an email to nchesak@wpdparks.org.