



2011 GRAND CANYON MARATHON

Runners Letter



Packet Pick up

Date: Friday November 11, 2011

Location: National Geographic Visitor Center IMAX – Tusayan, AZ

Time: 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Any packets not picked up Friday, November 11, 2011 will be available in the lobby of the IMAX Saturday morning, November 12, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. All runners must pick up their own packet.

Course Orientation – Please plan to attend

Date: November 11, 2011

Location: National Geographic Visitor Center IMAX Theater

Time: Seating opens at 5:20 and the **presentation will begin at 5:30** sharp

Pre Race dinner

Date: November 11, 2011

Location: Grand Canyon Squire/Best Western

Time: 5:00 -10:00 - \$12.00 all you can eat pasta buffet. Includes salad bar, dessert and non-alcoholic drinks

Starting Area

The Marathon starts inside the National Park at the Hermit Road Interchange (also commonly referred to as West Rim drive). Runners have the option of taking free race buses from the National Geographic IMAX Visitor Center in Tusayan. Loading will begin at 6:30 a.m. and will leave at 7:20 a.m. sharp. These buses will drop runners off at the start line approximately 25 minutes prior to the start of the marathon.

THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE MARATHON START LINE!

The half marathon will start and finish at the National Geographic Visitor Center/IMAX in Tusayan. Runners staying in the park can drive to the start or call a taxi for a ride to the start.

Start Times:

9:00 a.m. Half Marathon

8:00 a.m. Marathon

Aid Stations

Aid stations will be approximately every two miles

ALL RUNNERS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY A WATER BOTTLE

Water and electrolyte refills will be available at every aid station as well as limited first aid and food i.e. bagels, bananas, energy bars



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Transportation Plan

Prerace

Buses from IMAX to the marathon start area leave from IMAX at 7:20 sharp. National Park Service Shuttle buses may be available in park only (check Park Guide for schedules)

Taxi's are available in the Tusayan/ Grand Canyon Community by calling 928-638-2822

POST RACE

Post race events include: raffles, awards, food, drinks, and message board

Finish area for both the half and full marathon will be located at the National Geographic Visitor Center IMAX and will serve as the base for all post race celebrations. Ceremonies and fun will begin at approximately 12:00. Awards, prizes and raffles will continue throughout the afternoon as we support all race participants and marathon finishers.

Awards

All awards will be distributed at the National Geographic Visitor Center in Tusayan. Awards will begin at approximately 1:00

Post Race Party – We encourage everyone to join in to relax and celebrate the race.

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Location: Grand Hotel - Tusayan

2:00pm - \$2.00 Beer and 50% off all bar appetizers

5-8pm - \$12 per person all you can eat fajita buffet

5:30-10pm – Live Band "The Spokes"

INFORMATION:

Grand Canyon Marathon Website: www.grandcanyonmarathon.com

Information/Questions (e-mail): info@grandcanyonmarathon.com



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