



BEDFORD ROTARY RUN

Rotary, the world's first and most prestigious volunteer community service organization in a celebration of volunteering INVITE ALL organizations, community groups of any age to participate in the Rotary Club of Bedford's Inaugural **ROTARY RUN**, a ***5 Mile Trail/Road Run or 2 Mile Walk through the Bedford Historic District***. We aim to raise money and awareness about the Local and International Projects that the Bedford Rotary does each year AND ***celebrate all the Moms*** out there on ***Mother's Day Weekend!***

Saturday ** 7 May 2016 ** (*Mother's Day Weekend*)

Starting and Ending @ Bedford High School Track

Kid's Run - 9:00 AM

5 Mile Run – 10:00 AM

2 Mile Historic Walk – 10:00 AM

*The ROTARY RUN is a major opportunity to raise funds for the Bedford Rotary Foundation, which supports many local projects including; BHS Track Team, Scholarships, leadership programs such as Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), ESSEX Youth International Exchange Programs, Bicycle Safety Day, the Pan Mass Challenge, and so much more! Learn about all our projects at <http://www.bedfordmarotary.org/ServiceAboveSelf.cfm> and <http://www.bedfordmarotary.org/BedfordRotaryFoundation.cfm> And **YOUR TEAM / organization can run or walk for a cause, too (page 2)**.*

For both Runners and Walkers Registration Fee:

\$25 until 2 February. Prices increase monthly thereafter so get your teams together soon or ask the Race Director about potential promotion codes...

Kid's are just \$15 w/T-Shirt or \$10 without!

Space for both the run and walk is limited to so early advanced online registration is recommended!

REGISTER NOW on  **RaceWire**

Registration includes:

- 1) Customized Bib Number
- 2) T-Shirt
- 3) Finisher's Medallion
- 4) Fundraising Opportunity, FUN and goodies
- 5) Prize for our *TOP Male/Female Finishers* in each age group on the 5 Mile Run!

More information available at: <http://www.bedfordmarotary.org/rotaryrun.cfm>

Race Director: Devon Messecar (Email: Bedford.Rotary@gmail.com)

FOR STUDENTS:

Students wishing to run or walk as a Formal Competitor must still register via RaceWire:

<https://racewire.com/register.php?id=5914>

Look for promo codes for students 18 and under as the price goes up!

How can YOUR TEAM / organization can run or walk for a cause, too.

Instead of contending with all the expenses associated with traditional fundraising, why not take advantage of an easier means of raising money offered by the Rotary Club of Bedford? An organization's reason to fundraise can range from a variety of needs – it could be to support a medical procedure, buy sports/music equipment, help a family in distress, pay educational expenses, defray travel costs, etc...

Using the Rotary Run (Walk) as a platform, the procedure is quite simple – Create a team when register and encourage others from your organization to register under your Team Name! We hope to give an award to the LARGEST TEAM so spread the word. ALL MEMBERS MUST REGISTER for safety and security reasons. Once members register for the May 7, 2016 Run/Walk through RaceWire, then they can ask friends and family to pledge an amount for each mile run/walked. Each participant collects his/her own pledges. Getting pledges is much easier when your organization has a "cause" which generates a passion. Your organization determines the goal for the amount of money to be raised. And the nice thing about using the Rotary Run as a platform to raise funds through individual pledges is that there are no overhead expenses!

In addition to receiving a Runner T-shirt, organizations are encouraged to design and wear their own Team T-shirts. We like to see all the great organizations of Bedford at this event because at the end of the day, the Bedford Rotary Foundation is all about sponsoring all the amazing volunteers and passionate contributors in our community and beyond.

If you're running in your team shirt, keep your Free Rotary Run Shirt for another day or feel free to share it with whomever you'd like! Just select the size you'd prefer when you register on the site.

If you are raising money for your organization, we've included a pledge sheet but would love to hear how well your organization did and share the news on Race Day.

Some rules and steps to guide you...

1. Fundraising teams cannot be political in nature or raise funds for specific political/religious activities
2. 100% of what you get in pledges will go directly to your organization
3. Fundraising team participants must register via RaceWire (under their team name or as individuals)
4. Fundraising teams must contact Ralph Hammond: Bedford.Rotary.Run@Verizon.net with additional team information as noted below.
5. Fundraising teams shall bring a copy of pledge sheets in order to compete as the most successful Team Fundraisers at the Rotary Run.

Please contact Ralph Hammond with the following information:

Your Team Name

Lead point of contact (phone/email)

Organization website/social media presence/brief description

What are the anticipated funds you expect to raise and what will it support?

In return, we will provide you with a certificate of participation which you can showcase proudly. To get you started, we've included a pledge sheet for your convenience. Good luck.

For documentation purpose, a copy of the PLEDGE SHEET must be provided at the Registration Table on the day of the event. ****See Template Pledge Sheet on next Page****

BEDFORD ROTARY RUN PLEDGE SHEET

- *Photo Copy of pledge sheet must be provided at registration on the day of the event.*

Runner/Walker Name: _____

**Please add your name/bib number to all sheets.*

Runner/Walker Bib Number: _____

Pledges go to the following organization, *independent of Rotary*:

- Contributions are handled through your own organization
- Contributions must be totally independent of Rotary and The Rotary Club of Bedford.
- The organization indicated above and sponsors below will be fully responsible for tax related requirements

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