



Event Overview

Welcome to the 2023 Spirit of the Season 5K, presented by Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital. The race will be a unique blend of a traditional 5K race coupled with a great post-race festival hosted by the Hall of Fame Village.

We appreciate your participation and know you will have a great time.

Please take a few minutes and review the below Final Runner Instructions. Most, if not all you need to know, can be found here. Should you have any questions, our staff is available to assist you at any point of the event.

Good Luck and Good Racing!

The Run to You Racing Team

David Beck – Matt Mapley – Jim Chaney



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Race Week Activities

Schedule of Events – Wednesday, December 6th

- 3pm to 7pm – Packet Pickup – Second Sole in Akron – 1466 N Portage Path, Akron, OH 44313. You can pick up your race packet which includes your event shirt, race bib, and goodie bag. You can also pick up for a friend / family.

Schedule of Events – Thursday, December 7th

- 3:00pm to 8:00pm – Packet Pickup – Hall of Fame Village – Center For Performance Dome - 1823 Blake Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708– You can pick up your race packet which includes your event shirt, race bib, and goodie bag. You can also pick up for a friend / family.

Schedule of Events – Saturday, December 9th

- 10:00am – Parking opens at the Center for Performance. Use the address of 1733 Clarendon Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708 to get you near the entrance to Lot A and B next to McKinley High School.
- 10:00am to 11:50am – Packet Pickup opens inside the Center for Performance.
- 11:50am – Line up at Start / Announcements
- 11:57am - National Anthem
- Noon – 5K Run / Walk Start
- 12:16pm – First Runner Finish
- 1:05pm – Last Walker Finish
- 1:00pm – Kids Run inside the Dome
- 1:10pm – Diaper Dash inside the Dome
- 1:15pm – Awards Ceremony inside the Dome
- 12:30p to 4:00p – Santa / Tubing – Inside Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium
- 1:40pm to 3:00pm – Post Race Party at Don Shula’s American Kitchen next to Finish Line



Packet Pickup Overview

We will have TWO packet pickup sessions at TWO different locations. Please see the locations and addresses on the prior page.

We are KINDLY ASKING that you come to one of the packet pickup locations BEFORE the Saturday race. Doing so will greatly reduce the rush right before the start of the race on Saturday AND will ensure an on-time start. IF you absolutely have no way of getting to a packet pickup location on Wednesday or Thursday, you may pick up your items before the start of the race on Saturday. Please get there early. We are starting on-time at Noon.

IF picking up for multiple people...please do not come during the first hour of each session. Let us get the individual pickups cleared out first.

EVENT SHIRTS – You must take the shirt size that you selected during registration. We will have a shirt exchange after the race has ended. Supplies and sizes may vary based on availability.

BIB NUMBER – It is IMPORTANT that you wear your bib number on the FRONT of your shirt. We need to see your bib number at various points along the course. The bib number on the FRONT of your shirt will also ensure that your race photos match your race time.

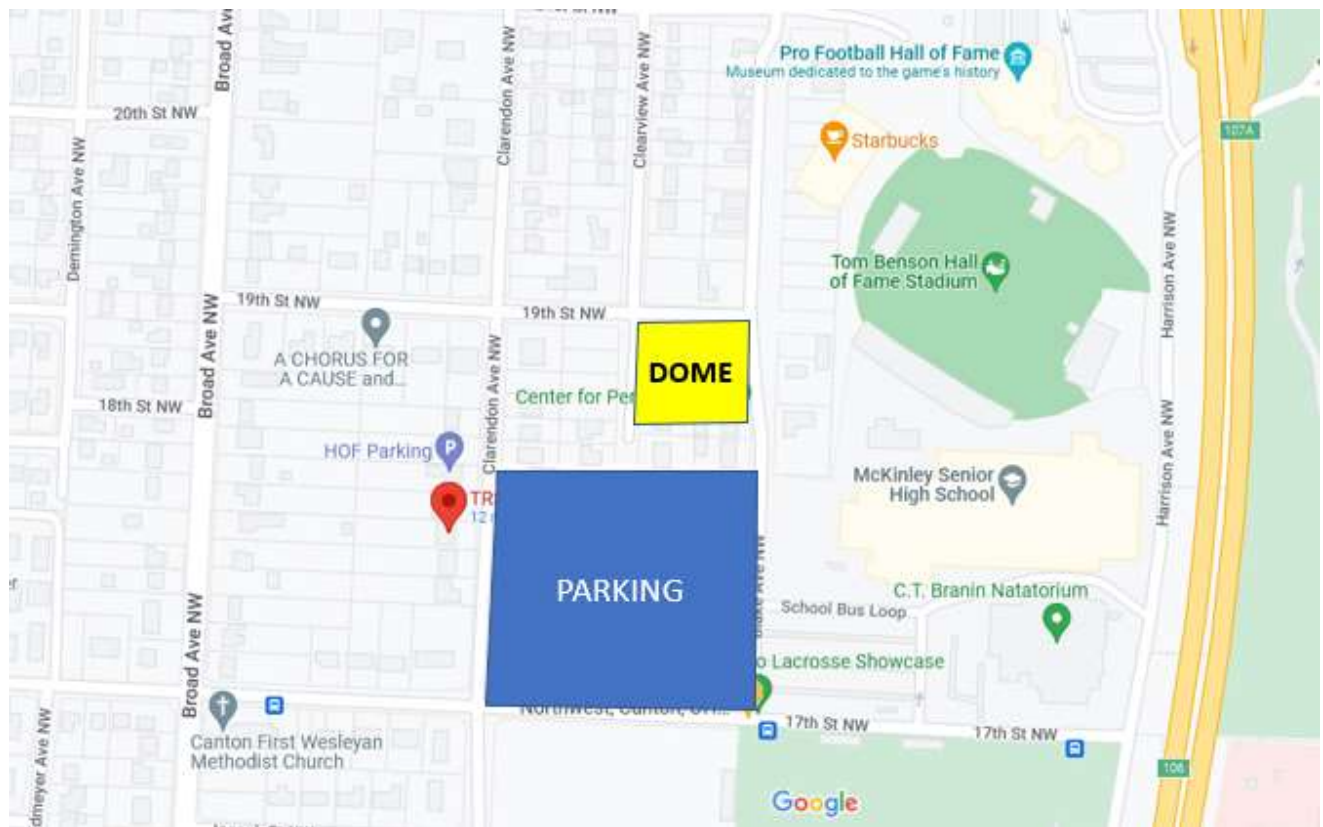
YOU MAY HAVE A FRIEND PICK UP YOUR BIB AND SHIRT – We are kindly asking that you keep that number to a minimum and NOT come to the pickup during the first hour of each session. We want to be courteous to those only picking up for themselves.



Race Day Saturday

Runners, Family Members, and Spectators will park in Lot A and B next to McKinley High School. Use the address of 1733 Clarendon Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708 to get you close to the entrance.

ARRIVE EARLY. Allow yourself time to get through traffic, park, walk to the Center of Performance (the large dome).



PLEASE ARRIVE TO THE RACE EARLY ON SATURDAY. WE ARE STARTING ON TIME AT NOON. PLAN ON ARRIVING EARLY TO ENSURE ENOUGH TIME TO PARK AND USE THE PORTA POTTIES! TRAFFIC WILL BE HEAVY INITIALLY. PLEASE BE PATIENT.



Spectator Recommendations

We encourage you to bring your family. Remember that this race is part of the Hall of Fame Village Winter Blitz. Numerous activities will follow the race. Visit <https://www.hofvillage.com/p/events/winterblitz> to see the complete list of activities.

Tubing starts at NOON on race day. If you would like to participate in tubing, the link to purchase tickets is:

<https://www.ticketmaster.com/tom-benson-hall-of-fame-stadium-tickets-canton/venue/42103>





Diaper Dash

Just before the Awards Ceremony we will conduct the Diaper Dash (infants that crawl). There is NO registration for this event. Simply listen for our announcements and bring the kids inside the Dome near the awards area for the 1:10pm start.

Street Closures

RUNNERS WILL BE ON THESE ROADS BETWEEN NOON AND 1:10PM. CLOSURES WILL OCCUR ROUGHLY 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST RUNNER ARRIVES. PLEASE HAVE YOUR FAMILY PLAN ACCORDINGLY IF THEY ARE GOING TO SEE YOU ALONG THE COURSE

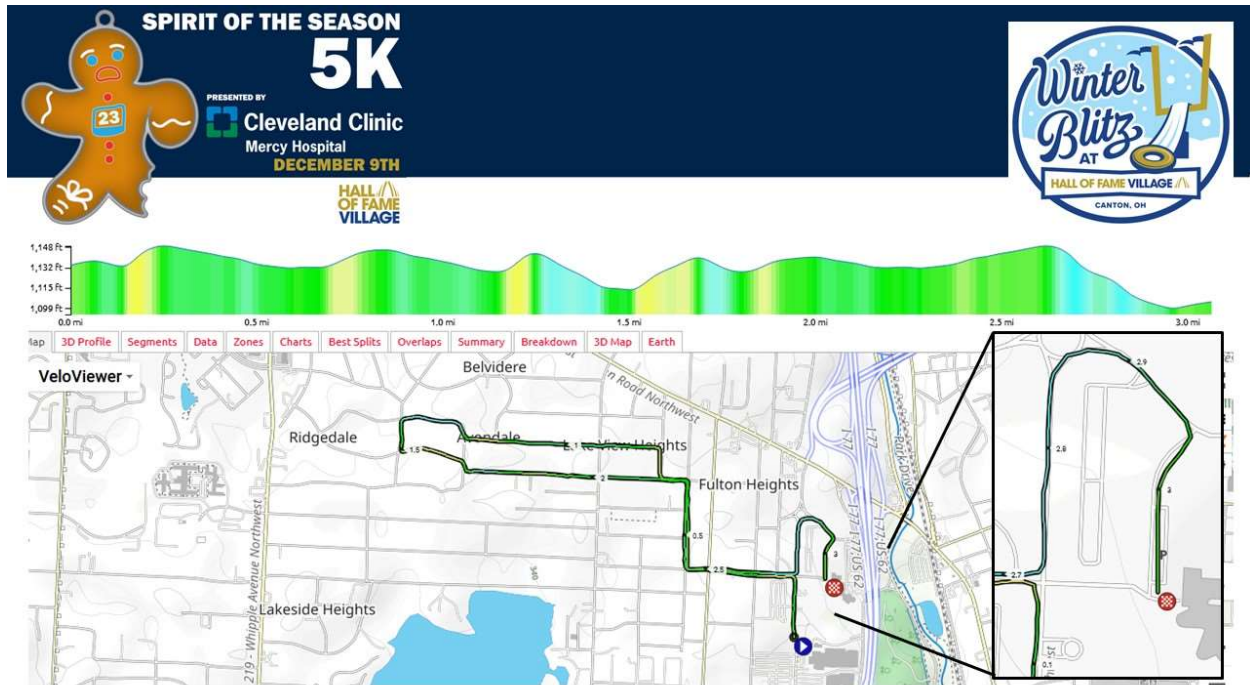
21st St NW / Demington Ave NW / 25th St NW / Wertz Ave NW / 26th St NW / Ridgedale Ave NW



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Course Map



Spirit of the Season Course Map

- Start on Champions Gateway
- Right on Ridgedale Ave NW
- Left on Legends Lane/ 21st St NW
- Left on 25th St NW
- Right on Demington Ave NW
- Right on Demington Ave NW
- Left on 21st St NW
- Right on Wertz Ave NW
- Left on 26th St NW
- Left on 26th St NW
- Right on George Hallas
- Right on Ridgedale Ave NW
- Right on Hall of Fame Way
- Left on Midvale Rd NW
- Finish in front of Don Shula's
- Left on Bellwood St NW



Ready Set Go!

We will provide race announcements on race day. Please head to the starting line when we ask. Please line up with the faster runners in the front and walkers in the back. It is critical that you place yourself in the proper spot so that we may have a smooth flow of runners leaving the start area. The course will be officially open for 1 hour and 10 minutes. If you feel that you will need more time, you may continue but be aware that streets will re-open. We will leave the finish line open for you until you are done.

On Course Elements

A water station will be located at Mile 1.4. We will be passing out 8 ounce bottles of water. Please take a drink and place the bottles in the trash cans which are placed 100 meters after each station (or carry it back to the finish line). Please thank the volunteers as you go by!

YOU WILL BE RUNNING ON THE ROAD. THERE IS A SMALL CHANCE THAT A CAR OR TWO WILL LEAVE THEIR HOMES. PLEASE YIELD TO ANY TRAFFIC YOU ENCOUNTER.

All turns will be marked by a Run to You Racing “A-Frame” sign with a directional arrow. Simply turn at each sign to stay on course. Mile Markers will be placed at miles 1, 2, and 3.

Tips for First Timers / Tips for Walkers

All runners must wear their race bibs on the FRONT of their shirts and should be visible at all times. The back of your bib has a timing chip. Please do not fold or bend this chip. It is used to track your start time, race progress, and finish time.

Please use proper race etiquette. Move aside for runners who say they are passing and make sure you do not become a hazard. If you need to stop or walk at the water station, check behind you before you move over to grab your bottle of water.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR USED BOTTLE OF WATER IN THE TRASH CAN OR CARRY IT BACK TO THE DOME WITH YOU.



Post-Race

You've done it! We will present you with our unique finisher medal as you finish. Please take your finisher water and snacks after you get your medal. The finisher festival will be held inside the Center for Performance as part of the Hall of Fame Village Winter Blitz. Awards will be presented for the 5K race at 1:15pm. PLEASE STICK AROUND FOR THE AWARDS AND POST-RACE FESTIVAL!

DON SHULA'S AMERICAN KITCHEN

All participants will be receiving a \$5 off coupon in your goodie bag. These coupons expire Dec 31, 2023 and are to be used on your NEXT visit. All guests will also receive a Complimentary Draft Beer of choice or NA Bev (non-alcoholic) with the purchase of any food item after the race. Please present your RACE BIB to redeem the complimentary beverage. Lastly, all guests will receive 15% off your total check on race day. We'll be serving Brunch only until 3pm followed by the dinner menu after.

HALL OF FAME VILLAGE

Runners will be able to show their medal/race bib at the Cocoa Hut across from the finish line and will be able to receive a cup of hot chocolate.

ALL RESULTS AND PHOTOS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.CANTONRUNS.COM

Special Thanks

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