



PARTICIPANT GUIDE 2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026 - Playland Park, Rye, NY

7:30AM HALF MARATHON & 7:45AM 5K

SOUL RYEDERS is committed to providing a space for all genders, races, abilities, ages, and backgrounds. We are focused on the health and well-being of all our participants to come together for a day to achieve our individual goals and create a connected community of awareness and honor those affected by cancer.

PLEASE REVIEW THIS GUIDE TO BE READY FOR RACE DAY!

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EVENT SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 16, 2026

9:00 - 2:00pm: Participant Bib & Race Packet Pick-Up
Playland Park - northern end of main [parking lot](#)
If you arrive before 9am, you may be asked to wait until we are ready.

We highly encourage participants to please make every effort to pick up your bib, race t-shirt and bag Saturday, before race day. You'll thank us on race morning! 😊

****Pick up your race packet on Saturday and make your race morning EASY!***

- ✓ ***No lines***
- ✓ ***No stress***
- ✓ ***More time to warm up & enjoy your pre-race morning***

Sunday, May 17, 2026

6:00am: [Start/Finish area & parking lot open](#)

6:15am: Last Chance Bib Pick-Up begins at Registration Tent. ***We highly encourage participants to pick up bibs on Saturday to avoid congestion and long lines.***

7:15am: Access to main parking lot closed until 9am

7:30am: Bib Pick-Up closes

7:30am: HALF MARATHON RACE START

7:45am: 5K RACE START

8:30am: Awards Ceremony for top 3 5K winners: male and female

9:30am: Awards Ceremony for the top 3 Half Marathon winners: male and female
Age group awards are claimed at the results tent until 12pm - will be mailed by request.

11:00am: Half Marathon and 5K courses closed



BIB & RACE PACKET PICK-UP

It is strongly suggested that you visit packet pick-up on Saturday, 5/16 between 9:00am - 2:00pm to avoid a rush on race day. Pick-up is located at the **Registration Tent** in the northern end of the Playland Park parking lot - **YOU WILL NEED A PARKING PASS TO ENTER THE PARKING LOT ON SATURDAY ONLY.** This pass is the last page of the guide and will be emailed to you. You do not need to print the pass but will need to show it at the booth on your phone to get in.

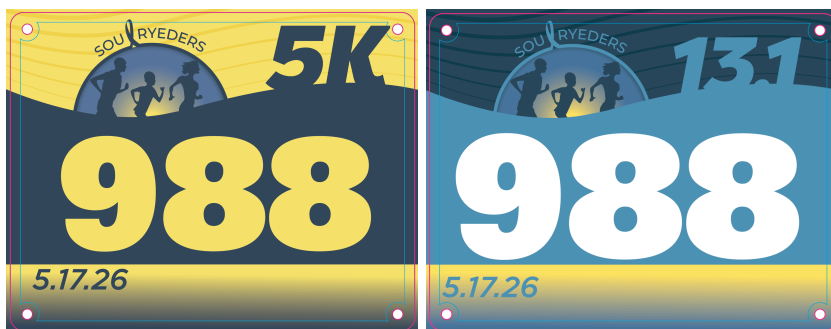
Packet pick-up is where you will receive your bib, race t-shirt and race bag. Safety pins, dedication bibs, some fundraising rewards, Tiki Beach Post-Race Celebration wristbands and tickets for purchase as well as the ability to register for the race can all be found at the Registration Tent.

KNOW YOUR BIB NUMBER - [Look it up here](#) (bib numbers are assigned a few days before the race)

By Thursday, 5/14, you will receive an email with your bib number. It is optimal that you show that email at packet pick-up. **Yes**, you can send someone else to pick up your items; however, that person **must** show your confirmation email (forward that email to the person picking up for you).

ABOUT YOUR BIB

1. This bib must be worn on your front, outermost layer, and be visible throughout the event.
2. City and County Police reserve the right to remove you from the course if the bib is not visible.
3. **Please complete the emergency contact information on back of bib.** This is for your safety.
4. The back has a thin sticker on it. **This is your timing strip.** Please do not bend or modify it.
5. Do **not** reproduce your bib or enable anyone else to do it.
6. **You are the only person allowed to wear your bib.** If you are unable to participate, it is impermissible to give it to someone else. Doing so will result in permanent future disqualification from this event.



DEDICATION BIBS

Available during bib pick-up and on race day. These are optional bibs to share a special message or person's name to highlight someone you are running or walking in memory or honor of. This bib can be attached to the back of your outermost layer or hung outside our **Hope Tent** on the dedication wall.

RACE DAY: Sunday, May 17, 2026

START / FINISH AREA

As early as **6:15am**, you are welcome to join us at the start/finish area. The entire course is in a residential area. Please be considerate of the community.

Need to pick up your bib and other items?

Refer to the map below to locate the Registration Tent. **Bib pick-up opens at 6:15am**. If you are late to the start, you will not receive an adjusted NET time.

The following resources and information will be available at the start/finish area:

- **Registration Tent:** pick-up for bibs, race packets, day of registration, Volunteer check-in, fundraising rewards, Tiki Post-Race Celebration, race information and lost & found.
- **Dedication Bibs & Cheer Signs:** dedication bibs and cheer signs are available to personalize.
- **SOUL RYEDERS HOPE Tent:** for cancer survivors, caregivers & loved ones to gather and choose their 2026 CARE beaded bracelet.
- **Post-Race Snack Tent:** participant hydration, bagels, bananas and clementines after finishing.
- **Results Tent:** real time finisher results and age group awards.
- **Photo-Op Banner:** on side of registration tent, for photos and winners ceremony.
- **Restrooms:** multiple port-a-potties and hand washing stations.
- **Sponsor Tents:** multiple sponsors providing information and giveaways for pre & post-race.
- **Food Area:** Starbucks, [Waffles & Dinges](#) food truck, [Pop Em'Brookies](#) with picnic tables.
- **Medical Tent & EMS:** White Plains Hospital and local EMS for support.



PARKING

The main race parking lot is near the start/finish in the northern area of the Playland Park parking lot. Please respect the instructions of event staff and police as they manage the car flow entering and exiting the park. **You may NOT park along the streets.** You will be ticketed and/or towed.

We recommend walking to the start/finish line if you live close by! There is NO gear check at the event. Please plan to stow your items in your car or with a spectator.

Parking Lots are available at:

- Playland Park main parking lot (#1 on map)
 - The main entrance to Playland Park, at Forest Ave, is open race morning until 7:15am when it will be closed for the start of the race. The park entrance will re-open at 9:00am.
 - This lot is at the start/finish area and free to park.
- Playland Park pool parking lot (#2 on map)
- Rye Town Park parking lot (#3 on map)
 - Check [their website](#) for up-to-date parking fees.
 - This lot is a 10 minute walk to the start/finish area.



7:30AM HALF MARATHON START & 7:45AM 5K START

LINING UP - The first call to the start line will be at 7:15am.

There is a timing mat at the start to calculate your NET* time from start line to finish line. ***The timing mat at the start will be live for those who are lined up when the race begins.** As soon as everyone has crossed the line, the start mat will be turned off. **If you are late to the start, you will not receive an adjusted NET time.**

MAKE SURE YOUR BIB IS ATTACHED TO YOUR FRONT OUTERMOST LAYER.

Please exercise caution during the first ½ mile of the course until participants spread out. Be respectful of those around you and have fun!

THE USE OF HEADPHONES/EARPODS IS HIGHLY DISCOURAGED IN THIS EVENT DUE TO YOUR NEED TO BE ALERT AND MINDFUL OF THOSE AROUND YOU. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND KEEP THE VOLUME LOW IF YOU WEAR THEM.



ON-COURSE TOILETS

Port-a-potties are located throughout the half marathon course see map on page 8 for locations.

WATER STOPS

There are 10 water stations on the course and designated on the map on page 8. The below chart indicates which stations also include Gatorade sports drink and Gu energy gel. Water and Gatorade will be in different colored cups. With respect to reducing trash and litter along the course, we encourage you to run with your own water bottle and use the stations to refill. Trash receptacles are placed after each station for **cup disposal and other trash**. If you have an item beyond a receptacle, hold on to it until the next one. Please **DO NOT LITTER** along the course.

WATER STOP LOCATIONS

#	Distance	Gap	Location	First	Last	Gatorade	GU
1	2.5		Midland Ave @ Billington Ct (East Side of street)	7:43am	8:08am		
2	3.7	1.2	Grace Church @ Guion Rd (West Side of street)	7:49am	8:29am		
3	5.5	1.8	Grace Church @ Guion Rd (East Side of street)	7:59am	8:58am	✓	
4	7.1	1.6	Forest Ave @ Ridgeland Manor (West Side of street) <i>This is also on the 5K Course (1.25M)</i>	8:07am 5K → 7:51am	9:24am 5K → 8:13am	✓	
5	7.7	0.6	702 Forest Ave (West Side of street)	8:10am	9:33am	✓	✓
6	8.6	0.9	Stuyvesant Ave across from Van Wag Intersection	8:15am	9:47am	✓	
7	9.6	1.0	Van Wagenen Ave just east of Stuyvesant Ave	8:20am	10:03am	✓	
8	10.5	0.9	711 Forest Ave (East side of street)	8:25am	10:18am	✓	✓
9	11.5	0.9	At south end of boardwalk by Pool Parking Lot <i>This is also on the 5K Course (1.5M)</i>	8:30am 5K → 7:53am	10:34am 5K → 8:22am	✓	
10	12.1	0.6	At north end of boardwalk <i>This is also on the 5K Course (2.1M)</i>	8:34am 5K → 7:56am	10:43am 5K → 8:35am	✓	



COURSE ETIQUETTE

Most of the route is through residential areas. **If you need to stop or significantly slow down**, please move to the side of the road before stopping. Do your best to avoid impacting the race and pace of your fellow participants. We appreciate your efforts to create a safe racing environment.

Please be aware that both courses close at 11:00am. Refer to the COURSE CUT-OFF section for more details about minimum paces that must be maintained to proceed on the course.

THE COURSES

Please note that both courses run through residential areas. Please be respectful of the community. There will be no complete road closures although the police will keep the flow of participants continuous. *Follow directions of Rye Police, Port Chester Police, Westchester County Police and Course Marshals along the course. The course will close at 11:00am, no exceptions.*

For more detailed maps: [5K Course](#) and [Half Marathon course](#) - USATF Certification #NY25003JRG

COURSE CUT-OFF

Your half marathon pace must remain on track for a sub 3 hour 30 minute finish to complete the race before the course closes. Those falling behind that pace are subject to being picked up by event personnel and you are no longer supported by event personnel on the course.

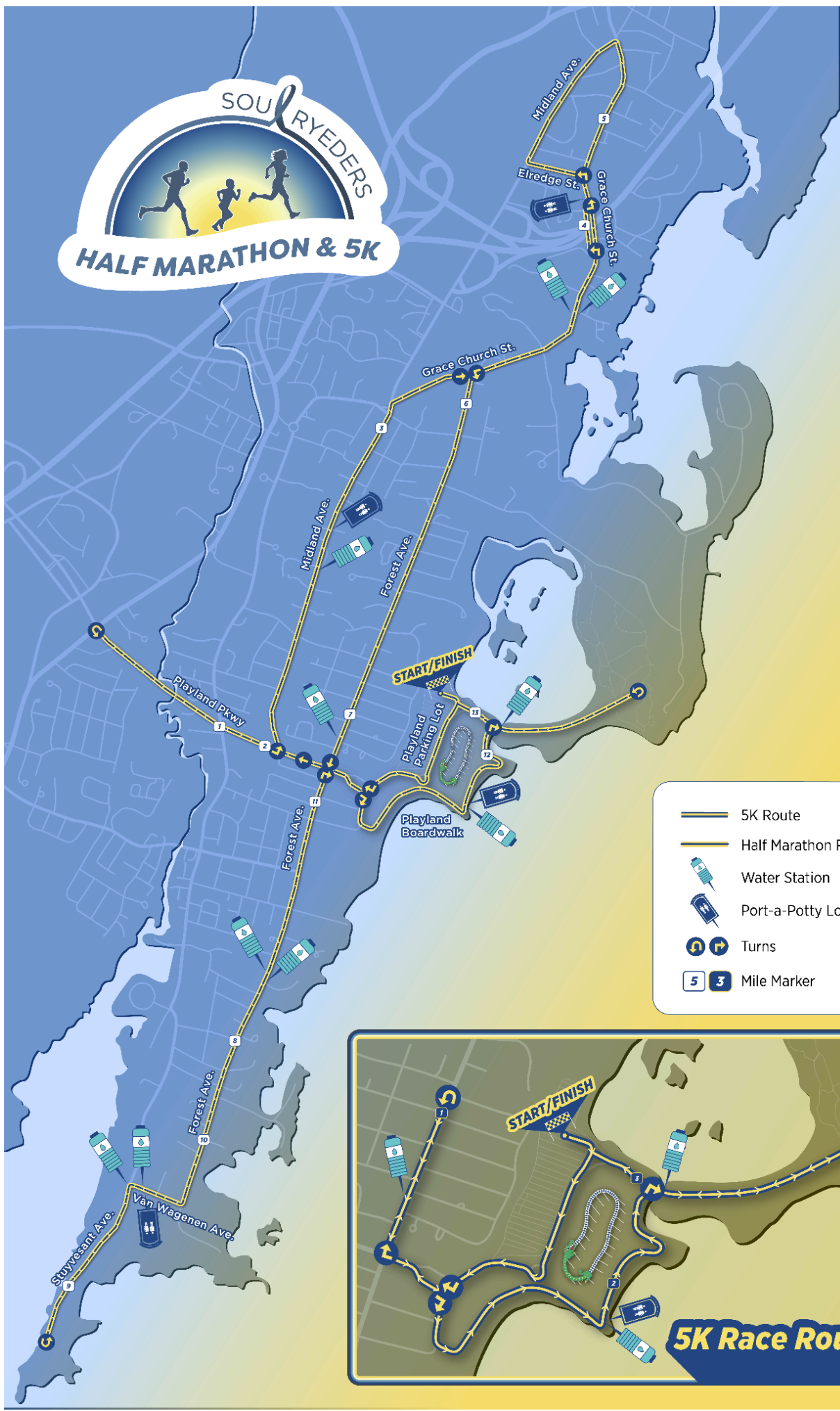
If you are behind pace at a cut-off location and asked to stop by event personnel, you are required to stop. Either our sweep vehicle or a volunteer will transport you back to the finish area. We appreciate your understanding of this. Our impact and footprint must remain within the defined time scope accepted by the various municipalities along the route.

Location	Distance	Time of Day	Clock Time	Pace
Water Stop Location #3 - Grace Church @ Guion Rd (Southbound)	5.5	8:54am	1:24	15:20
Water Stop Location #7 - Van Wagenen Ave just east of Stuyvesant	9.6	9:59am	2:29	15:30
Finish Line	13.1	11:00am	3:30	16:01

THE FINISH

CONGRATULATIONS! You have finished the race and now can enjoy post-race snacks of bagels, bananas and clementines. There will also be food for purchase. Utilize the medical tent if needed. Gather with friends and family to celebrate! See above start/finish layout for reference.

SOU RYEDERS
HALF MARATHON & 5K



- 5K Route
- Half Marathon Route
- Water Station
- Port-a-Potty Location
- Turns
- Mile Marker





TIMING AND RESULTS

[ARE Event Productions](#) is timing the event. Results will be based on your NET time, which is the time it takes from when you *actually* cross the start line. Only the OVERALL awards will be based on when the horn sounds to start the race.

LIVE TRACKING

Live tracking of participants in the Half Marathon will be available from the 5 mile and 10 mile splits. It will include current pace and expected finish time based upon that pace. Results and **overall** awards are sorted by horn time. **Age group** awards are based on your NET time. [Live Results](#)

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Throughout the course and at the finish line, there will be race photographers working to capture every participant along the course. Our goal is to provide at least one photograph of each participant available online, and free of charge, post-race. A photo link will be emailed post-race. We promise to do our best although we can't guarantee an official race photo for everyone.

A large race banner will be hung on the side of the Registration Tent as a great photo-op and the location of the winners ceremonies. Please take advantage of this to capture you and your event team/family with your medals to remember the day!

We know you will be taking photos and posting online throughout the day. **We would love for you to share a favorite photo with us to show the race through your experience!** Please email your photo to raceinfo@soulryeders.org If you are posting online, PLEASE tag us using [@soulryeders!](#)

MEDICAL

SOUL RYEDERS is proud to partner with [White Plains Hospital](#) to staff our medical tent and the [Port Chester-Rye-Rye Brook EMS](#) for on-site and mobile medical services.

Please do not hesitate to utilize these services before, during or after the race.



AWARDS

Overall Winners:

The first 3 males and first 3 females, in each race event, to cross the finish line receive the overall awards for completion. ***We respectfully request that our 5K winners be present for the awards ceremony at the registration tent at 8:30am and our Half Marathon winners be present at 9:30am.***

Overall winners for the 2026 SOUL RYEDERS Half Marathon & 5K will each receive a SOUL RYEDERS merch item and, to toast your win, a bottle of non-alcoholic sparkling wine compliments of our sponsor, [St. Buena Vida!](#)

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Age Groups: Based on NET time.

Awards go to the top 2 male and 2 female finishers in each the following categories:

Half Marathon: 19 & under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & up

5K: 10 & under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & up

Visit the Results Tent to see your time and division place. If you are a winner of an award, it will be given to you at the Results Tent.

Age group awards are claimed at the results tent until 12pm - will be mailed by request.

WEATHER POLICY

Our promise to you is to make every effort to put on a fair, safe and exciting event. There is **NO RAIN DATE**. **The SOUL RYEDERS Half Marathon & 5k will be held rain or shine.** In the case of significantly inclement weather and/or temperature, we reserve the right to alter components of the event or course to address safety concerns, or potentially to cancel the event. In addition, it is possible that our facilities and/or municipalities may force the cancellation of the event.

Per the above, any decision made to go forth with the event is contingent upon the overall event and course safety, and is made in concert with local risk management, police, fire & rescue, and medical personnel as appropriate.

In the event of a modification *while the race is in progress*, we will alert our water station captains who will inform you as you reach a water stop.

Per the registration policy, there are no refunds of entry fees. In the event we must cancel or alter the event, every effort will be made to provide you with the items you are entitled to as part of your registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Race information is posted on our [event website](#) and you can always email us with a question at raceinfo@soulryeders.org.

TIKI BEACH POST-RACE CELEBRATION

NEW FOR 2026: Join us at Tiki Beach Pier Restaurant after crossing the finish line for post-race festivities with a fun buffet and cash bar. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the amazing views in the garden area right along the boardwalk while toasting your accomplishments.

The celebration runs from 10am - 1pm on race day. We recommend you purchase your tickets in advance. If you do, you can pick up your wristbands for the event at the Registration Tent on Saturday of race weekend. Tickets can be purchased on race day, Sunday May 17. You will need to show their confirmation email at the door.

[Tickets for the event can be purchased online](#). Prices range from \$20-\$40. This pricing includes buffet, soft drinks, tax and gratuity. Cash bar available. Kids 3 and under are free. Buffet options to include sliders, wings, fruit plate, breakfast sliders, chicken tenders, french fries, veggie platters, chips, guacamole and pasta salad.

****Tickets are non-refundable and non tax-deductible. This, like the race, is a rain or shine event.***

PEER TO PEER FUNDRAISING

SOUL RYEDERS is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations to continue our work of supporting those diagnosed with cancer through our individualized programs and services. By participating in our race event and fundraising, you amplify your efforts to meet your race goals while making each step count toward impacting our clients.

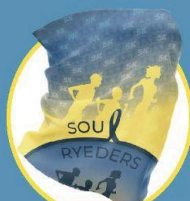
NEW FOR 2026: This year we introduced a [fundraising rewards program](#) so the more you raise the more you earn! Thank you for making the extra effort to reach out to your network of friends and family to fundraise!

There is still time to [donate](#) and fundraise!



READY! SET! FUNDRAISE!

You can be part of the community who invest in the health and wellbeing of those diagnosed with cancer. All fundraisers who raise \$250 or more, receive our exclusive race buff. Once you reach a higher level, you receive a buff plus an additional item of your choice. At the \$1,000 level and higher, you also automatically receive free entry to next year's race!



\$250+

WEAR A BUFF ON RACE DAY!



\$500+

SLING BAG OR FLEECE BLANKET



\$1,000+

BACKPACK DUFFEL OR EDDIE BAUER 24-PACK COOLER



\$2,500+

NIKE TECH QUARTER ZIP OR EDDIE BAUER WATERPROOF VEST



\$5,000+

BEATS FLEX EARPHONES & \$100 GIFT CARD

& FREE REGISTRATION FOR 2027 RACE

Support SOUL RYEDERS using these steps:

- ➔ **REGISTER** for the race and create your personal fundraising page.
- ➔ **INVITE** friends, family, colleagues to contribute.
- ➔ **EARN** new exclusive incentives while supporting SOUL RYEDERS programs!

Incentives Details:

- Fundraising continues through May 31, 2026.
- Some fundraising incentives will be available for pick-up on race day, while premium items will be custom ordered and shipped following the event.
- Once fundraising closes, we will confirm items with you by June 20.
- We will allocate your total fundraising efforts to our programs if we do not receive your confirmation by June 20.
- Incentive items will be delivered by the end of August.



Thank you to our sponsors



SEE YOU ON RACE DAY!



SOUL RYEDERS HALF MARATHON & 5K



PARKING PASS MAY 16TH 2026