

## SALINAS VALLEY HALF MARATHON AND 5K RACE INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, August 4, 2018, 7:30 AM

Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Salinas Valley Half Marathon and 5K. We look forward to hosting you. Here are important details to help you have a great race. --*Doug Thurston, Race Director*



### PACKET PICK-UP FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 or RACE MORNING:

- **Friday, August 3, 2-6 PM, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Farmer's Market,** 450 E. Romie Lane, Salinas (Farmer's Market is Wilgart Way and East Romie Lane); Or,
- **Half Marathon Race Day Pick-Up:** 6-7:15 AM, start area at Soledad Mission. Entrants who pick-up race numbers at the start line will pick-up their shirts, goodie bag, and souvenir wine glass after the race in the finish village;
- **5K Race Day Pick-Up:** 6:15-7:15 a.m., near the intersection of Gonzalez River Road and River Road (5K start area)
- Photo ID required to pick-up your race bib
- All entrants age 21 and older will be given a wrist band which will be required for beer and/or wine at the finish.
- *Notes: If you received either a military or student discount (under age 21) you'll need to show a valid Military or Student ID card. If you are picking up on behalf of someone else on Friday, you'll need a signed note of authorization and copy of the person's picture ID. Race merchandise is for sale on Friday and at the finish village Saturday: bring cash or your credit card!*

### RACE DAY SCHEDULE:

5:30 AM: Participant parking opens, 36641 Fort Romie Road, Soledad (see map)  
6:00 AM: Half Marathon bib and packet pick-up opens at Soledad Mission  
6:15 AM: 5K and finish area parking opens at the lot near Pessagno Winery (River Road at Gonzales River Road)  
7:00 AM: Access to Half Marathon parking closes; **DON'T BE LATE!**  
**7:30 AM: Half Marathon race starts, Soledad Mission (note earlier start time)**  
**7:30 AM: 5K race starts, River Road at Gonzales River Road**  
9:30 AM: Return buses begin departing from area .7 miles from the finish village to the runner parking area near the start  
10:00 AM: Half Marathon Overall and Age Group Awards Ceremony begins, Pessagno Winery  
11:30 AM: Course closes, most area roads reopen  
12:30 PM: Last bus leaves from finish area (.7 miles from finish festival) to transport half marathoners back to the start parking area

**HALF MARATHON START LINE RUNNER PARKING AND DROP OFF:** Free runner parking is available at 36641 Fort Romie Road near the Half Marathon start from 5:30 until 7:00 AM. Exit Hwy 101 at Arroyo Seco Road, drive east to Fort Romie Road and turn north (right) to parking area. Runner parking closes at 7:00 AM. Runner drop-off is available in the same area. Look for signs and volunteers to assist you. Click [HERE](#) for driving directions and a map. (Note: there is limited spectator parking near the start and there are no shuttles to take spectators from the start to the finish. Most spectators drive directly and park near the finish area.)

**5K AND HALF FINISH LINE/SPECTATOR PARKING:** 5K and spectator parking for the finish festival is approx. 0.7 miles from Pessagno Winery. Note that River Road will be closed to traffic beginning 1.5 miles north of the finish line from 6:00 AM until 11:30 AM. Use Highway 101 to access finish parking. For a [course map with directions](#), visit the Race Info tab at [salinasvalleyhalfmarathon.org](http://salinasvalleyhalfmarathon.org).

### HALF MARATHON GEAR CHECK:

Gear/sweats bags dropped at the Half Marathon start will be transported to the finish. Be sure and take any needed medications, inhalers etc. with you. Do not check valuables, liquids, fragile, heavy, or sharp items. Gear check bags will be provided race morning.

### FINISH FESTIVAL AND HALF MARATHON AWARDS:

Enjoy the post-race festival with entertainment, wine tasting, Treadmill Recovery zone, massage, Carmel Craft Brewing beer, and other refreshments. A tasty barbecue is available for \$11.

- **5K runners** receive a finisher wine glass; the 5K is a timed fun run; no finish medals or awards are provided in the 5K.
- **Half Marathon** finishers under 4:00 receive a medal and a wine glass. The awards ceremony is at 10:00 AM. Wine-themed awards for the first 3 males and females (no double dipping) and top 3 in age groups: 12-15, 16-20, 21-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+. Prize money for the first three M/F is (\$300, \$200, \$100).
- **NO DOGS at the start, on the course, or at the finish festival!**

### POST RACE SHUTTLES TO THE HALF MARATHON START AREA PARKING:

Return shuttles to the Half Marathon start-area parking lot are from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., leaving from .7 miles from the finish.

### RACE POLICIES & RULES:

1. Entries are non-refundable and non-transferable for public safety. Bibs must only be worn by the official registrant.
2. No baby joggers, unofficial bicycles, skateboards, or roller blades.
3. DO NOT go into the fields before, during or after the race. This is for health and safety as these are working farms.
4. Any clothes discarded at the start or along the course are donated to charity and not returned.

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# COURSE MAP WITH DIRECTIONS

