Hello Runners!

The running of the 61st Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon is almost here!! Next weekend you will be running where Lincoln walked and we are so excited to have you! Please read this entire email, it has ALL the info!

First things first:

**The expo on Friday!** Our race expo and packet pick-up will be held from 4pm - 8pm in the Ballroom at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, located at 701 E Adams St, Springfield, IL 62701. There’s a parking garage and street parking available. If you park on the street, do not feed the meters, it’s free! If you want to avoid the rush, come at 5pm or later. 4pm is always the busiest time and the lines will be long. If you do come at 4pm, please be patient, it’s likely going to be crazy. We also do not open the expo early, it will be 4pm on the dot when we open doors😊

Packet pick up will be for ALL participants. In-person and virtual volunteers. There will be **no** later packet pick up after race day. If you cannot make it to the Expo or the morning of the race, please have someone else pick up for you. If you were unable to get a shirt/hoodie, or would like to swap sizes, you can check with us AFTER the race in the post race area to see if we have extras.

You will find some fun stovepipe hats with our race logo on them around the expo, feel free to grab one from wherever it is. These are free giveaways for those that want them! Please be mindful of other participants and don’t take enough for your entire family, we ordered extra this year! 😊

Please explore the Expo. There will be several vendors there giving out samples, information, and have items for sale.

**Race morning packet pick-up:** For those who can't make the Expo Friday, there will be packet pick-up race morning from 6:30am - 7:15am at the Old State Capitol. This is a new location this year and much more convenient for participants coming in last minute.

If anyone asks… Race registration will remain open until 7:00am on race morning OR until sold out. There is no paper registration, and participants will need to register on their own device.

**Virtual Race Day Volunteer Participants:** Our virtual option was for race day volunteers only this year. Packets will not be shipped. They must be picked up at the race expo or on race morning. Medals will be included in virtual packets, so make sure you don’t leave packet pick-up without it! You will be allowed to enter your time for up to 1 week after race day. You can enter results at the following link once the live race is complete: [https://www.itsracetime.com/Results.aspx?ID=3234](https://www.itsracetime.com/Results.aspx?ID=3234%20) We do not need proof of your GPS tracking and there are no awards for virtual times, you simply just enter your time into the system.

Up next:

**Where to wear your race bib:** On the front of you and make sure it is visible. To receive a medal at the finish, your bib MUST be visible. This is also how the race photographer sorts photos, so make sure that number is seen!

**Race morning!** We start at 7:30am at the intersection of 6th and Washington facing south. We will be utilizing the south side of the Old State Capitol lawn before and after the race. You can also go inside the Old State Capitol if it’s chilly that morning.

Orangetheory will be near the Start line to do some pre-race stretching and warm up, please join them!

We are asking that everyone place themselves in order of pace based on where the pacers are. This helps the take off go a lot smoother and it is chip timed, so there’s no rush to be at the front of the pack! Pacers will start lining up around 7:15am.

We have pacers for 1:30,1:35, 1:40, 1:45, 1:50, 1:55, 2:00, 2:05, 2:10, 2:15, 2:20, 2:30, 2:45, 3:00, and 3:30

**The race does have a 3 hour and 30 minute cut off.** If you are moving slower than about a 16:10 pace, you will need to be responsible for yourself. Moving to sidewalks and obeying traffic signals will be very important if you cannot make the cut off.

Visit [www.srrc.net/runabe](http://www.srrc.net/runabe) and click on the course info tab to get more information and maps about the course, including locations of water stops.

**Porta potties** will be located as follows:

On east side of 5th Street (sidewalk along the Old State Capitol fence)

Parking lot at the corner of 8th and Cook (about mile 0.7)

Washington Park in the small parking lot across from the Iron Springs/concession stand on the north loop of the park (about mile 5.8)

Parking lot at PH Broughton on Lincoln Ave (water stop 4 approximate mile 7.5)

Lincoln Park in the small parking lot to your right after you enter the park (about mile 10.7)

**Photos** will be taken by Inzaption Photos. They are new to our race this year and we are covering the cost of your photos, which means they are FREE to you! **It is important that your bib is visible on the front of you** to easily access your photos. A link will be emailed out once they are ready.

**The finish!** The finish will be on 5th Street midway between Washington and Adams. \*We ask that as soon as you cross the finish line, you move along to prevent congestion. This is especially important for safety in case of any medical emergencies.\*

All post-race drinks and snacks will be on the Old State Capitol lawn. If there is inclement weather, we will move them inside. Orangetheory will be on the lawn to guide you in some post-race stretching.

Participants will have a “Drink Ticket” attached to their bib. This ticket can be used at Bloom Wine Bar & Florals or at Buzz Bomb Brewing. Bloom is located directly across the plaza from the Old State Capitol. Buzz Bomb is just 1 block west on Adams St. They will be ready to serve you! There are NA options available.

**Childcare:** The Kidzeum of Health & Science has offered to have kiddo drop off for race morning. You do have to register for that ahead of time and there are still spots available. Here is the link to register: <https://kidzeum.org/events/lincoln-presidential-half-marathon-kid-drop-off-1/2025/04/05>

**Awards!** New this year: Instead of having a formal awards ceremony, we will have an awards table near the finish and will be handing them out as runners come in. Awards will not be mailed. Specific award information is also listed on our website [www.srrc.net/runabe](http://www.srrc.net/runabe)

Golden Hour Bake House & The Wakery are directly at our finish line on 5th Street between Adams & Washington. We encourage spectators to check them out while their runner is out on the course. They will be great places to warm up and hang out. They have fantastic drinks & food. The Wakery specializes in NA beverages and coffee, they have some snacks too! Golden Hour has many food and drink options as well.

**Abe & Mary-** Both pre and post-race, be sure to get your picture with Abe and Mary! They will be out and about to say hello and sometimes they even run some people through the finish line. Abe will be running the race! Go Abe go!

Most importantly, have a great race! The weather is looking great so far, we’ll try to keep it that way. Whether you are here to grind it out for a PR, or just enjoy the day, we are so excited for you! This race wouldn’t be such a big, fun event, without you! We have worked hard to put on an amazing event for you, and hope you have an awesome race and weekend!