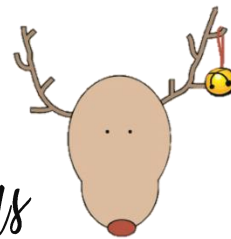


REINDEER RUN

Frequently Asked Questions



❖ Do I have to be an avid runner to participate?

Not at all – our event welcomes participants of all ability levels. As long as you can finish the 3.1-mile course, it does not matter if you sprint, run, jog, walk, or romp.

❖ What are the registration deadlines?

You can register online or with a paper form through Sunday, November 25th at midnight. After that, you can register at any of the early packet pick-up opportunities, or at the event beginning at 5:00pm at Aetna Fire Station 9, on the corner of Delaware Ave and Academy St. The day-of registration fee will be \$30 (Pre-registration = \$25).

❖ What is included in my registration fee?

With your registration fee, you get an awesome long-sleeved event t-shirt, jingle bells, coupons to several downtown Newark merchants, entertainment along the course, and delicious post-race refreshments.

❖ Is my registration fee refundable?

We do not issue refunds for registration. Please remember that your dollars are helping Special Olympics Delaware to provide year-round sports training and competition to over 4,200 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, free of charge.

❖ Do my children have to be registered to participate?

Small children may participate in the event without registering, but any unregistered children will not receive a bib, shirt, or any of the other goodies afforded to registered participants.

❖ How do I register to participate in the costume contest?

No registration necessary! Simply show up at the event in your festive attire, make your way to the designated area outside of Aetna Station 9, and have your picture taken and information recorded. We will vote and announce the winner post-event.

❖ Can I push my child(ren) in a stroller through the course?

You may participate in the race while pushing a stroller, but please start at the back of the pack for the safety of yourself, your child(ren), and the other participants.

❖ Do you offer early packet pick-up opportunities?

Yes – in fact, we strongly recommend that you pick up your packet ahead of time. We will be set up on the Wednesday prior to the event at Delaware Running Company in Greenville, and at the Special Olympics Delaware office in Newark on Thursday and Friday of that week.

❖ **Can I pick up someone else's packet for them?**

As long as you bring an accurately filled out and signed waiver form for someone else, you will be able to pick up their race packet.

❖ **Are dogs allowed at the event?**

We love furry four-legged friends, but we discourage dogs from attending for the safety of the animals, race participants, and spectators.

❖ **Is the race timed?**

We offer chip-timing, provided by Mid-Atlantic Timing, for participants who plan to run in the race. Individuals who wish to walk will not be timed. When you register, you will specify whether you plan to participate as a timed runner or an untimed walker.

❖ **Is there a way for me to see my time post-event?**

A link to all results will be posted on our website post-event – www.sode.org.

❖ **Will water stations be available along the course?**

Yes – there will be a water station at the entrance of James F. Hall Trail, and another at the finish line.

❖ **Does everyone who participates in the event get an event t-shirt?**

All registered race participants get our awesome long-sleeved event t-shirt! Participants who register by midnight on Sun, Nov 18 are guaranteed to receive their shirt the night of the event. Those who register after that date may have to receive their shirt post-event, depending on size availability.

❖ **I have seen people wearing Reindeer Run sweatshirts...how do I get one?**

Our Reindeer Run sweatshirts, both the crew neck and the hoodie, are incentive items for raising a minimum of \$250 (this includes the registration fee).

❖ **Will awards be announced the night of the race?**

As soon as everyone has finished the race and the results are in, we will announce our top finishers overall, and then by age group.

❖ **Will there be a place to store my belongings while I run?**

Yes – outside of Aetna Fire Station 9, there will be signs pointing you toward the bag drop. Your belongings will be safe there during the race, but please do not leave any valuables.

❖ **Is there an app that I can use to log my miles and donate to SODE?**

Yes! You can log your miles and earn money for Special Olympics Delaware with **Motivate the First State**. More information on how to use this app and turn your miles into money can be found [here](#).

❖ **I do not wish to run or romp, but I would love to volunteer; what can I do?**

You can contact Carly Thompson at cthom@udel.edu or 302-831-3479.

❖ **I have a question that is not answered here, what should I do?**

You can contact Corinne Plummer at cplummer@udel.edu or 302-831-4796.