

MEDIA GUIDE

2023 ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION PEACHTREE ROAD RACE

**54th Running
July 4, 2023**



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Event Information

What: The 54th Running of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race

When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division – 6:25 a.m.

Women's Elite Field – 6:50 a.m.

Men's Elite Field & Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race Start – 7:00 a.m.

Where: Event Start – Peachtree Road at Lenox Square, Buckhead
Event Finish – 10th Street at Charles Allen Dr., Piedmont Park

Distance: 10 Kilometers (6.2 miles)

Participants: Approximately 50,000

Media Contacts – Footrace

Please direct all event inquiries and interview requests to media@atlantatrackclub.org.

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Social Media

Join the conversation and share your coverage of this year's events.

#AJCPRR is the official hashtag of the 2023 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race.

Facebook [Facebook.com/AtlantaTrackClub](https://www.facebook.com/AtlantaTrackClub)
[Facebook.com/ajcpr](https://www.facebook.com/ajcpr)

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Media Guidelines and Credentials

Credentialed media are invited to cover the 54th Running of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race at the start and finish. No credentials are required to be in public areas where spectators gather along the course or inside the meadow of Piedmont Park.

Please note the following important dates:

- June 30 to July 3 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Credential Pickup**
Credentials may be picked up at 201 Armour Dr. NE. Credentials may be picked up by one representative for outlets with multiple credentials.
- July 2 to July 3 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. **Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo presented by Publix**
More than 40,000 people will get their race numbers and interact with sponsors and partners at Hall C4 of the Georgia World Congress Center. Credentials are not required to cover this event.
- July 2 8 a.m. **Microsoft Peachtree Junior**
More than 1,000 kids ages 14 and under will take part in a dash, mile and track and field zone in Piedmont Park. Credentials are not required to cover this event.
- July 3 11 a.m. **Meet the Elites**
Top athletes in the footrace and Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division will take part in a Q&A with Olympian Carrie Tollefson and then will be available for interviews. Credentials are not required to cover this event which takes place at the Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo Presented by Publix at Hall C4 of the Georgia World Congress Center.
- July 4 7 a.m. **Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race**

Race Day Parking:

START: Live truck and media vehicle parking will be available in the Lenox Square lot directly below the designated media area to allow for the shortest possible cable run. No pass is needed for this lot; however, we do request you let us know by 5 p.m. on July 3 that you will be parking there.

All vehicles must access this lot via Lenox Parkway and be in place by 4 a.m. on July 4. There will be no access to this lot after 4 a.m.

FINISH: You will have access to up to two spaces in the circular drive of Midtown High School off Charles Allen Drive. Please fill out [this form](#) to receive a parking pass.

Areas of Access:

START: Non-rights holder media will be given a designated space on the sidewalk on the south side of Peachtree Road. No media will be allowed next to the start line or in the start wave corrals. There will be space, however, for all television outlets, with close proximity to the start line offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

START PHOTO PLATFORM: Access to the start platform will be granted to still photographers only. Non-partner television cameras and videographers are not permitted on the start platform due to broadcast rights restrictions. Still photographers not employed by Atlanta Track Club or its media partners will not have access to the ground at the start line. The vantage point from this platform includes the entire start line. **LIVE BROADCASTING OF THE RACE FROM THE START LINE BY NON-RIGHTS HOLDER MEDIA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

PRESS TRUCKS: Limited space on the press trucks is available for still photographers only. Non-partner television cameras and videographers are not permitted on the press trucks due to broadcast rights restrictions. The men's and women's races will each have their own press truck. If you would like to access a press truck, please contact jholder@atlantatrackclub.org ASAP.

FINISH: Non-rights holder media will be given access to a designated area at the finish line to capture head-on video and still photos of the finish. Photographers and videographers must follow the directions of race staff at all times to ensure a safe and clean finish experience for participants. Finish credentials will also provide access to the mixed zone. **LIVE BROADCASTING FROM THE FINISH AREA BY NON-RIGHTS HOLDER MEDIA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

MIXED ZONE: All elite athletes will exit the race course via a mixed zone on 10th Street. All credentialed media will have access to the mixed zone to conduct interviews.

AWARDS: A post-race awards ceremony will be conducted on 10th Street following the completion of the elite race. Top finishers in the men's and women's footrace and Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division will receive their awards. Space is limited to two people per media outlet.

Race Day Contacts

START LINE: Denali Lerch - 678-756-4772

FINISH LINE: Amanda Tobin - 804-647-3048

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 30 - Monday, July 3

Media credential pick-up opens

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Atlanta Track Club Office
201 Armour Drive
Atlanta, GA 30324

Sunday, July 2

Microsoft Peachtree Junior

8 a.m. Kids under the age of 14 can take part in a 50m dash, competitive mile, Track & Field Zone and Microsoft STEM activities. The mile finishes at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race finish line. Kids will have the opportunity to meet Atlanta Track Club mascot Pete the Peach.

Sunday, July 2

Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo presented by Publix

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Georgia World Congress Center - Exhibit Hall C4
362 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd
Atlanta, 30313

Monday, July 3

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Monday, July 3

MEET THE ELITES:

11 a.m. A conversation with some of the top athletes in the elite fields moderated by Olympian and broadcaster Carrie Tollefson. Athletes will be available for interviews following the panel. CEO and Race Director Rich Kenah is also available to speak with media.

- Senbere Teferi – 2022 AJC Peachtree Road Race Champion
- Annie Frisbie – Top American in 2022 AJC Peachtree Road Race
- Emily Durgin – Runner-up, 2021 AJC Peachtree Road Race
- Emma Grace Hurley – Professional runner, Roswell, GA native
- Daniel Romanchuk – 5-time Peachtree wheelchair champion
- Gabriel Geay – Champion 2016 Peachtree and 2023 B.A.A. 10K
- Elkanah Kibet – Professional Runner serving in U.S Army, 2014 Peachtree overseas champion
- Ben Blankenship – 2016 Olympian, 1500m

Schedule of Events - Continued

Tuesday, July 4

6:25 AM	Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division Start
6:43 AM	Approximate time first male wheeler will cross finish
6:46 AM	Approximate time first elite female wheeler will cross finish
6:47 AM	Mayor's Message
6:50 AM	Women's Start
6:54 AM	National Anthem
6:56 AM	Air National Guard Flyover – Dobbins Air Force
7:00 AM	Men's Elite & Seeded Start
7:19 AM	Approximate time first elite female runner will cross finish
7:27 AM	Approximate time first elite male runner will cross finish
8:00 AM	Awards ceremony for top 3 finishers in footrace and wheelchair divisions – Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race finish line
8:30 AM	Last Start Wave (Wave W) begins
8:40 AM	Start Line Closes
11:00 AM	Finish Line/Race Course officially closes

2023 Race By The Numbers

The men's open course record by Rhonex Kipruto, 27:01 (2019), broke the previous record (Joseph Kimani, 1996) by three seconds and is the **fastest 10K time ever run on U.S. soil**.

The women's course record by Brigid Kosgei, 30:22 (2019), broke the previous record (Lornah Kiplagat, 2002) by 10 seconds.

The men's record (18:11) for the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division was set in 2019 by Daniel Romanchuk. Romanchuk will be seeking his **sixth-consecutive victory, which would tie him** with Craig Blanchette for the most wins in history in the men's open division.

The women's record (21:14) for the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division was set in 2022 by Susannah Scaroni. She will be competing here for the **10th time**.

Gayle Barron and Lornah Kiplagat have the **most open division** wins in the history of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race. Both won the women's division **five times**.

Wheelchair athlete Tatyana McFadden has the **most wins in any elite division**, with eight. She won most recently in 2021.

The **oldest man** entered is Thomas Lanier Jr., 90, of Doraville, GA.

Bill Thorn has decided to end his streak as the only person to run every Peachtree since the race began in 1970. Thorn, 92, will instead be honored as **Grand Marshal**. After being introduced at the start, Thorn will ride in a lead vehicle to 10th Street, where he will disembark to cross the Peachtree finish line one more time.

The **oldest woman** entered is Betty Lindberg of Atlanta. Lindberg, 98, will compete in the in-person race; she has participated in every Peachtree except one since 1989.

Approximately 50,000 runners and walkers will participate in the 2023 race, either in person or virtually.

There are nearly 800 porto-potties between the start, course and finish of the Peachtree.

More than 2.75 million fluid ounces of water is on hand between the start, course and finish of the Peachtree.

91 percent of this year's participants are **from Georgia**.

The entrants in the in-person race from the **farthest away** are from **Melbourne, Australia**.

The state with the most participants other than Georgia is **Florida**.

All 50 states are represented in the in-person race.

522 participants will be running the Peachtree for **at least the 40th time**.

9,608 participants will be participating in the Peachtree for **the first time**.

134 participants will be celebrating their **birthday** on the Fourth of July.

The minimum age for entry is age 10; there are **129** children of that age entered.

By the time cleanup is finished on July 4, **more than 20,000 hours** will be logged by **more than 4000 volunteers and 125 crew chiefs** in putting on the 2023 Peachtree.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race History

On July 4, 1970, 150 runners gathered at the old Sears parking lot on the corner of Peachtree Road and Roswell Road. Of these, 110 completed the entire 6.2-mile distance through Atlanta to Central City Park. This group, now known as the "Original 110," would go down in history as the first finishers of the Peachtree Road Race.

1970 – Jeff Galloway and Gayle Barron win the inaugural race.

1971 - The first of the now-famous Peachtree T-shirts are handed out at the end of the race.

1976 - The Atlanta Journal-Constitution becomes the title sponsor.

1978 – Event finish is moved to Piedmont Park in front of the Bath House after 6,500 participate the year before. This year, registration hits 12,000.

1980 - Event is capped at 25,000 participants. The limit is set due to the congestion on the course where it entered the park.

1982 - The Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division is added, quickly becoming perhaps the largest and best wheelchair division of any non-marathon road race in the world.

1985 - Julia Emmons becomes the Executive Director of Atlanta Track Club and Race Director of the AJC Peachtree Road Race. She will remain the director for the next 22 Peachtrees.

1987 - First Peachtree Junior is held.

1990 - New race cap of 40,000 is announced.

1992 - Race cap increases to 45,000 and race fills in nine days.

1995 - Race cap increases to 50,000, and the first AJC Peachtree Road Race T-shirt Design Contest is held. Carl Wattenberg III is the winning designer.

1998 - Race cap increases to 55,000 participants.

1999 - Race finish moves to 10th Street and Charles Allen Drive due to sewer construction inside the park. The finish will remain there for the next eight years.

2006 - After 22 years, Julia Emmons directs her last AJC Peachtree Road Race and retires from Atlanta Track Club.

2007 - Tracey Russell takes over for Emmons as Executive Director of Atlanta Track Club and directs her first AJC Peachtree Road Race. USATF Men's 10 km Championship comes to Peachtree for the first time.

2008 - Due to the drought, the event cannot finish in Piedmont Park and is successfully moved to Juniper Street and Ponce de Leon Ave.

2009 - For the first time, every participant is electronically timed. The event finish returns to 10th Street.

2010 - Start waves are assigned by performance, expanding from nine time groups to 20 start waves. An official number transfer system is also implemented.

2011 - Race cap increases to 60,000 and registration moves to an online lottery.

2014 – Rich Kenah takes over for Russell as Executive Director of Atlanta Track Club and directs his first AJC Peachtree Road Race.

2015 – Inaugural Peachtree Cup features the U.S. National Team as it takes on all-star teams from around the world.

2016 – A 5K split time is offered for all participants for the first time.

2018 – The USA's Bernard Lagat, at the age of 43, becomes the oldest open winner in Peachtree history.

2019 – The AJC Peachtree Road Race marks its 50th Running by offering a \$50,000 bonus to winners in each of its four divisions – men's and women's open, men's and women's wheelchair – who break the course record. All four winners set a new mark. Bill Thorn, the only member of the Original 110 to complete every race, finishes his 50th.

2020 – Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person race is switched to a virtual event, in which entrants participate in their own neighborhoods.

2021 – The Peachtree is held over the course of two days, July 3 and July 4, to reduce crowds as the pandemic lingers.

2022 – Race returns to its traditional one-day format.

Historic Peachtree Start Temps

Warmest Start Temperature - 80° (1970, 1973, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1991)

Coolest Start Temperature - 62° (1986, 1989)

1970 80°	1996 63°/overcast
1971 70°	1997 74°
1972 70°	1998 72°
1973 80°	1999 72°
1974 71°/rain	2000 73°
1975 72°	2001 71°
1976 68°/foggy	2002 73°
1977 80°	2003 71°/foggy
1978 73°	2004 71°/partly cloudy
1979 76°	2005 73°/partly cloudy
1980 80°	2006 72°
1981 69°	2007 67°
1982 75°	2008 72°
1983 80°	2009 66°
1984 72°	2010 66°
1985 69°	2011 73°
1986 62°/crisp	2012 70°
1987 68°	2013 71°
1988 65°/foggy	2014 67°
1989 62°/foggy	2015 68°/rain
1990 70°	2016 76°
1991 80°	2017 72°
1992 77°	2018 75°
1993 74°	2019: 77°
1994 68°/overcast	2021: 66°
1995 72°/overcast	2022: 75°

2023 AJC Peachtree Road Race T-Shirt Design Finalists

Which T-shirt will participants don after crossing the finish line of the 54th Running of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race on July 4? Will it highlight Cardiac Hill? The beloved Peach? The Atlanta skyline? The Independence Day holiday? All of the above? They won't know until they get there.

Held since 1995, the T-shirt contest is one of the most-storied traditions of the Peachtree. As is tradition, dozens of design submissions for the ultimate race souvenir were narrowed down to five finalists by representatives from Atlanta Track Club and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Artists were judged based on their adherence to the official rules and on how well their design captured the theme and history of Atlanta's iconic summer event. During that process, the identity of the artist is not known to the selection panel.

The finalists were then put to an online vote, which ended on March 31. The winner, who will receive a \$1,000 prize, will remain a mystery until the "big reveal" on the adidas performance shirts given to finishers in Piedmont Park.

"We go to great lengths to keep the winning design a secret right up until race morning," said Jay Holder, vice president of marketing and communications for the Club. "By the time we get to that moment, I can hardly wait to see the look on the winner's face, whether in person or via FaceTime, when they realize it's their shirt that's being handed out in The Meadow."

Artist: Erica Dean

Hometown: Lawrenceville, GA

Occupation: Student

About the design: I wanted to capture the essence of the Fourth of July in a subtle, yet fun way. I chose to make the peach the star of the show; the leading lines sprouting from the peach showcases the bold energy of fireworks, with the dotted lines alluding to roads. I chose muted colors for a less aggressive approach, so the lines and overall illustration wouldn't get washed out by bold colors.



Artist: Maurice Garland

Hometown: Tucker, GA

Occupation: Writer/Author

About the design: Runners constantly check their watch to monitor their pace, heart rate and anything else these fancy features offer. So why not have the shirt feature one of a runner's favorite accessories? The watch face is ode to the peach and the 4th of July, but it also includes some data presented in the form of the four area codes of Atlanta, symbolizing the ongoing growth and expansion of the city's population and identity



Artist: Eryn Kelly

Occupation: Marketing Coordinator

Hometown: Acworth, GA

About the design: To me, The Peachtree feels like a kickoff party for the rest of your Fourth of July! I wanted the design to be fun and vibrant, and to represent what a joy it is to experience running down Peachtree year after year.

**Artist: Stephen Mullinax**

Occupation: Graphic Designer

Hometown: Stone Mountain, GA

About the design: I wanted to capture the feeling of the uphill portion of the race, which is the most challenging, but often the most memorable.

**Artist: Cece Page**

Occupation: Graphic Designer & Owner of The Cece Shop

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

About the design: I love that Atlanta's nickname is The City in the Forest and wanted to incorporate that into my design. I run regularly and always enjoy looking at the way Atlanta's urban architecture blends so well with our abundance of trees and plants. There's so many rolling hills and winding roads and Atlanta doesn't follow a traditional grid which makes it feel like a big, patchwork neighborhood.



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2023 Fast Facts

- Shepherd Center's Wheelchair Division of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race is considered one of the largest and fastest wheelchair 10Ks in the country.
- 62 wheelchair racers are scheduled to compete this year – 48 men and 14 women.
- 10 push assist – 6 men and 4 women.
- The 2023 race is the 42nd annual. Start time is 6:25 a.m. The Wheelchair Division follows the course set for the foot racers – 6.2 miles down Peachtree Road, starting at Lenox Road and ending on 10th Street at Piedmont Park.
- Shepherd Center's therapeutic recreation staff coordinates all wheelchair race logistics – reviewing applications, orchestrating the start and finish, monitoring the times, and overseeing the needs of the athletes.
- Shepherd organizes the race in cooperation with Atlanta Track Club.
- This year, the Wheelchair Division draws racers from 8 countries, including Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Mexico, Spain, USA and Venezuela.
- Racers use specially designed racing wheelchairs with a lower center of gravity.
- On average, it takes racers about 2,500 pushes to complete the 6.2 miles of the Peachtree.
- Oldest racer: Ken Higgins, 70, of Atlanta, GA. He has competed in 32 Peachtree races.
- Most-winning racer: Clayton Gerein of Canada holds the record for the most first place finishes. He won the Open Quad Division 12 times from 1991 to 2002.
- Record-setting racer: Daniel Romanchuk, USA, set the course record of 18:11.00 in 2019.
- Fastest female racer: Susannah Scaroni, USA, set the course record of 21:14.71 in 2022.

For more information, contact Kerry Ludlam at 404-358-5601.

2023 ATHLETE BIOS

Total Number of Racers: 62 Men: 48 Women: 14 Oldest: 70 Youngest: 19

200 Daniel Romanchuk, IL

10K PR: 18:11

1st Place:

Junior Peachtree 2016

Peachtree 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Boston Marathon, 2019, 2022

London Marathon, 2019

New York Marathon, 2018, 2019, 2022

Chicago Marathon, 2018, 2019, 2021

Age: 24

201 Aaron Pike, IL

10K PR: 18:00:20

Age: 37

202 Rafael Botello Jimenez, Barcelona

10K PR: 20:10

Age: 44

203 Josh Cassidy, Canada

10K PR: 18:52

1st Place:

Peachtree 2010, 2013

LA Marathon, 2019

London Marathon, 2010

Age: 38

204 Hermin Garic, NY

10K PR: 20:51

Age: 33

205 Luis "Francisco", Colombia

10K PR: 20:19

Age: 35

206 Evan Correll, IL

10K PR: 22:26.8

Age: 20

207 Brian Siemann, IL

10K PR: 20:00

Age: 33

208 James Senbeta, IL

10K PR: 20:05

1st Place: LA Marathon 2016

Age: 36

209 Valera "Jacob" Allen, TX

10K PR: 20:58

Age: 22

210 Alfonso Zaragoza Solorio, Mexico

10K PR: 21:04

Age: 47

211 Dustin Stallberg, AZ

10K PR: 21:43

Age: 21

212 Peyton Gunnarson, AZ

10K PR: 21:50

Age: 20

213 Jason Robinson, NY

10K PR: 23:08

Age: 20

SHEPHERD CENTER WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

OPEN MEN (Cont)

214 Phillip Croft, IL

10K PR: 24:00

Age: 23

225 Dan Berschinski, GA

10K PR: 37:00

Age: 38

215 Jose Pulido, GA

10K PR: 24:22

Age: 42

226 Darius Barrow, GA

10K PR: 39:53

Age: 32

216 Juan Pablo Cervantes, Mexico

10K PR: 22:00

Age: 30

227 Natan Morales Velazquez, Mexico

10K PR: 39:34

Age: 47

217 Aidan Gravelle, Arizona

10K PR: 20:54

Age: 19

228 Dwain Farley, TX

10K PR: 45:00

Age: 59

218 Wyatt Bruce Willand, Arizona

10K PR: 20:53

Age: 19

OPEN WOMEN (14) NUMBER - PINK

W250 Susannah Scaroni, IL

10K PR: 21:10

1st Place:

Paralympic Games 5000m, 2020

Boston Marathon, 2023

Chicago Marathon, 2022

New York City Marathon, 2022

Bloomsday 2014

L.A. Marathon 2014

Peachtree, 2018, 2022

Age: 32

W251 Jenna Fesemyer, IL

10K PR: 24:50

Age: 26

W252 Yen Hoang, IL

10K PR: 24:53

Age: 26

W253 Hannah Dederick, WA

10K PR: 25:30

Age: 20

219 Miguel Jimenez Vergara, CA

10K PR: 21:48

Age: 23

220 Laurens Molina, Costa Rica

10K PR: 22:19

Age: 44

221 Juan Ramon Vallado, Venezuela

10K PR: 23:00

Age: 42

222 Sairo Moises Fernandez, Colombia

10K PR: 24:00

Age: 36

223 Brad Smith, Atlanta, GA

10K PR: 27:05

Age: 46

224 Colby Higgins, Atlanta, GA

10K PR: 22:05

Age: 30

SHEPHERD CENTER WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

W254 Ivonne Reyes, Mexico

10K PR: 20.12

Age: 50

W255 Michelle Wheeler, TX

10K PR: 26:12

Age: 36

W256 Chelsea Stein, AZ

10K PR: 24:32

Age: 20

W257 Kendall Gretsches, CO

10K PR: 27:30

Age: 31

W258 Hannah Babalola, NJ

10K PR: 24.55

Age: 34

W259 Aerelle Jones, KY

10K PR: 30:55

Age: 24

W260 Emelia Perry, CO

10K PR: 28:18

Age: 30

W261 Camryn Ledford, AZ

10K PR: 24:37:00

Age: 19

W262 Emily Shryock, TX

10K PR: 28:51:00

Age: 36

W263 Eva Houston, IL

10K PR: 30:00

Age: 22

OPEN QUAD (6) NUMBER - GREEN

270 Santiago Sanz, Spain

10K PR: 23:27

1st Place:

Open Quad Peachtree 2005, 2006, 2007,
2008,2009,2010,2011,2012,2014,2015

Spanish Paralympic Team 2004, 2008

Age: 42

271 Duane Morrow, GA

10K PR: 28:50:00

Age: 55

272 Isaiah Rigo, IL

10K PR: 32:12

Age: 23

273 Norbert Holowaty, NY

10K PR: 35:00

Age: 25

274 Josh Roberts, AL

10K PR: 30:00

Age: 41

275 Chris Holcomb, GA

10K PR: 34:41

Age: 52

T-1 QUAD (1) NUMBER - BLUE

290 Scott Stokes, GA

10K PR: 39:59:00

1st Place: Peachtree 2008, 2009, 2010,
2011,2012, 2013,2015, 2017

Age: 45

SHEPHERD CENTER WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

MASTERS (7) NUMBER - ORANGE

310 Fidel Aguilar, Mexico

10K PR: 18:42

1st Place:

Peachtree 2019, 2021

Age: 45

311 Krige Schabort, GA

10K PR: 18:42

1st Place:

Peachtree 2002, 2003, 2006, 2011,
2014, 2018

Age: 59

312 Raphael Botsyo, Ghana

10K PR: 24:34

Age: 44

313 Martin Velasco, Mexico

10K PR: 19:53

Age: 53

314 Tyler Byers, Washington

10K PR: 24:00

Age: 41

315 Matthew Porterfield, TN

10K PR: 24:59

Age: 42

316 Peter Hawkins, NY

10K PR: 29:00

Age: 59

GRAND MASTERS (5) NUMBER - PURPLE

330 Gary Brendel, MA

10K PR: 24:48:00

1st Place:

Peachtree 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Age: 64

331 Matt Davis, KY

10K PR: 26:48

Age: 56

332 Ulysses Elijah, GA

10K PR: 28:30

1st Place: Peachtree 2014

Age: 66

333 Rafael Ibarra, GA

10K PR: 26:00

1st Place: Peachtree 2015

Age: 67

334 Ken Higgins, GA

10K PR: 35:53

Age: 70

SHEPHERD CENTER WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

2023 PUSH-ASSIST BIOS

Total Number of Racers: 10 Men: 6 Women: 4 Oldest: 40 Youngest: 16

350 Kyle Pease, GA

10K PR: 37:58

1st Place:

Peachtree 2014, 2021

Age: 38

Assist: Brent Pease

351 Ricardo Aranda, GA

10K PR: 37:00

1st Place:

Peachtree 2016, 2017

Age: 33

Assist: Nick Fragnito

352 Erika Northrop, GA

10K PR: 40:00

Age: 16

Assist: Bill Wileman

353 Curtis Ward, GA

10K PR: 41:32

Age: 40

Assist: Chris Nasser

354 Justin Knight, GA

10K PR: 42:00

Age: 34

Assist: Justin Dugan

355 Lizzie Kriskey, GA

10K PR: 45:00

Age: 21

Assist: Grace Stidham

356 Mak Yost, GA

10K PR: 45:00

Age: 24

Assist: Eric Homansky

357 Darius Barrow, GA

10K PR: 38:00

Age: 32

Assist: Robert Swan

358 Darden Glass, GA

10K PR: 43:01:00

Age: 18

Assist: David Glass

359 Brandi Thomas, GA

10K PR: 60:00

Age: 24

Assist: Jaclyn Nasser

PAST CHAMPIONS

YEAR	OPEN MEN	OPEN WOMEN	OPEN QUAD	T-1 QUAD	JUNIORS	MASTERS	GRAND MASTERS	Push Assist
	Men with physical disabilities	Women with physical disabilities	People with upper/lower extremity impairments	People with highest level of impairment	Racers age 10-18 years old	Racers 40 years old+	Racers 50 years old+	
1982	George Murray 1:38:00.000							
1983	George Murray 1:25:0	Candace Cable Brooks 1:7.34						
1984	George Murray 1:24.45	Sharon Hedrick 1:5.12	Jimbo Boyd 1:3.17					
1985	George Murray 1:12.24	Candace Cable Brooks 1:6.22	Steve Kaliszewski 1:20.26					
1986	Jim Martinson 1:9.22	Candace Cable Brooks 1:3.38	John Brewer 1:10.32					
1987	Craig Blanchette 1:1.08	Candace Cable Brooks 1:6.38:00.000	John Brewer-29:50	Jim Lewellyn 1:16.33				
1988-	Mustapha Badid 23:00	Candace Cable Brooks 1:35:44.000	Serge Raymond-32:33					
1989-	Craig Blanchette 11:58	Sharon Hedrick 1:2.48						
1990-	Doug Kennedy 21:09	Ann Cody-Morris 1:12:29:00.000	Jeff Worthington-28:31	Jim Lewellyn 36:37*	Eric Nitzel 1:4.07	George Murray 23:22		
1991	Craig Blanchette 20:17	Jean Driscoll 20:49	Bert Berns-29:27	Jim Lewellyn 1:2.32	Karl Archer 1:15.59	23:20		
1992	Craig Blanchette 20:07	Connie Hansen 1:0:01:00.000	Clayton Gerein 1:1.56	Bart Dodson 1:17.26	Eric Nitzel 22:52	Lavern Achenbach 23:03		
1993	Paul Wiggins 19:58	Leanne Sauvage 1:9.58	Clayton Gerein 1:2.01	Bart Dodson 1:14.12	Eric Nitzel 23.28	Paul Van Winkle 23.08		
1994	Craig Blanchette 20:14	Jean Driscoll 23:13*	Clayton Gerein 1:24:7:00.000	Jimbo Boyd 1:22.29	Eric Nitzel 1:0:48:00.000	Jim Martinson 23.08		
1995	Craig Blanchette 20:10	Jean Driscoll 20:10	Clayton Gerein 1:3	Fabian Blattman 1:17.31	Reginald Philpot 1:11.73	Jim Martinson 21.49		
1996	Paul Wiggins 19:29	Jean Driscoll 23:32	Clayton Gerein 1:1.34	Barton Dodson 1:13.39	Joshua Brunies 21.49	Kenneth Carnes 22.20		
1997	Franz Nietispach 19:08	Leanne Sauvage 1:1.04	Clayton Gerein 1:2.19	Jimbo Boyd 45.00	Nick Enkebol 23.37	Jim Martinson 21.34		
1998	Franz Nietispach 19:06	Charlattel Petticler 1:21:00.000	Clayton Gerein 1:2.23	Jimbo Boyd 1:21.56	Nick Enkebol 23.34	Kenny Carnes 21.30		
1999	Saul Mendoza 19:05	Charlattel Petticler 1:0.13:00.000	Clayton Gerein 1:1.50	Jimbo Boyd 1:22.37	Nick Enkebol 1:1.39:00.000	Kenny Carnes 21.57		
2000	Franz Nietispach 19:07	Jean Driscoll 19:27	Clayton Gerein 1:3.24	Bart Dodson 1:12.01	Nick Enkebol 1:2.04	Guido Mueller 22.19		
2001	Ernst van Dyk 18:48	Christina Ripp 1:0.29	Clayton Gerein 1:1.54	Jimbo Boyd 1:23.24	Grant Buckley 1:0.29	Franz Nietispach 19:05*		
2002	Krige Schabott 18:49	Christina Ripp 23:37	Clayton Gerein 1:2.17	Mark Greenley 1:23.04	Kevin Hosea 1:0.55	Scott Parson 21.24		
2003	Krige Schabott 18:49	Christina Ripp 1:0:03:00.000	Thomas Geirspichler 1:1.14	Mark Greenley 2:0.23	Patrick Baker 23:59.01	Franz Nietispach 19.36		
2004	Saul Mendoza 18:38:06*	Diane Roy 23:57.56	Thomas Geirspichler 25:17.68	Edgar Navarro 1:15:57.49	Marcel Hug 20:52.50	Franz Nietispach 19:46.46		
2005	Kelly Smith 18:19:22	Edith Hunkeler 21:19:22	Santiago Sanz 24:13	Jimbo Boyd 48:44:59	Jordan Bird 1:0.11	Aaron Gordian 19:42		
2006	Krige Schabott 18:52.00	Edith Hunkeler 23:22.80	Santiago Sanz 24:09.90	Edgar Navarro 42.23.90	Jordan Bird 22.12.50	Kenny Harriott 22:27.10		
2007	Kurt Fearnley 19:25.9	Amanda McGrory 23:11.05	Santiago Sanz 23:27.09*	Edgar Navarro 42.02.00	Aaron Anderson 21:04.1	Daniel Lemeurier 21:01.08		
2008	Kurt Fearnley 19:55.5	Edith Hunkeler 23:55.5	Santiago Sanz 26:11.2	Scott Stokes 54.42.8	Josh Swoverland 27:57.9	Scott Parson 24.18		
2009	Marcel Hug 19:36.91	Edith Hunkeler 22:09.97	Santiago Sanz 23:39.01	Scott Stokes 43:32.97	Matthew Lack 21:58.49	Scott Parson 20:55.87		
2010	Josh Cassidy 20:55.98	Tatayna McFadden 23:47.66	Santiago Sanz 23:48.94	Scott Stokes 45:26.71	Jake Lappin 24:52.71	Scott Parson 21:50.08		
2011	Krige Schabott 19:47.15	Tatayna McFadden 23:39.26	Santiago Sanz 25:09.39	Scott Stokes 40:59.00	Sean Burns 31:15.82	Saul Mendoza 22:05.59		
2012	Aaron Gordian 19:52:08	Tatayna McFadden 23:53.42	Santiago Sanz 25.19.14	Scott Stokes 49:04.88	Sean Burns 32:22.55	Jeff Fisher 23:30.64		
2013	Josh Cassidy 21:12.86	Manuela Schar 24:42.39	Raymond Martin 28:04.79	Scott Stokes 53.11.14	Jacob Heiveli 23:17.66	Don Dowling 27:45.54*		
2014	Krige Schabott 20:30.17	Tatayna McFadden 23:17.71	Santiago Sanz 25:45.48	Jeremy Finton 55.17.95	Jacob Heiveli 25.10.15	Ulysses Elijah 30:21.19		
2015	Kurt Fearnley 20:55.16	Tatayna McFadden 23:57.23	Santiago Sanz 2					

~'88 to '90, the open quad division was composed of two subdivisions

RESULTS AND RECORDS



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Prize Purse

Some of the best distance runners and wheelers in the world will lead the way down Peachtree as part of the elite open race and the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division. Athletes will compete for prize money for the top 8 places.

1st - \$10,000

5th - \$1,500

2nd - \$5,000

6th - \$1,250

3rd - \$3,000

7th - \$1,000

4th - \$2,000

8th - \$750

Event Record Bonus

Winners in the men's and women's open division and men's and women's Shepherd Center Wheelchair Divisions will be awarded \$5,000 for breaking the event record.

Event Records:

Men's Open - 27:01 (Rhonex Kipruto, 2019)

Women's Open - 30:22 (Brigid Kosgei, 2019)

Men's Wheelchair - 18:11 (Daniel Romanchuk, 2019)

Women's Wheelchair - 21:14 (Susannah Scaroni, 2022)

Masters Prize Money

1st- \$1,000

2nd - \$ 600

3rd - \$ 400

Top Georgia Prize Money

1st - \$500

Push-Assist Division

The Kyle Pease Foundation sponsors a prize pool of \$2,000 given to the winning in-chair athletes

AWARDS & RESULTS

Live results from the 2023 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race will be posted online at ajc.com/peachtree on race morning. Results are made official 30 days after the event, at which time age group awards will be mailed. Age group awards will be mailed to the top three male and female finishers in the following age groups: 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60- 64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+. Age group awards are based on chip time. All finish times are reviewed before results are made official.

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PAST PEACHTREE OPEN CHAMPIONS

Men

1970	Jeff Galloway	USA	32:22
1971	Bill Herron	USA	30:58
1972	Scott Eden	USA	31:10
1973	Bill Blewett	USA	31:18
1974	Wayne Roach	USA	30:47
1975	Ed Leddy	IRL	29:52
1976	Don Kardong	USA	29:14
1977	Frank Shorter	USA	29:20
1978	Mike Roche	USA	28:59
1979	Craig Virgin	USA	28:30
1980	Craig Virgin	USA	28:39
1981	Craig Virgin	USA	28:03
1982	Jon Sinclair	USA	28:16
1983	Michael Musyoki	KEN	28:21
1984	Filbert Bayi	TAN	28:35
1985	Michael Musyoki	KEN	27:58
1986	John Doherty	IRL	27:56
1987	Joseph Nzau	KEN	28:00
1988	J.P. Ndayisenga	BEL	28:17
1989	Ibrahim Hussein	KEN	28:13
1990	Dionicio Ceron	MEX	28:23
1991	Ed Eyestone	USA	28:34
1992	Sammy Lelei	KEN	27:57
1993	Thomas Osano	KEN	28:05
1994	Benson Masya	KEN	28:01
1995	Simon Morolong	RSA	28:00
1996	Joseph Kimani	KEN	27:04
1997	Joseph Kimani	KEN	27:43
1998	Khalid Khannouchi	MAR	27:47
1999	Khalid Khannouchi	MAR	27:45
2000	Alene Emere	ETH	28:04
2001	John Korir	KEN	28:19
2002	Paul Kosgei	KEN	27:36
2003	Robert Cheruiyot	KEN	28:23
2004	Martin Lel	KEN	28:04
2005	Gilbert Okari	KEN	28:19
2006	Martin Lel	KEN	27:35

Women

Gayle Barron	USA	49:13
Gayle Barron	USA	45:17
Gillian Valk	GBR	47:42
Gayle Barron	USA	40:47
Gayle Barron	USA	38:40
Gayle Barron	USA	38:04
Janice Gage	USA	39:12
Peg Neppel	USA	36:00
Mary Decker	USA	33:52
Heather Carmichael	NZL	33:38
Patti Lyons Catalano	USA	32:48
Allison Roe	NZL	32:38
Anne Audain	NZL	32:35
Grete Waitz	NOR	32:01
Betty Springs	USA	32:55
Grete Waitz	NOR	32:02
Grete Waitz	NOR	32:12
Lynn Jennings	USA	32:22
Grete Waitz	NOR	32:10
Judi St. Hilaire	USA	32:05
Cathy O'Brien	USA	32:04
Dorthe Rasmussen	DEN	32:42
Francie Larrieu Smith	USA	31:49
Uta Pippig	GER	32:15
Anne Marie Letko	USA	31:57
Joan Nesbit	USA	32:20
Hellen Kimaiyo Kipkoskei	KEN	30:52
Hellen Kimaiyo Kipkoskei	KEN	31:21
Hellen Kimaiyo Kipkoskei	KEN	31:52
Elana Meyer	RSA	31:34
Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:52
Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:58
Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:32
Susan Chepkemei	KEN	31:13
Susan Chepkemei	KEN	31:55
Lornah Kiplagat	NED	31:17
Lornah Kiplagat	NED	31:13

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2007	Martin Irungu	KEN	28:01	Wude Ayalew	ETH	31:44
2008	Terefe Maregu	ETH	28:30	Nataliya Berkut	UKR	32:23
2009	Sammy Kitwara	KEN	27:22	Lineth Chepkurui	KEN	31:30
2010	Gebre Gebremariam	ETH	27:56	Lineth Chepkurui	KEN	30:51
2011	Sammy Kitwara	KEN	28:05	Werknesh Kidane	ETH	31:23
2012	Peter Kirui	KEN	27:37	Mamitu Daska	KEN	32:22
2013	Mosinet Geremew	ETH	28:07	Lineth Chepkurui	KEN	32:09
2014	Christo Landry	USA	28:25	Amy Hastings	USA	32:16
2015	Scott Overall	GBR	29:30	Alexi Pappas	USA	33:28
2016	Gabriel Geay	TAN	28:49	Edna Kiplagat	KEN	32:24
2017	Leonard Korir	USA	28:16	Aliphine Tuliamuk	USA	32:49
2018	Bernard Lagat	USA	28:45	Stephanie Bruce	USA	32:21
2019	Rhonex Kipruto	KEN	27:01*	Brigid Kosgei	KEN	30:22*
2020	None: Virtual Race Only			None: Virtual Race Only		
2021	Sam Chelanga	USA	28:42	Sara Hall	USA	31:40
2022	Rhonex Kipruto	KEN	27:26	Senbere Teferi	ETH	30:49

*** EVENT RECORD**

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2022 Top Performances

Male Champion

Rhonex Kipruto – 27:26

Top Masters Male

Abdi Abdirahman – 29:59

Female Champion

Senbere Teferi – 30:49

Top Masters Female

Katie Sherron – 36:27

AJC Peachtree Road Race Event Records

Open Men

Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) 27:01 (2019)

Open Women

Brigid Kosgei (KEN) 30:22 (2019)

Top Performances at AJC Peachtree Road Race

Top 10 Open Performances

Men

1.	Rhonex Kipruto	KEN	27:01	(2019)
2.	Joseph Kimani	KEN	27:04	(1996)
3.	Sammy Kitwara	KEN	27:22	(2009)
4.	Martin Lel	KEN	27:25	(2006)
5.	Rhonex Kipruto	KEN	27:26	(2022)
6.	Bravin Kiptoo	KEN	27:29	(2019)
7.	Kibiwott Kandie	KEN	27:34	(2022)
8.	Paul Kosgei	KEN	27:36	(2002)
9.	Peter Kirui	KEN	27:37	(2012)
10.	Micah Kogo	KEN	27:39	(2012)

Women

1.	Brigid Kosgei	KEN	30:22	(2019)
	Agnes Tirop*	KEN	30:22	(2019)
3.	Fancy Chemutai	KEN	30:32	(2019)
	Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:32	(2002)
5.	Senbere Teferi	ETH	30:49	(2022)
	Irine Chepet Cheptai*	KEN	30:49	(2022)
7.	Lineth Chepkurui	KEN	30:51	(2010)
8.	Hellen Kimaiyo Kipkosgei	KEN	30:52	(1996)
9.	Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:52	(2000)
10.	Caroline Chepkoech	KEN	30:54	(2019)

*Both were given the same time, but Kosgei finished a step ahead and broke the tape.

Top Performances

Top 5 U.S. Performances at AJC Peachtree Road Race

Men

1. Craig Virgin	28:03	(1981)
2. Conner Mantz	28:05	(2022)
3. Ed Eyestone	28:07	(1986)
4. Abdi Abdirahman	28:11	(2007)
5. Abdi Abdirahman	28:11	(2009)

Women

1. Anne Marie (Letko) Lauck	31:23	(1996)
2. Libbie Hickman	31:34	(1997)
3. Sara Hall	31:40	(2021)
4. Emily Durgin	31:49	(2021)
5. Francie Larrieu-Smith	31:49	(1992)

Top 5 Masters Performances at AJC Peachtree Road Race

Men

1. Bernard Lagat	(USA)	28:42	(2017)
2. Bernard Lagat	(USA)	28:45	(2018)
3. Abdi Abdirahman	(USA)	28:54	(2017)
4. Joseph Nzau	(KEN)	29:09	(1992)
5. Pierre Levisse	(FRA)	29:12	(1992)

Women

1. Colleen De Reuck	(CO)	32:31	(2004)
2. Priscilla Welch	(GBR)	32:58	(1985)
3. Lorraine Moller	(NZL)	33:09	(1996)
4. Lorraine Moller	(NZL)	33:10	(1995)
5. Colleen De Reuck	(CO)	33:13	(2005)

WOMEN'S OPEN DIVISION

The women's field of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race will feature not only defending champion Senbere Teferi, but also two of the four fastest 10K women in history and a three-time Olympic gold medalist who has recently returned to the sport after a four-year maternity absence.

SENBERE TEFERI

Age: 28

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 30:12 (New York Mini 10K, 2023)

Peachtree History: Second appearance. Teferi won last year in 30:49, the 5th-fastest in Peachtree history.

Career Highlights:

- Peachtree defending champion
- World Record-holder, women-only 5K (14:29, Herzogenaurach GER, 2021)
- Silver Medalist, 2015 World Athletics Cross Country Championships
- Silver Medalist, 2015 World Athletics Championships 5000m
- 2-time Olympian, 5000m (5th, 2016; 6th, 2020)

At last year's Peachtree, Teferi barely edged Irine Cheptai at the tape for the win after a fierce sprint down 10th Street. Both women were given the time of 30:49, tied for the fifth-fastest in race history. "It was really hot out there, so that made it hard to run and I'm not really good at handling the heat so I tried my best. I came in thinking I would win and also break the record, and with God's help I won and next time I will break the record." On June 10 this year, she outsprinted 2023 Boston winner Hellen Obiri to win the Mastercard New York Mini 10K in 30:12, a course record and the fastest women's 10K ever run in the U.S.

JOYCILINE JEPKOSGEI

Age: 29

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 29:43 (Prague, 2017, #3 woman all-time)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- Silver Medalist, 2018 World Half Marathon Championships
- Winner, 2019 TCS New York City Marathon

When Jepkosgei set her 10K personal best in 2017, she broke the world record and became the first woman to run under 30 minutes. It was quite the year for the Kenyan, who also twice broke the half-marathon world record (since surpassed).

SHEILA CHEPKIRUI

Age: 32

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 29:46 (Valencia, 2020, #4 woman all-time)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- 3rd, 2022 Valencia Marathon (2:17:29)
- 4th, 2023 TCS London Marathon (2:18:51)

Chepkirui set her 10K personal best (29:46) in 2020 when she triumphed in Valencia over Rosemary Wanjiru by four seconds (29:50) and Norah Tanui by five seconds (29:51) in the fastest 1-2-3 women's 10K in history. On June 25, she finished 3rd in a deep field at the B.A.A. 10K in Boston in hot and humid conditions, gaining ground in the final meters to finish just six seconds behind winner Hellen Obiri.

JESCA CHELANGAT

Age: 25

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 30:01 (Valencia, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlight:

- Tied for 11th-fastest 10K runner in history

VICOTY CHEPNGENO

Age: 29

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 30:14 (Castellón, Spain, 2022)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- Winner, 2022 Aramco Houston Half Marathon (1:05:03)
- 3-time Winner, Philadelphia Half Marathon (2018, 2019, 2021)

From the start of 2018 through her win in Houston in January 2022, Chepngeno won 11 of the 14 half marathons in which she participated but it's not the only distance at which she's been successful: in 2019, she recorded 17 victories, at distances from 5K to the half. Her winning time of 1:05:03 in Houston last year is the fastest women's half marathon ever run on U.S. soil.

TIRUNESH DIBABA

Age: 37

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 30:30 (Tilburg, NED, 2013)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- 3-time Olympic Gold Medalist
- 3-time Olympic Bronze Medalist
- 16-time World Championships Gold Medalist, including team competition in cross country
- Held World Record for 5000m from 2008-2020

One of the most-decorated runners in history, Dibaba was still a teenager when she won her first World Championships title in 2003, at 5000 meters. She would go on to win eight more individual world titles and six Olympic medals – three of them gold (10,000m in 2008 and 2012, 5000m in 2008). In 2017, she set an Ethiopian national record when she ran a 2:17:56 marathon in London. This January, she returned to competition after a four-year absence for maternity; Peachtree will be her first 10K since coming back. She is married to Sileshi Sihine, himself a two-time Olympic silver medalist in the 10,000m. They have three children: son Nathan, 8; and Allon, 3; and daughter Mati, 1.

CYNTHIA LIMO

Age: 33

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 31:27 (New York Mini 10K, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlight:

- Silver Medalist, 2016 World Half Marathon Championships

Keep an eye on Cynthia Limo, a 33-year-old Kenyan who was a major force on the roads in the U.S. from 2014-2016 – finishing on the podium in two dozen races – before taking off almost seven years for maternity. She has two daughters; a third, her firstborn, died before the age of 2. Limo returned to racing late last year, and on April 30 won the Blue Cross Broad Street Run, a 10-miler, in Philadelphia in a course record 50:54. On June 25, she finished 6th (31:49) at the B.A.A. 10K in Boston in hot and humid conditions.

TOP AMERICANS

EMILY DURGIN

Age: 29

Citizenship: USA (Flagstaff, AZ)

10K Personal Best: 31:35 (New York Mini 10K, 2023)

Peachtree History: 11th, 2022, (32:28); 2nd, 2021, (31:49)

Career Highlights:

- Runner-up, 2021 USATF 10 km Championships at Peachtree (31:49)
- Runner-up, 2022 USATF 15 km Championships
- 3rd, 2023 USATF Cross Country Championships
- Winner, 2023 Bolder Boulder 10K

After a solid career at the University of Connecticut that ended in 2017, Durgin gave herself a year to see if the pro running life appealed to her. The Maine native talked her way onto a post-collegiate team in Boston, a gear-only deal that led to a job nannying so she could pay the rent. By the spring of 2018, she had lowered her 10,000-meter PB by almost a minute and finished 5th at the USATF Cross Country Championships. After a move to Flagstaff, she opened her 2021 season by slashing more than 3 minutes off her half marathon PB before finishing second at the USATF 10 km Championships at Peachtree.

ANNIE FRISBIE

Age: 26

Citizenship: USA (Minneapolis, MN)

10K Personal Best: 31:55 (Charleston, SC, 2021)

Peachtree History: 10th, 2022, (32:23, first American); 2021, 3rd (32:06)

Career Highlights:

- 3rd, USATF 10 km Championships, 2021 (held at Peachtree) and 2022
- 2nd, 2022 USATF 10-Mile Championships

In her first 26.2-miler, Frisbie led the 2021 TCS New York City Marathon for the first half – ahead of Olympic gold medalist Peres Chepchirchir, among others – and finished in 2:26:18, the fourth-fastest debut ever for an American as well as the fourth-fastest time for an American woman at New York. A member of Minnesota Distance Elite, Frisbie was an All-American at Iowa State University. She works as a graphic designer.

SUSANNA SULLIVAN

Age: 33

Citizenship: USA (Reston, VA)

10K Personal Best: 33:02 (Peachtree, 2021)

Peachtree History: 8th, 2021 (33:02); 9th, 2017 (34:04); 16th, 2014 (33:35)

Career Highlights:

- Will represent USA in the marathon at 2023 World Championships in August
- 10th 2023 TCS London Marathon (2:24:27)
- Winner, 2022 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile

A full-time math teacher, Sullivan was just named to Team USA for the World Championships Marathon in late August – the first time she will represent the U.S. in competition. She calls Peachtree one of her favorite races, and plans to spend the evening of July 4 watching fireworks with relatives on a lake in North Georgia.

EMMA GRACE HURLEY

Age: 26

Citizenship: USA (Atlanta, GA)

10K Personal Best: 32:32 (New York Mini 10K, 2023)

Peachtree History: 14th, 2022 (33:37)

Career Highlights:

- Runner-up, 2023 USATF 15 km Championships
- 4th, 2023 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile

Raised in Roswell, Georgia, Hurley was a three-time GHSA state champion for Christian Fellowship School in cross country and the 3200 meters. At Furman University, she set school records in the Distance Medley Relay, 4x800m and 3000 meters. She began competing for Atlanta Track Club Elite in November 2021.

MEN'S OPEN DIVISION

The men's footrace field features nine men who have run under 27:30 on the road for 10K. That includes Tadesse Worku of Ethiopia, who has run 26:56, five seconds faster than the Peachtree course record of 27:01, and Charles Langat of Kenya, whose personal best of 26:57 is also under the current mark. None of the nine, however, has competed here before, while Tanzania's Gabriel Geay, the 2016 Peachtree Champion, will run for the third time and is coming off a personal best in winning the B.A.A. 10K on June 25.

GABRIEL GEAY

Age: 26

Citizenship: Tanzania

10K Personal Best: 27:49 (B.A.A. 10K, 2023)

Peachtree History: 4th, 2019 (27:56); 1st, 2016 (28:49)

Career Highlights:

- Winner, 2016 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race
- Winner, 2023 B.A.A. 10K in PB on June 25, 2023
- Runner-up, 2023 Boston Marathon
- 7th, 2022 World Athletics Championships Marathon
- 2020 Olympian, Marathon
- National Record-holder, marathon (2:03:00)

Gabriel Geay was just 19 when he won Peachtree in 2016, his first season on the roads. His 2:03:00 marathon makes him tied for 8th-fastest man in history at that distance. He comes to Atlanta in great shape, having run a personal best just nine days before Peachtree in hot and humid conditions.

TADESSE WORKU

Age: 21

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 26:56 (Herzogenaurach, GER, 2021)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- 2021 World Under-20 Champion, 3000m
- Silver Medalist, 2019 World U20 Cross Country Championships

Worku's personal best of 26:56 is five seconds faster than the Peachtree course record. On June 23, he finished fourth in Ethiopia's 10,000-meter Trials for this summer's World Championships, just missing the team but opening up the opportunity for him to compete here.

CHARLES LANGAT

Age: 27

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 26:57 (Valencia, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- Winner, 2023 Edreams Mitja Zurich Marato Barcelona (Half Marathon), 58:53
- Runner-up, 2023 Valencia Ibercaja 10K

Langat's personal best of 26:57 is four seconds faster than the Peachtree course record.

TSEGAY KIDANU

Age: 21

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 27:14 (Malaga, 2022)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- Winner, 2023 Publix Atlanta Half Marathon
- Winner, 2023 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile

This will be only the third 10K for the 20-year-old Ethiopian; he won his first, in April 2022, and finished 4th (28:18) in hot and humid conditions at the B.A.A. 10K in Boston on June 25.

KIPRONO SITONIK

Age: 24

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 27:20 (Lille, France, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

PHILEMON KIPLIMO

Age: 24

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 27:23 (Herzogenaurach, 2022)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- Winner, 2022 Prague Half Marathon (59:33)
- Winner, 2019 B.A.A. Half Marathon, Boston

HILLARY KIPKOECH

Age: 24

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 27:23 (Castellón, Spain, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlight:

- Winner, 2023 Facsa Castellón 10K (27:23)

BAYELIGN TESHAGER

Age: 23

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 27:24 (Herzogenaurach, GER, 2021)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- Winner, 2020 Los Angeles Marathon
- 6th, 2021 Boston Marathon

Teshager won the 2020 LA Marathon (2:08:28) in his debut at the distance.

NIBRET MELAK

Age: 23

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 27:26 (Laredo, Spain, 2019)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlight:

- 2020 Olympian, 5000m

ISAAC KIPKEMBOI

Age: 23

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 27:29 (Prague, 2022)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlight:

- Winner, 2023 RomaOstia Half Marathon (59:17)

JEMAL YIMER

Age: 26

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 27:50 (Peachtree, 2022)

Peachtree History: 3rd, 2022 (27:50)

Career Highlights:

- Winner, 2023 LA Marathon
- 3rd, 2021 Boston Marathon
- 4th, 2017 World Cross Country Championships
- Winner, 2020 Aramco Houston Half Marathon

TOP AMERICANS

BEN BLANKENSHIP

Age: 34

Citizenship: USA (Flagstaff, AZ)

10K Personal Best: 30:11 (Eugene, OR, 2018)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

- 8th, 2016 Olympics 1500m
- 5th, 2018 World Indoor Championships 1500m
- 2015 World Relay Champion, DMR (World Record)
- 2016 USATF Road Mile Champion
- 2017 USATF Indoor Champion, Mile
- 2018 USATF Club Cross Country Champion

After a long and successful career in the 1500m/Mile, Blankenship is stepping up to longer distances – coached by Ryan Hall, the fastest U.S. marathoner in history – and Peachtree will be his first major 10K road race. His off-road endeavors include the two-pillared Endless Mile Project: the Fast Forest has so far planted 755 trees in honor of every American miler who has broken 4 minutes (men) or 4:30 (women), and Recovered Running sources gently used athletic clothing and gear for distribution to local schools.

ELKANAH KIBET

Age: 40

Citizenship: USA (Colorado Springs, CO)

10K Personal Best: 28:57 (Peachtree, 2009)

Peachtree History: 5th, 2021 (29:00); 9th, 2018, (29:20); 8th, 2017 (29:04); 6th, 2016, (29:36); 5th, 2015 (29:53); 17th, 2012 (29:46); 40th, 2011 (30:28); 17th, 2009 (28:57).

Career Highlights:

- Four-time member of Team USA for World Championships Marathon (2023, 2022, 2019, 2017)
- 16th, 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon
- 9th, 2022 Boston Marathon (2:09:07, a personal best)

This will be the ninth Peachtree appearance for Kibet, a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army – not counting his win in the 2014 Peachtree overseas race in Kuwait. It was in the midst of an All-American career at Auburn University that Kibet ran his first Peachtree, in 2009; he had been training for the 2014 race when he was deployed. “Who would have believed that you could run it in Kuwait?” he said later. Kibet is preparing to represent the U.S. in his fourth World Championships Marathon this summer, in Budapest.

ANDREW COLLEY

Age: 32

Citizenship: USA (Blowing Rock, NC)

10K Personal Best: 28:45 (Washington, DC, 2018)

Peachtree History: 6th, 2018 (29:02)

Career Highlights:

- Three-time member of Team USA for World Championships Cross Country (2023, 2015, 2010)
- 2nd, 2023 USATF Cross Country Championships
- 3rd, 2019 USATF Half Marathon Championships

Colley is on the comeback trail, making his third World Cross Country Championships team after a bout of injuries that began with an ankle tear that forced him to drop out of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon.

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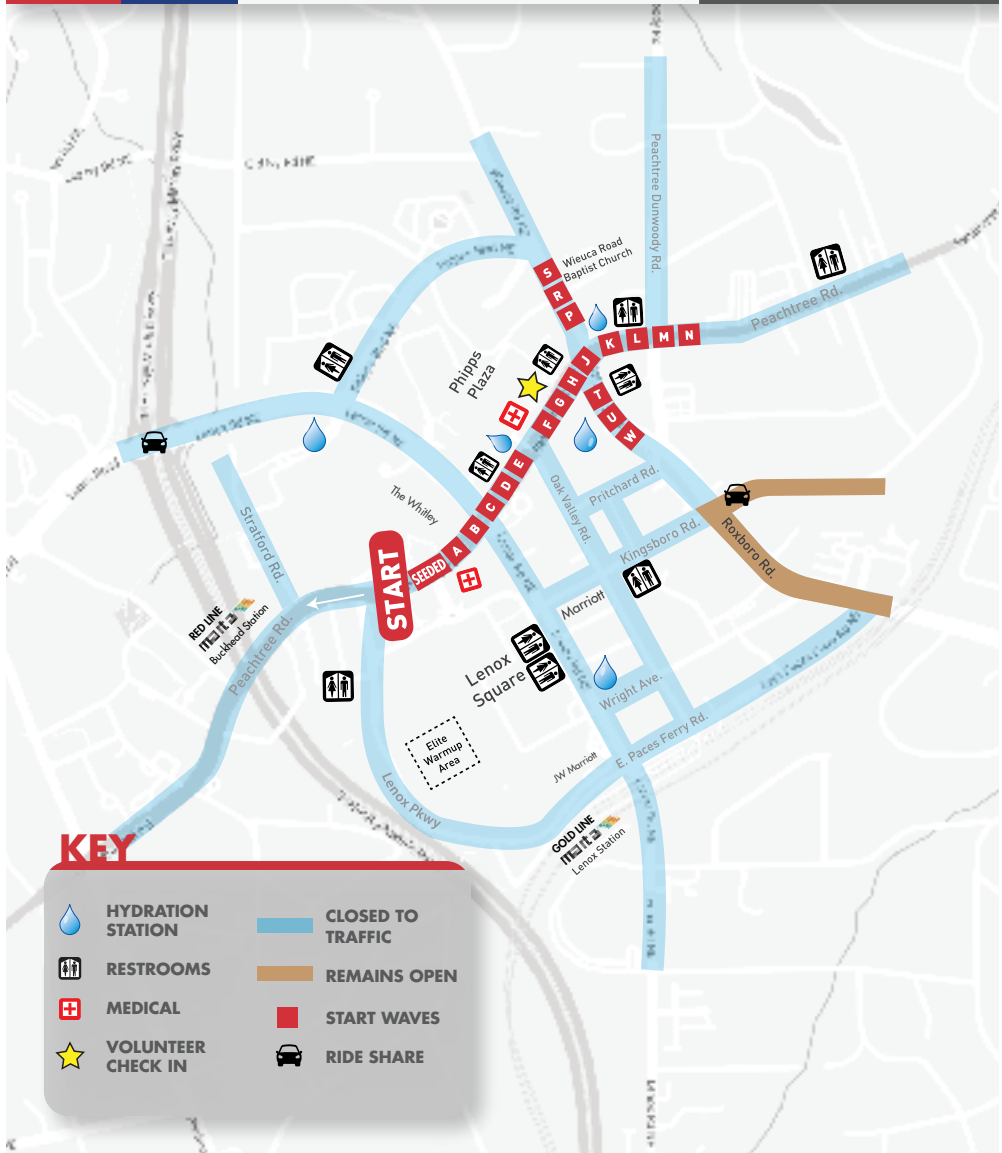
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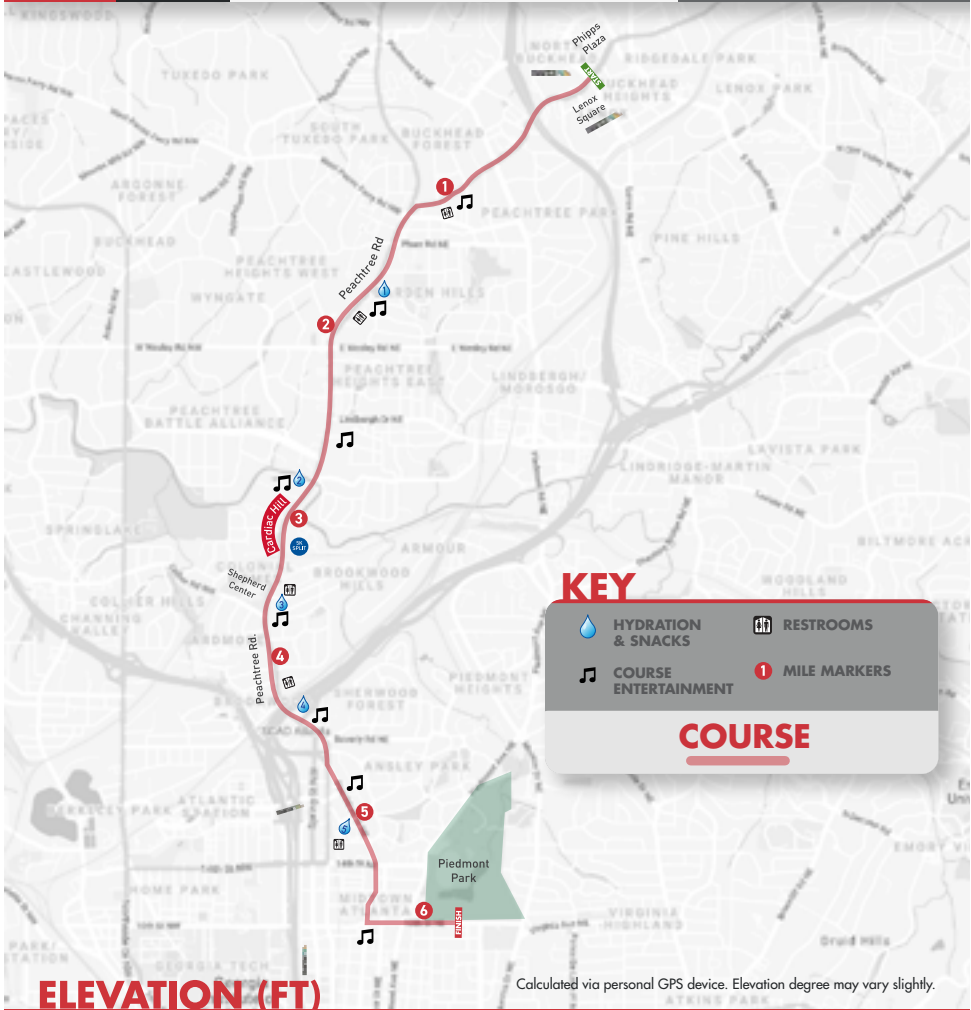
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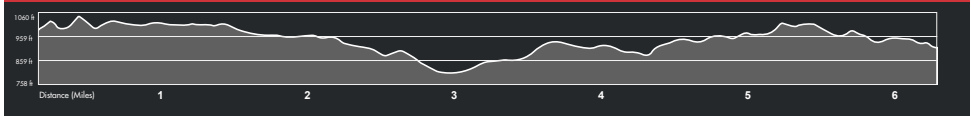
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Calculated via personal GPS device. Elevation degree may vary slightly.





Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race

PIEDMONT PARK
400 Park Dr. NE
Atlanta, GA 30326



Safety & Security

Safety is Atlanta Track Club’s top priority. With the help of the City of Atlanta and various local, state and federal agencies, we’ve done extensive planning to ensure the safety of our participants, spectators, volunteers and partners.

Substantial law enforcement presence will exist at the start, finish and post-event areas, as well as along the course.

There will be clearly defined restricted areas at the start and at the finish areas. Additional fencing with designated entry and exit points will be in place around the post-event area. Anyone entering a restricted area with a backpack, bag, purse, etc. will be subject to search.

Piedmont Park will be open to spectators, family and friends. There will be four security checkpoints to get into the park. No bags or coolers will be permitted. Anyone carrying a bag will be required to empty the contents into a clear plastic bag that will be provided.

See something, say something. Be vigilant. If you see something suspicious, contact the nearest police officer or call 911.

Event Alert System

Event Alert System colored flags will be located at the start line, along the course at the water stations and in the finish area. The flags will communicate the specific alert level, which could range from low (green) to moderate (yellow) to high (red) to cancelled (black) and are based primarily on weather conditions.

ALERT LEVEL	EVENT CONDITIONS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
EVENT CANCELLED Follow Official Event Instructions	Extreme conditions Event cancelled	Participation stopped/ follow official event instructions
HIGH Potentially Dangerous Conditions Follow Official Event Instructions	Dangerous Conditions	Slow down/ observe course changes/ follow official event instructions/ consider stopping
MODERATE Be Aware of Worsening Conditions	Use Caution	Slow down/ be prepared for worsening conditions
LOW Enjoy the Event	Good Conditions	Enjoy the event/ be alert

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Kilometer Kids

Each year, Atlanta Track Club has a limited number of Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race entries available to benefit its [Kilometer Kids](#) program. Kilometer Kids charity entry runners receive:

- A Finisher's T-shirt
- Kilometer Kids sack pack
- Commemorative medal
- MARTA pass
- Guaranteed entry into start wave E
- Training plan (based on training level)



These special entries are \$200 each, \$140 of which is tax deductible and goes directly to the Kilometer Kids program.

Kilometer Kids is Atlanta Track Club's oldest and largest youth running program. The free, game-based curriculum is designed to teach kids 5-14 about goal setting, healthy habits, respect and community building, all through exposing them to the sport of running. Over the course of the season, the goal for every Kilometer Kid is to run 26.2 miles, or the equivalent of a marathon, by attending two practices a week for 11 weeks. There is no fee to participate, and the program is for all elementary and middle school students regardless of running ability or experience. In the noncompetitive program, being a Kilometer Kid is not about running the fastest or winning the race. Instead it's all about working hard, being kind and having fun while becoming more physically active, being a part of a team and finding joy in the process.

The program launched in 2007 with one location serving 38 kids. Since then, Kilometer Kids now impacts almost 5,000 kids each year in the Atlanta region and beyond. The program is funded by Atlanta Track Club, private donations, foundation grants, community partners, and Kilometer Kids charity entries from the AJC Peachtree Road Race.

What makes Kilometer Kids different from many other sports-based youth development programs is that Atlanta Track Club does not train outside volunteers and send them out to schools and communities. Instead, in order to host a Kilometer Kids program, someone from that school or community serves as the coach. Every program site is unique with different needs, and a member of that community is best equipped to understand those needs. Atlanta Track Club believes this model fosters a greater sense of camaraderie and trust. A site lead/head coach has the flexibility to decide whether they will participate for the fall and/or spring season, where their team will practice, and what days and times work best. Kilometer Kids site leads/head coaches are supported through a detailed curriculum of lesson plans, coaching orientation, mileage tracking tools and more.

ATLANTA TRACK CLUB





ATLANTA TRACK CLUB HISTORY

Atlanta Track Club is a nonprofit founded in the fall of 1964 as a merger between two local running organizations, the Metropolitan Track Coaches Association and the Atlanta Striders. The early years of Atlanta Track Club were focused on track, with its main mission to honor outstanding high school track and field and cross country athletes. In 1965, Atlanta Track Club's first full year in existence, membership included 21 general members, 17 coaches and 40 student athletes. That year, the organization operated on a budget of just under \$2,600, a portion of which was used to put on the Georgia Championship open track meet, sponsor junior and senior teams at five meets and organize an open high school meet.

The Club finished out the 1960s as a healthy but small organization devoted to promoting track and field, with secondary interest in road running. In the 1970s, that would reverse. On July 4, 1969, several Atlanta Track Club members attended a road race in Fort Benning, Georgia. On the ride home, one of them suggested putting on a July 4 race in Atlanta. A year later, about 150 people directed by Tim Singleton lined up near the Sears store on Peachtree to run what we now know as the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race. Its popularity grew rapidly, and it is now traditionally a 60,000-person event celebrating people of all athletic abilities as the world's largest 10K running event.

In 1982, Atlanta Track Club found itself financially able to fund modest gifts to the city for the first time. The Club had lights installed at Grady High School's track, which made it the first track venue in the city that could be used at night.

Fast forward 59 years after its founding and Atlanta Track Club has become the second-largest running organization in the nation, with an expected operating budget of \$12 million and more than 31,000 members and 18,000 volunteers in 2023. In an average year, the Club organizes more than 40 events and programs, including the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race. In 2017, it led the charge to resurface the track at Cheney Stadium in Atlanta's Summerhill neighborhood. The one-time warmup facility for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics had fallen into disrepair. It is now a state-of-the-art track open to the public every morning and evening and on weekends.

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On February 29, 2020, the Club hosted the USA Olympic Team Trials – Marathon, arguably the most successful Trials in the event’s history. Although the shutdowns of COVID-19 temporarily slowed operations – as happened around the world – the Club continued to offer virtual events and gatherings and virtual programming in its Kilometer Kids program, and even launched several new projects.

With a mission to create an active and healthy Atlanta through running and walking, Atlanta Track Club continues to play a critical role in inspiring and engaging the community to enjoy a healthier lifestyle. From the staff to the more than 4,000 children who participate in Atlanta Track Club’s Kilometer Kids youth running program each year to the more than 110,000 people who took part in the Club’s events and programs in 2022, Atlanta Track Club looks forward to a robust future as we return to normalcy – and improve on it.



Atlanta Track Club Elite Recent Accomplishments

- Shane Streich sets American indoor record at 1000m
- Olivia Baker makes Team USA for the World Athletics Indoor Track & Field Championships in the 800m
- Three women – Olivia Baker, Allie Wilson, Sadi Henderson – break 2:00 for the 800m

Contributions to Community

- \$10,000 in scholarships awarded to high school track and field/cross country athletes in 2023 in partnership between Atlanta Track Club Foundation and Atlanta Youth Running Foundation.
- Continued partnership with Atlanta Public Schools to provide coaching resources, meet management and educational sessions to 21 track and field and cross country programs.
- Staging of the inaugural Run with Maud 5K, a fundraiser for the Ahmaud Arbery Foundation with a mission to promote mental and physical wellness among young black boys.

SELECT UPCOMING ATLANTA TRACK CLUB EVENTS

Saturday July 15

Westside BeltLine 5K-8K

7:30 a.m., Westside BeltLine

- Competitive 8K (ages 9 & older)
- Non-competitive 5K (ages 8 & older), strollers and dogs are welcome
- Final event in series is the Eastside BeltLine 3K-10K on November 11

Sunday, October 21-22

PNC Atlanta 10 Miler & 5K

Atlantic Station

- All participants receive a commemorative adidas backpack and medal
- Enjoy deals and discounts from retailers and restaurants in Atlantic Station all weekend
- 10 Miler part of the Triple Peach Race Series*

Thursday, November 23

Invesco QQQ Thanksgiving Day Half Marathon, 5K, Mile & Dash

7:30 a.m., Center Parc Stadium

- Participants receive an adidas long-sleeve shirt (half marathon & 5K only) and medal
- Half marathon part of the Triple Peach Race Series*
- Price increases at the end of August

Saturday, February 24 & Sunday, February 25, 2024

Publix Atlanta Marathon Weekend

Centennial Olympic Park

- Marathon, half marathon, 5K, kids races
- Celebrate the best of Atlanta by running past some of the city's most important monuments
- Prices increase in July