

One Week until MCM10K and MCM Kids Run Registration Opens

Marine Corps Marathon Weekend Events Hosted in Arlington, VA and the Nation's Capital

QUANTICO, VA (April 4, 2018) – Registration will open next week for the MCM10K and the MCM Kids Run presented by Virginia529, two of the main attractions of Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) Weekend. Both events open registration on April 11, 2018 at noon Eastern at www.marinemarathon.com.

The MCM Kids Run presented by Virginia529 will be held on October 27, 2018, the day prior to the MCM. The MCM10K will take place on October 28, 2018 starting in the nation's capital as the MCM begins in Arlington. As part of the *Next Generation Inspiration Initiative*, runners ages 17 and under on event day, will receive a 40 percent discount off registration.

The MCM10K is a popular 6.2 mile run that sells out every year. Thousands of runners will take on the course that starts on the National Mall and finishes in stride with the MCM at the iconic U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial. Registration is \$50 and is available to runners eight and above. Registration will increase to \$65 on July 18, 2018. All participants will get to enjoy the MCM Weekend amenities, including the two-day Health & Fitness Expo, premier participant shirt, stunning finisher medal, event program, entertainment and hospitality.

The MCM Kids Run presented by Virginia529 is a family-friendly event for kids ages 5 to 12 who also want to partake in the excitement of MCM Weekend. The one-mile fun run located in the Pentagon North parking lot in Arlington, VA, draws more than 3,500 kids from across the United States. The MCM Kids Run includes music, mascots, healthy snacks and Camp Miles, the interactive fun and fitness festival geared to kids. Registration is \$6 with the *Next Generation Inspiration Initiative*. All participants will receive a finisher medal, participant shirt and a variety of healthy snacks, courtesy of Sodexo.

Families may choose for their young runner to participate in any of the nine starting waves between 9 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

In September, the MCM Kids Run will open to entire school groups who want to participate in the fun together. The five schools that register the largest number of students to participate in the MCM Kids Run will be presented the Healthy School Award. The Healthy School Award is a monetary prize presented to the winning schools' physical education departments from Sodexo.

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About the Marine Corps Marathon:

The MCM10K and MCM Kids Run presented by Virginia529 are organized by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization, voted the “Best Marathon for Families” and the “Best Marathon in the Mid Atlantic.” No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines

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About Virginia529:

Virginia529 makes higher education more accessible and affordable for families and individuals. With more than \$69 billion in assets under management and 2.6 million accounts as of February 28, 2018, Virginia529 is the largest 529 plan available. Three flexible, affordable, tax-advantaged programs—Prepaid529SM, Invest529SM and CollegeAmerica®—and early commitment scholarship program SOAR Virginia® assist students of any age in reaching their higher education goals. For more information on Virginia529’s college savings options, visit Virginia529.com or call 1-888-567-0540 to obtain program materials. These include information on Virginia529 programs, investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses and other important information; read and consider them carefully before investing. All investments are subject to risk, including the possible loss of the money you invest. Virginia529 encourages prospective participants to seek the advice of a professional concerning any financial, tax or legal implications related to opening an account. For residents of states other than Virginia: before investing, you should consider whether your or the beneficiary’s home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protections from creditors that are only available for investments in that state’s qualified tuition program. ©2018 Virginia College Savings Plan. All Rights Reserved.