Hello Runners!

The 60th Anniversary race 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!** Our race expo and packet pick-up will be held at a different location this year from 4pm - 8pm in the lower level Ambassador Ballroom at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, located at 700 E Adams St, Springfield, IL 62701. You will need to take elevator/stairs down 1 level from the main level. It is suggested that you park in the adjoining parking ramp. There is also street parking available. 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. 😊

Packet pick up will be for ALL participants. In-person, virtual, and virtual volunteers. If you selected to have your packet shipped, it will not be at packet pick up. If you need to change this, please let us know asap. 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 party tent to see if we have extras.

Hoodies: this year hoodies were an added gift for all registrants for the 60th Anniversary. You will be able to go to the hoodie table and show your bib and select a size. If you did not register in time for a shirt, that means you did not register in time for a hoodie. BUT, as stated above if there are extras AFTER the race, you can try to get one then.

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 also have some “Lincoln beards” that you can take, but they were longer than expected and might need a good trim, ha!

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

For those who can't make the Expo Friday, there will be packet pick-up race morning from 6:30am - 7:15am at the same location but just outside the Ballroom doors.

There will be NO in person registration. The race is sold out.

**Virtual Participants:** Virtual participants that opted to have their packets mailed, will be mailed within 1 week after race day. All others, must be picked up at the race expo or on race morning. Medals and finisher blankets will be included in virtual packets, so make sure you don’t leave the expo without these items! 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=3040> 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 and a finisher blanket 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. If the post race tent is up and ready on Adams St, you may hang out over there before the race. The Springfield Visitor Center will also be open to stay warm if you’d like. It is located on the corner of Adams and 6th St, you can also find it on the map included in your swag bag.

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!

We have pacers for 1:30, 1:35, 1:40, 1:45, 1:50, 1:55, 2:00, 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.lincolnhalf.com](http://www.lincolnhalf.com) 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 UltraRacePhotos and will be available for purchase within a week or two after the race. **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.\* We will have bananas, chips, donuts, bottles of water, chocolate milk, and white milk just past the finish line and to the right down Adams Street at the post race party tent. You can use your free beer ticket inside Buzz Bomb Brewing which is right by the tent. You are allowed anything on tap, including ciders or canned NA beers! The only thing excluded is the canned cocktails/wine. Be sure to grab some grub at Café Moxo as well. If you are bringing the kids, Kidzeum will be open for business and we highly recommend you check it out!

**Childcare:** Speaking of Kidzeum… They have 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 if you’d like more information: https://77661.blackbaudhosting.com/77661/Lincoln-Presidential-Half-Marathon-Child-Drop-Off

**Awards!** New this year: Instead of having a formal awards ceremony, we will have an awards tent near the finish and will be handing them out as runners come in there. We will also have awards for the RRCA Championship. If you win an RRCA Championship award, you will also still win one of our race awards for wherever you placed. Awards will not be mailed. Specific award information is also listed on our website www.lincolnhalf.com.

If you are here for the weekend, Buzz Bomb Brewing will have happy hour Friday, live entertainment Saturday night, and a Boozy Brunch on Sunday at 11am. You should definitely check it out! Elf Shelf Music will be providing some tunes Saturday post race during the day at the party tent sponsored by Prairie State Bank & Trust. We will also have music provided from Epic Entertainment at our start and finish line to help pump everyone up! There are plenty of other area business right near the start/finish area. We have featured some of them on a map inside your swag bag.

**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, nice and warm, so please be sure to come well hydrated and listen to your body. 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!