

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR FOURTH ANNUAL GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE MARATHON

Early-bird and online registration discounts offered for marathon and half-marathon

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Oct 12, 2011 — Race organizers are offering early-bird and online registration discounts for the fourth annual Garden Spot Village Marathon, to be held on Sat., Mar. 31, 2012. Discounts apply to individual marathoners, four-person relay teams and half-marathon participants.

Individual adult participants receive a \$30 discount if they register by Jan. 3, 2011; relay teams get a discount of \$120.

Discounts of \$20 for individual adults and \$80 for adult relay teams are available to those who register between Jan. 4 and Feb. 28.

After Feb. 28, registration is \$110 for the marathon, \$100 for the half marathon and \$400 for relay teams. Special rates for students 17 and under are \$45 for the marathon, \$35 for the half marathon and \$180 for student relay teams. The early-bird discounts do not apply to student registrations.

An additional \$5 discount is available for those who register online.

Tech shirts are included with all registrations received before Mar. 1. After Mar. 1, shirts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The race begins at 8 a.m., and race packs will be available at 6:30 a.m. The 26.2-mile, USA Track & Field (USATF)-certified, Boston Marathon qualifier course starts near the Legacy Garden on the 104-acre campus of Garden Spot Village, a retirement community in Lancaster County, Pa. The course winds through the scenic Amish farmlands at the foot of the Welsh Mountain before looping back to the campus at 433 S. Kinzer Ave. in New Holland. Water stops and Porta-Johns are located every two miles along the route, and all participants have access to showers, a pool and a hot tub after the race.

The marathon is unique in that the masters cash awards are the same amounts as the overall awards. Cash awards will be given in four marathon categories: Men Overall, Women Overall, Men 50-plus and Women 50-plus. In each category, awards are \$500 and a trophy for first place, with trophies for second and third place. In addition, there will be first, second and third place awards for men and women in age categories, in five-year increments ranging from ages 13-19 to age 80-plus.

All finishers receive a medal.

A pre-race pasta dinner will be held at Garden Spot Village on Fri., Mar. 30, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person for ages 13 and up. Children ages 12 and under eat free.

Proceeds from the marathon benefit the Garden Spot Village Benevolent Fund, which helps support residents who need financial assistance. The event's premier sponsors are Garden Spot Village and Garden Spot Village at Home, which offers personal care and companionship services in the greater New Holland area.

For more information, or to register for the race, visit www.gardenspotvillagemarathon.org or find us on facebook.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Linda Dodge at LDodge@gardenspotvillage.org.

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