

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS: *Twas the Night Before 5K (Wednesday, December 16th, 2015)*

LOCATION: Firestone Park: 338 East Park Avenue, Columbiana, OH 44408

Thank you again to everyone taking part in our third-year event. Here are a few things we would like to remind everyone about.

- Please dress accordingly. We are looking at starting race day temps between 30 and 45 degrees with a chance of rain and wind chills making it feel even colder.
- **EARLY PACKET PICK-UP WILL TAKE PLACE AT SECOND SOLE IN BOARDMAN (755 Boardman-Canfield Rd. Youngstown, OH 44512) FROM 12 to 4PM on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th.** Present your bib number for 20% off all apparel in the store and discounted prices on selected running shoes.
- Day of registration and packet pick up will take place at Pavilion #1 (it will be decorated as a church) in Firestone Park beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 5:45pm.
- Please plan to arrive early as we are expecting 250-350 participants. Parking will not be available around Pavilion #1. Multiple parking lots will be open in the park within walking distance to the pavilion and are free to park. They are located by Pavilion #4 decorated as Santa's Ice Castle and by the Funland/football field.
- Posted directional signs will line the entire course directing runners. We will have volunteers, barricades and police support at every intersection as well. Finally, we will have a lead police vehicle and an EMS vehicle following our last walkers.
- **NEW START LINE THIS YEAR!** The start line for the 5K course is located next to Mirror Lake in the park. (If you ran our very first year you will be lining up close to that start). Runners and walkers will be directed from Pavilion #1 to the start line just before 6pm. The finish line will remain the same as last year and is located next to pavilion #1. The park will also be closed to traffic during the race. On some of the residential streets outside the park you will be directed to stay to the right for your safety. Luminaries will light darker sections outside and inside of the park as well.

- **NEW B-TAG TIMING THIS YEAR!** Disposable computer chips will be attached to the back of your bib number which will record your time as you cross the finish line. Please wear your bib on the front of your body. The awards ceremony will take place in Pavilion #1 and will include overall m/f and age group awards as well as a 50/50 and raffle basket prizes. Bring extra money for some great prizes! (\$5 for 6 tickets or \$10 for 12 tickets)
- The park will be open to all runners who would like to drive their vehicles through the light show until 9pm. This will begin at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Please present your bib number at the top of the park hill near Firestone Pool to the attendee for free entrance.
- Please follow all directional arrows for exiting the park when driving as it is one way traffic starting at 4pm. The Main Gate of the park (pool hill) is the entrance you should use if coming in from Park Avenue. If you come in from Herbster St. you may only take a right hand turn into the park which will be by one of the two parking lots.
- As in previous years we are collecting non-perishable foods and paper products such as tissues and toilet paper. These items will be donated to The Way Station in Columbiana. We are collecting toys for all ages (including gift cards intended for teens). Toys will either go to the Way Station or Akron Children's Hospital Beeghly Campus depending on how many we receive. Finally we have a high school student that is working on collecting gently used shoes for the Soles for Souls program. Donations will earn tickets for a special drawing for an entry into the Holiday Series presented next year by Second Sole and S & B Foundation! Earn up to three tickets total... ie... Two cans of beans equal one ticket, three toys equal one ticket, and one pair of shoes equals one ticket for a total of three tickets.

For any questions or concerns please contact race directors Josh and Crystal Boggs at fhvision@mail.com or 330-482-9105. Good luck to everyone and we look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening! Race day questions should be directed to 330-261-3951.