**Asian Lantern Festival 5k & 1 Mile**

**FAQs**

**What areas of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo will we be racing through?** The zoo will be providing us access to their pre-designed courses for both the 5k and 1 Mile. Each section will be lit with the Asian Lantern Festival and in areas that are not lit by the festival, there will be luminaries marking the course. According to the zoo’s FAQ page the portions of the zoo will be including the Welcome Plaza, African Savanna, Wilderness Trek, Asian Highlands, Waterfowl Lake and more.

**Can my race entry fee get me access to the zoo during the day?** The race entry fee will not permit you access to the park until 7:00pm on race night. The entry fee does include the cost of admission to the Asian Lantern Festival for the night of the event only. This is a value of $22.

**I am a zoo member can I use my discount to save money on my entry fee?** The zoo does not honor memberships for discounts for special events and we have to pay for your entrance in to the zoo regardless of if you have a membership. There are no discounts offered for your being a member of the zoo.

**How late can we stay and view the animal displays after the race?** All participants are to leave the zoo at 10:30 pm at the latest. If you arrive early you are permitted to view the animals and to walk the course for warm-up. However we ask that you are not on the course starting at 8:15pm to allow walkers and runners to compete without fear of running in to bystanders.

**Is the entire zoo open for viewing?** According to the zoo “The Asian Lantern Festival will not include any part of Australian Adventure, or Primate, Cat & Aquatics areas; all buildings, including The RainForest, will remain closed.”

**Are there refunds due to inclement weather?** There are no refunds for inclement weather, although lightening may delay the start time.

**If I do not show up race day can my race materials be mailed to me?** Race materials not picked up on race day are forfeit. If you feel that you have any chances of not being able to show up we highly suggest paying for packets to be shipped ahead of time or participating virtually.

**I am registering to race virtually, can I still show up to the zoo to pick up my packet and visit the facility?** No. Virtual participants will not be provided wristbands to view the zoo and therefore cannot show up on race day. Virtual participants must pay to have their packets mailed to them ahead of time.

**Can I bring my pet to the race?** Per the zoo policy you cannot bring your pet to the race. We cannot permit runners with pets at this event.

**Will I have access to restrooms during the event?** Per the zoo “There are restrooms available prior to entrance of the Zoo.”

**Can I exit the zoo and then get back in?** No. Once you fully enter the zoo you cannot leave and regain admittance. We highly suggest that whatever you need for racing you bring in to the zoo with you. Anything not carried during the race is left at your own risk. Wrist bands will be received just prior to the zoo entrance as an FYI. You will not be permitted entrance to the zoo without a wristband.

**I don’t want to run/walk but I want to attend as a spectator is that permitted?** Spectators must pay to enter the zoo. If you are not planning on running or walking you can pay the non-participant fee of $25 and can view the race. You will not receive any swag and you cannot consume any of the snacks/beverages provided to the participants. You will be able to access any portion of the zoo open to race participants.

**Is there a designated place for smokers?** No. Smoking and tobacco products of any sort are not permitted within the zoo due to the health of the animals. The zoo has the authority to ask you to leave if you are seen using vaping or tobacco products in any format.