

More than 20,000 runners set to race, eat and drink during Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathon

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (Nov. 3, 2015) – More than 20,000 runners from across the country, including thousands from Central Florida, are expected to lace up and run, eat and drink during the Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathon Weekend at Walt Disney World Resort.

The 13.1-mile half marathon race on Saturday night is the only nighttime half marathon in the Orlando area and takes runners through Disney's Animal Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Epcot. To top it off, runners — more than 14,000 of which will be running in the half marathon itself — will toast the night away at the exclusive Finish Line Party during the Epcot International Food & Wine Festival, featuring more than 30 marketplaces offering fine cuisine and wine until the wee hours of the morning.

The half marathon begins Saturday night at 10 p.m. from ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and finishes at Epcot. All runners receive a special Wine & Dine medal at the finish line.

Media interested in covering the Wine & Dine Half Marathon must contact Disney Sports PR by 5 p.m. Friday.

For coverage of the half marathon Saturday night, media should arrive at the starting line at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex by 8 p.m. if interested in interviewing runners before the start or doing pre-race live shots. Runners will also be available for interviews at the finish line at Epcot.

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In addition to the half marathon, the Disney Wine & Dine Weekend also features a full course of events for the entire family, including Thursday's Wine & Dine Welcome Reception at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex from 7:30-9 p.m. and the *runDisney* Kids Races beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

EVENT SCHEDULE for WINE & DINE WEEKEND:

- Wine & Dine Welcome Reception • ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex • Thursday, November 5 – 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- *runDisney* Health & Fitness Expo • ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex • Friday, November 6, 2015 – 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. & Saturday, November 7 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Disney Wine & Dine Pre-Race Taste • Disney's Hollywood Studios • Friday, November 6 – 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Mickey's Jingle Jungle 5K • Disney's Animal Kingdom • Saturday, November 7 – 7 a.m. start