

runDisney Toasts to 10 Years of the Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathon Weekend

This weekend, *run*Disney will celebrate the 10th annual <u>Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathon Weekend</u>. The past 10 years have brought some amazing moments, exciting races, and compelling stories, and we're looking forward to more excitement this year with a 5K on Friday, Nov. 1, 10K and kids races on Saturday, Nov. 2, and half marathon on Sunday, Nov. 3. Runners and Guests can start celebrating the race weekend on Thursday, Oct. 31 when the <u>Health & Fitness Expo</u> kicks off at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Visit the Expo from Thursday to Saturday for exclusive race weekend merchandise, interactive demonstrations, and innovative tech and gear to encourage health and fitness.

We hope you're getting as excited for race weekend as we are! To toast to the 10^{th} anniversary, let's look back on the top 10 moments in Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathon Weekend:

- <u>2010</u>: Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathon began on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010. At the time, it was the first *run*Disney event held at night and the first to involve a relay option.
- <u>2010-2012</u>: Anton Van Zyle is one of two people in *run*Disney race history to win three consecutive half marathons. He won the first three Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathons in 2010, 2011 and 2012, also making him the only male to have won the race more than once.
- <u>2014:</u> Chris Sorrick became the youngest participant to win the Half Marathon at the age of 21.
- 2016: For the first time in event history, the Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathon started in the morning.
- <u>2016</u>: runDisney began serving up some new flavors, expanding to a four-day event that included that additions of the 10K race and a new challenge event Lumiere's Two Course Challenge.
- <u>2016</u>: Jason Simpson from Boulder, Colorado set the Disney Wine & Dine Half Marathon course record with a time of 1:10:24.
- <u>2016:</u> We met Walter Beckman, the determined blind runner from Pensacola who completed Lumiere's Challenge and is returning to run during the 10th anniversary weekend.
- <u>2017:</u> Brazilian runner Giovanna Martins made history as the first woman to be the overall winner of a runDisney half marathon race (1:19:22).
- <u>2017:</u> For the first time, *run*Disney race participants had the chance to run through Pandora at Disney's Animal Kingdom, with both the 5K and Half Marathon courses crossing through the land.
- <u>2017:</u> For the first time in event history, *run*Disney used the Cast of the Adventurer's Club both oncourse and during the Post-Race Party.

Not running but still want to celebrate the 10th annual Wine & Dine Half Marathon Weekend with us? Join the ChEAR Squad as a spectator to support runners during the 10K and Half Marathon, or attend the Post-Race Party on Sunday night for an after-hours party at the Epcot International Food & Wine Festival where you'll have access to all the Global Marketplaces, select Epcot attractions, rare characters, and party-exclusive merchandise. Visit www.runDisney.com for more information and tickets for both the ChEAR Squad and Post-

Race Party!

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