

SUBJECT: Your Bib # and Race Weekend Info: Stillwater Half Marathon

Get set for a great weekend! You've registered for the Stillwater Half Marathon/10K/5K on Saturday May 23. **READ CAREFULLY and don't miss our special tribute to volunteers and a dear friend.**

[FIRSTNAME LASTNAME],

[Bib No.]: This is your bib number for the race. Remember this number; you will need it to pick up your race packet if you don't have it already.

NOTE: If this same email address was used for more than one registration, only one email will be sent. You can look up other bib numbers alphabetically by last name at packet pickup.

Packet Pickup: You have two options

(Recommended) Friday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Water Street Inn, [101 Water Street South](#) in Downtown Stillwater.

Saturday beginning at 5:20 a.m. also at the Water Street Inn

See the [website](#) for a full list of runner perks.

Getting your Bib Number and Shirt is fast and easy. Bibs are available in lanes at packet pick-up with the number ranges shown at each lane. This helps speed pick-up. Remember your number and head straight to your lane.

In-Person Registration and Will Call

Registration is available at packet pickup for any last-minute recruits you've persuaded to join you. In addition, Will Call registration is available online until noon Friday, May 22. See the website for details.

Friday Happenings at Packet Pick-up – Get the scoop about race day

We “pack” packet pickup with all kinds of race information.

- Check out the [course maps](#) with aid stations marked
- See where you'll catch the shuttle
- Scope out the finish line location

Brooks Ghost 18 Demo Friday Only – Meet the reps and try the shoes, courtesy of [Wild River Running](#) – Stillwater's own local running store. A longtime favorite from Brooks, the Ghost 18 is a smooth, reliable daily trainer that works great for both new and experienced runners alike.



Demo Shoes and Enter to WIN – Find the demo and Wild River Running outside the Water Street Inn from 3–6 p.m. Friday only with demo pairs of the Brooks Ghost 18 available to try on or take for a test run. Everyone who demos the Ghost 18 will be entered to win a free pair! Want an extra entry? Tag [@brooksrrunning](#), [@wildriverrunning](#), and [@runstillwater](#) in your pre-race or race-day social posts for another chance to win.

Come Dressed for a Shakeout Run at 5:00 p.m. Friday – Wild River Running will lead the official Run Stillwater pre-race shakeout run at 5:00 p.m. Meet at the demo tent in front of the Water Street

Inn. Join us for an easy 1–2 mile jog along the river, meet fellow runners, and loosen up before race day. All paces and abilities are welcome!

Changing your distance

You may change your distance at packet pickup. Get your bib FIRST, then come to the changes table and we'll record the information. There is no charge to run a shorter distance. If you'd like to move up in distance, you'll just pay the difference. Please note: Changing your distance may delay your results on race day as we work to update your race details.

Exchanging Shirt Sizes

You may exchange your shirt for a different size only after the race. We order what you ask for. Bring your clean shirt back to packet pickup after the race to exchange it.

Download Our Tracking App

Run Stillwater offers race results and tracking using our mobile app available in the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

The app provides live results and allows participants to see their performance seconds after crossing the finish line. Spectators can track the progress of participants on the course and stay updated via Race Update notifications, interactive course maps, and real-time leaderboards. Download it now and get set up before race day. Bib numbers are uploaded during race week. If you don't see yours, check back later. All bib numbers are visible by race day.

Race Day Information

Start Time

All races begin at 7:00 a.m. SHARP – Last bus leaves at 6:30 a.m. SHARP

Parking

Parking the morning of the race is available throughout downtown Stillwater. See recommendations on this [map of the downtown area](#), and go to the website for answers to [frequently asked questions](#).

Buses: 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

YOU MUST TAKE THE BUS and have your bib with you to board. NO BIB, NO BUS RIDE.

Exceptions are made only for unregistered parents/guardians accompanying minors.

Start locations are remote and can get congested with runners and buses moving through. Additional vehicles slow drop-off and can delay start times. Please, be a part of the solution and take the bus.

Buses are marked for each start location. Check before you board to be sure you are headed to the right spot. Shuttles begin at 5:30 a.m. and run continuously until the last bus at **6:30 a.m. SHARP**.

- Buses load on [Mulberry Street](#) north of the Water Street Inn (Visible from the front steps of the hotel.)
- Water, portapotties and bag drop are available **at the start locations**

Bib Placement

Attach your bib in front above your waste. Your bib must be visible. The timing strip on the back is to record your time and location during the race. Do not fold it or put it in a pocket.

Bag Drop

- Bags are **provided only at start locations.** They are clear and measure 15" x 18"
- Your bib number has a bag drop tag. At Bag Drop, remove it and place the tag **inside your bag and visible** from the outside
- All Bag Drop items must be in a bag
- Your race bib and Bag Drop tag must match to pick up your items at the finish line
- **Bag Drop items are available at the finish line AFTER 7:45 a.m.** to allow time for sorting. Please be patient and wait to inquire about your belongings until after 7:45.
Pick-up is staffed at the finish area until approximately 10:45 a.m.
- Run Stillwater, Inc. is not responsible for lost or damaged items left in Bag Drop

Spectators!

Friends and family are welcome to cheer you on at the race. The routes, however, don't easily accommodate crowds. We recommend staking out a spot at the finish line to share the achievement of getting that finisher medal.

Course and Post Race Information

Finish Information

The finish area is at [Pioneer Park](#) on the bluff overlooking the St. Croix River.

Post-race refreshments include bottled water, Gatorade, bananas, oranges and salty snacks.

In addition to the smartphone app, race results are available at [Mtec Results](#) and accessible on a smartphone, tablet or computer. We will post links to results on the Run Stillwater website as soon as possible after the event.

We will not hold an awards ceremony. Top three winners in each age category will receive personalized awards mailed after the race to commemorate your accomplishment.

Race Safety

Courses are marked with cones and signage. Roads are **not** closed for the event. Stay alert, inside coned areas and follow the directions of public safety and course marshalls for the safety of all participants. The course and finish area are fully staffed to assist with medical needs.

Each water station is staffed by volunteers and has Gatorade and water available, plus portapotties at or nearby. Each station has tables; one with Gatorade and one with water.

Half Marathon

The Half Marathon course has six water stops at approximately two-mile increments (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12)

10K Race

The 10K course has three water stops

5K Race

The 5K course has one water stop at approximately Mile 1.6

Post-Race SHOWERS! Available after the race at **River Valley Athletic Club** [1826 Northwestern Avenue](#), Stillwater – around the corner from Lift Bridge Brewing's Stillwater taproom!
Bring your own towel and show your bib, then get out and enjoy Stillwater!

Stick Around Stillwater After the Race

Stillwater is stellar in the summertime. Make plans to stay after the race. Grab breakfast with family and friends. Do a little shopping and enjoy the river views throughout downtown.

Check out Wild River Running at 224 Chestnut Street, just 1½ blocks west of the Water Street Inn.

Get a Great Deal on a New or Used Vehicle Looking for a new or used car? Our great sponsor, Inver Grove Honda, is offering \$500 off when you trade in your vehicle for something shiny and new! Check it out at Inver Grove Honda, 4605 S Robert Trail, Inver Grove Heights, (651) 306-8600.

Finish Line Photos

Pics of the race and your photo finish are free and available for download. See the Run Stillwater website after the race for details.

Social Media!

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- Look for finish-line photos on our **Facebook** page and share them with family and friends

Volunteers: Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU



FINALLY, a huge shout out to all our volunteers. You'll see them at aid stations, directing you in reflective vests as course marshals and greeting you as you cross finish line. Groups represent different nonprofit organizations. We are proud to support them through our Volunteer for Donation program. Feel free to shout a *thank you* on the way by.

There is one intrepid volunteer who is now with us only in spirit. Many of you may recognize our dear friend Janet Stevens, who has graced our finish line in her pink wig and tutu for nearly 10 years. Sadly, Janet passed away last November. We will miss her vitality, spirit and can-do support inspiring all of us with smiles and kindness. But you'll still see plenty of pink as this group continues their efforts supporting breast cancer research.

Thank you for your participation and best of luck!

Run Stillwater 2026 Volunteers and Staff