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Lowcountry's Biggest 8K-5K Running Festival Poised for Record Turnout



More than 2,000 participants and spectators are anticipated at the 6th Annual Beaufort Twilight Run (BTR) and Oyster Roast presented by Habersham Properties on Saturday, March 22 in the Habersham Marketplace from 4:30-10:30 pm.

This USATF sanctioned running festival for all ages has a competitive 8K Run, sponsored by Beaufort ENT and Allergy; a 5K Run sponsored by Levitt Healthcare Affiliates; the Beaufort Challenge (8K+5K Run), a 5K Fun Walk and a 1/4 mile Kids' Fun Run sponsored by Monkey's Uncle toy store. The evening is capped off with a festive Lowcountry Oyster Roast and live music from Savannah band, Tell Scarlet.

Last year's family-friendly event attracted athletes of all ages from the Lowcountry and 22 states.

"This is the Lowcountry's premier 8K race and we have a great field of fast runners coming to

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the race from all over South Carolina and beyond," said BTR Race Director Lauren Kelly. "People love the picturesque and fast course, the fun atmosphere and of course, the t-shirts! The BTR is a first-class event for regional and local runners as well as an event the whole family can enjoy."

To celebrate the 6th Anniversary, the BTR's cash prize purse increased by \$1,300 to include the 5K and Beaufort Challenge for a cash prize total of \$2,800. Categories include the three overall male and female winners of each race, as well as cash awards for 8K and 5K male and female Masters (40+), Active Duty Military and Hometown Hero (a Beaufort County resident). In addition to cash prizes, age group winners will receive an award from a local artist.

The 2014 BTR will also feature an improved start and finish area to accommodate the large participation and "Tech" t-shirts that are included in participants' registration.

For online details about race registration, oyster roast tickets and more visit www.BeaufortTwilightRun.com

early registration discounts are available for all participants, as well as additional discounts for groups of ten or more and active duty military.

The BTR's mission is to host a fun, competitive and memorable annual event for Beaufort. In the past five years, the BTR has raised more than \$150,000 to benefit Riverview Charter School – a free public school open to Beaufort County K-8th grade students. This year's goal is to raise more than \$60,000 to be used for the School's technology, after-school and physical education programs.

For more information/registration for the Beaufort Twilight Run visit: www.BeaufortTwilightRun.com

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DETAILS

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BTR Early Race Packet Pick-up/Late Registration – begins on Friday, March 21 in the Habersham Marketplace. From 4:00-7:00 p.m. you can pick up your race bag and enjoy the festivities of the BTR Expo.

BTR Race Day – kicks off on Saturday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m. with late registration and packet pick-up. The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. with the Kids' Fun Run (1/4-mile run, perfect for 10 and under and FREE to those who register online by February 28). The 5K Run/5K Fun Walk and Beaufort Challenge (5K+8K) begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by the signature event at 6:15 p.m. – the Lowcountry's largest 8K run, along with the 2nd leg of the Beaufort Challenge. The 5K, 8K and Beaufort Challenge Runs will feature Chronotrack timing by RMS Sports and take place on a USATF (USA Track & Field) sanctioned course. All racecourses are spectator-friendly, flat and scenic; participants are offered beautiful marsh views while racing beneath canopies of live oaks.

Oyster Roast: As the races wind down, the post-race party and Oyster Roast begin, and all are invited to attend. All race participants over the age of 21 with photo ID will receive a coupon for a free beer. Sea Eagle Market will cater this year's Oyster Roast, which will feature more than just oysters – grilled chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, banana pudding and more are on the menu. Meals for the kids are also available and include a hotdog, sides and a drink.