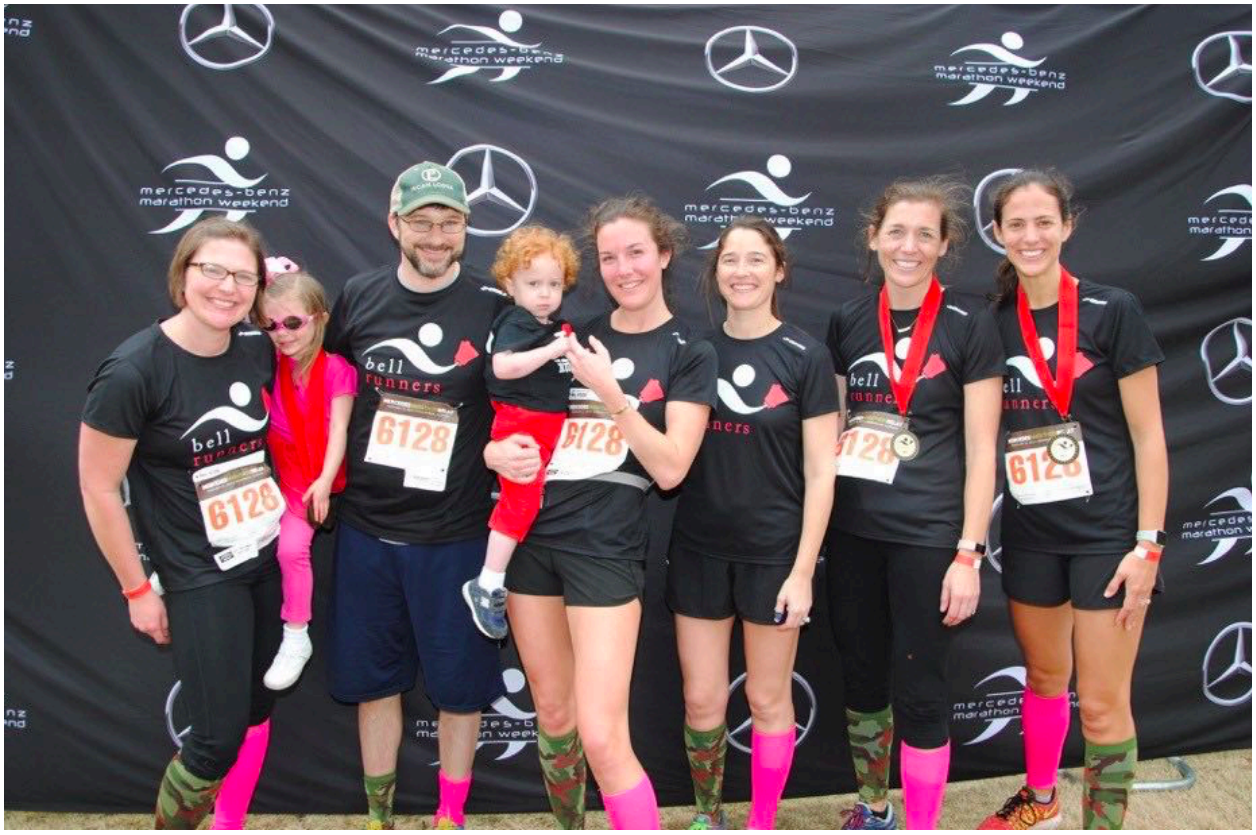


(Title) Exclusive: See the new Mercedes-Benz Marathon course map at Railroad Park. Register now. Spaces limited.

Due to the closure and construction of Interstate 59/20 in downtown Birmingham, the new long awaited Mercedes-Benz Marathon Course Map has been finalized and approved by the city of Birmingham and is now available.

PLACE MAP HERE

For the first time in its storied history, the Mercedes-Benz Marathon Weekend races will be held on February 9-10 at Birmingham's popular Railroad Park.

"We're so excited about our revised course," said Valerie Cuddy, Mercedes-Benz Race Chair.

“Thanks to the City of Birmingham, Traffic Engineering and ALDOT, we were able to continue to include the beautiful historical areas around Birmingham on our route. We’ve had to move our start and finish from City Hall over to Railroad Park so a few minor revisions had to be made to the course. We are really excited about the the changes and feel like the runners coming in from around the U.S. and from 5 countries worldwide will enjoy the scenic running tour of our great city.”

Register online until February 5



Online Registration for the Mercedes-Benz Marathon, Half Marathon, Mercedes-Benz Marathon Relay and Regions Superhero 5K will be open till February 5th . After that, registration for the Half, Full and Relay will be available at the UAB Callahan Eye Hospital & Clinics Health and Fitness Race Expo at Boutwell Auditorium on February 8th and 9th. The Regions Superhero 5k Expo registration is on Friday, February 8th only. Then there will be race day registration and packet pickup for the 5K on Saturday morning in the Pavilion at Railroad Park beginning at 6:30 a.m. It is encouraged to register and pick up your packet before race day as the race has grown so much.

“We’d like to encourage everyone to go ahead and get registered online now so they can guarantee getting the correct shirt sizes and race bling,” added Cuddy.

Events and races Friday thru Sunday

Friday Events

Friday - Expo and Packet Pickup

The UAB Callahan Eye Hospital & Clinics **Health & Fitness Expo and Packet Pickup begins** Friday, February 8, Noon till 7:00PM at Boutwell Auditorium.

Race participants must pick up their Regions Superhero 5K, Marathon, Half Marathon & Marathon Relay packets at the pickup area located on the stage.

Participants and the general public are welcome to check out the 40 plus vendors that will be displaying running accessories and fitness gear throughout the Expo.

Saturday Events and Races



UAB Callahan Eye Hospital & Clinics **Health & Fitness Expo and Packet Pickup continues from 8:30AM to 6:00PM in Boutwell Auditorium.**

Regions Superhero 5K – 3.1 miles. The Weekend Kickoff event is held on Saturday, February 9, 8:00AM. Register – HERE. (There is Saturday race morning registration and packet pick up in the Railroad Park Pavilion from 6:30 am - 7:30 am)

The Bell Center EIP Children's Run at Railroad Park - Starting at at 10:00AM the public is invited to cheer on the children from the Bell Center at their annual Children's Run. Be inspired!

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Kids Mercedes-Benz Marathon at Railroad Park - Starting at 11:00AM and ending approximately at 12:30, 5th graders followed by each descending grade in 10 minute increments will run a mile course. Registration closed in November, but the public is welcome to cheer on the kids.

Sunday Events and Races



All the races begin at 7:03AM on 14th Street near Good People Brewery and Bakers Row. THERE IS NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION OR PACKET PICKUP ON SUNDAY RACE DAY!

Need help with parking? Find, reserve and pay for your parking space before race day by downloading the app, Clutch! Click on Mercedes-Benz Marathon Weekend and it will show you all the available parking spots.

Here are the races and registration info.

Mercedes-Benz Marathon -The big one – 26.2 miles. The Marathon is limited to 1000 runners, so register early to reserve your spot. Register – HERE.

Mercedes-Benz Half Marathon – 13.1 miles. There is a participant limit of 3500, so register early, so you are not left out. Register – HERE.



Mercedes-Benz Marathon Relay – Each relay team will consist of 5 people, all being at least 12 years of age on race day. All relay team members will receive the same amenities as the half and full marathon participants, including a race weekend technical running shirt and smaller version of the Mercedes-Benz Marathon finisher's medal. Team members must submit all five entries together and must designate one team captain. You must have four members to call it a team and participate, but only teams with 5 members are eligible for awards. Register – HERE

Become a Bell Runner - The Bell Center, an early childhood intervention program is the official charity for the Mercedes -Benz Marathon weekend. If you want to run for yourself and for a child at the Bell Center become a BellRunner. You won't regret it. Learn how - HERE .



Block Party!!!!

Jim ‘Nick’s Bar-B-Q Post Race Block Party & Awards Ceremony - Every Mercedes-Benz Marathon weekend culminates with a celebration. This year’s Block Party begins at 9:30AM and lasts till 2:00PM between Good People Brewery and Bakers Row. Family and friends are welcome to join the party and may purchase a $10 Bar-B-Q meal ticket. Tickets can be purchased during the Expo at the Mercedes Marathon Gear store. Quantities are limited. There will be a couple of food trucks too for your delight.

Begin a new tradition

For 18 years, the Mercedes-Benz Marathon weekend has been held downtown. Start a new tradition this year at Railroad Park. Be a part of the Mercedes Marathon as a participant, supporter or fan. Make memories that will last a lifetime.