



## Night Owl Run

**First Friday Evening after Labor Day Weekend – 7:00 p.m. start**

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In 2009, the NOR had its first year of 99 exuberant participants running and walking the scenic course. Every year since then, we have seen the interest grow quite substantially. In the first nine years, we have had over 1,800 participants support this community fundraising event, raising over \$47,000 which has been donated back to area programs that have goals in assisting with education and youth-oriented programs and projects, including: CASA; Clarke and Lori Smith Fundraiser; Cool Café; Counterpoint; Grad Matters; LINKS for Learning After School Program; Livingston Baseball Association; Livingston Community Gardens; Livingston Education Foundation; Livingston Food Resource Center (Backpack Program); Livingston Recreation Department; Livingston School District (special project requests); Livingston School District Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Projects; Park Co./Livingston Tennis Association; Park County Big Brothers & Sisters; Pompey's Playground; the Seamus Camp Memorial Night Owl Run Scholarship; and, the Stuff the Bus Program.

### Some Facts about the Night Owl Run (and Walk!)

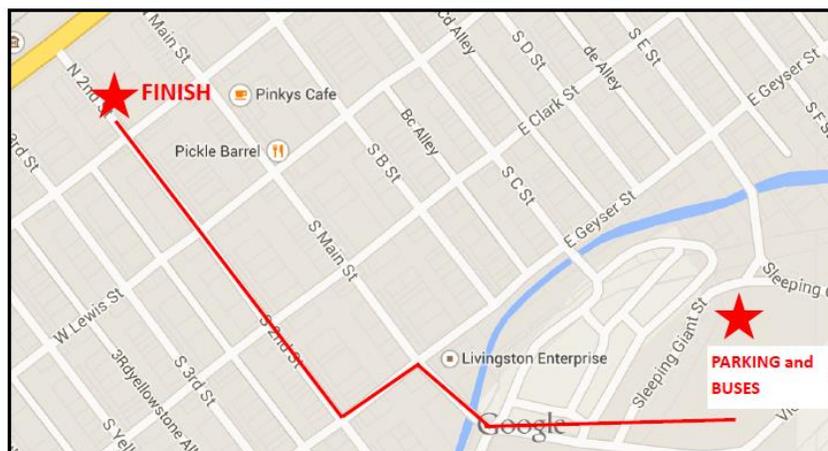
- **BARBEQUE** – An after-race barbeque is held in the American Bank parking lot just east of the alley between 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Streets (also to the south of the American Bank drive-through area). Burgers and hot dogs, veggies, fruit and water is served and while we try to reserve these food and bevies for our participants, if we have extra, we encourage family and friends of participants to join in. We try to have an ample amount of food for participants but depending on the hunger of the crowd, we have been known to run out of cheese for the burgers or hot dogs. The quicker you get to the finish line, the more food will be waiting. There will also be kegged beer available for those old enough to drink those types of spirits. While we are fine with participants ingesting two to three glasses of beer, please remember that others would like a couple of glasses as well so restrain from multiple quantities or keg stand hits.



- BIKES – The only people we let pedal down the course on two wheels are the lead bike pacer and the sweepers who are kind enough to pick up trash and make sure the course is clear. We have allowed kids to bike in the past but their brains do not process the complications associated with feet, wheels and forward motion.
- BUSES - Buses will pick up participants at Sleeping Giant Middle School, leaving no later than 6:30 p.m. They will head up Swingley Road, turn off onto Livingston Peak Road and then make another turn onto the Old Boulder Road, heading north toward Livingston and I-90. After dropping participants off near the starting line, they will continue toward the underpass area and turn left on Myer's Lane and use the field area directly across the cattleguard to turn the buses around. They will wait for all participants to pass by before they return back to Livingston.
- CHECK-IN – On race day, you can pick up packets at the Sleeping Giant Middle School between 3 and 6:15. You can also register at that time but don't expect to get a tee shirt if you wait that long. Packet pick up and race day registration will also take place on the Thursday before race day at the Livingston Food Resource Center community meeting room, at the corner of Lewis and 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 4 to 7 p.m. We use this location now (instead of years past in front of the Obsidian Collection/The Owl Lounge) to escape the hot afternoon sun.
- DOGS – The buses don't allow dogs on board and we have had a few problems with dogs in the past. We aren't saying you have a misbehaved canine child but we are saying it is much safer to just leave them home for this event.
- HEADPHONES – We have no issues with whatever sounds that help to spur you down the course; however, we do suggest having one ear bud in and one out so that you can listen for other participants and cars once you reach the street area.
- HILLS – Yes – in fact the first mile of the route is all **downhill!** The second and third miles offer relatively flat terrain and the last mile has a bit of an uphill grade with an estimated 20 feet in elevation gain. Translation – the course is EASY-PEASY!!!
- HOW FAR – Montanan's pride themselves on being one of the last remaining states with only one area code – thus, we are sometimes referred to as the "406" state. The race length is now officially 4.06 miles and will remain so in all future years. For you Type A participants, that equates to about a 6.533937k race.
- KIDS – This is a family friendly event and, in fact, most of the proceeds benefit youth programs, activities, organizations and/or scholarships in the Park County area. We try to add an extra prize in each swag bag for the kids and we do offer prizes for the fastest three male and female participants under the age of 12 and for the youngest participant. Kids are also welcome at the post-race barbeque.



- **LEWIS STREET** – The last mile of the course is along Lewis Street which is generally a through street except for the intersection at H Street, at which area, H Street vehicles have no stop signs. The intersections of Lewis and Main Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street are all four-way stops as well as Callender and 2<sup>nd</sup> (the intersection just before the finish line). We will do our best to have volunteers at these intersections to help calm and stop vehicles as you sprint toward the finish. However, please be aware of the many vehicles and bicyclists that will likely be out and about that night in our busy little town.
- **MONEY** – Where does it all go? In the past eight years, we have donated all proceeds back to area organizations and programs including: CASA; Clarke and Lori Smith Fundraiser; Cool Café; Counterpoint; Grad Matters; LINKS for Learning After School Program; Livingston Baseball Association; Livingston Community Gardens; Livingston Education Foundation; Livingston Food Resource Center (Backpack Program); Livingston Recreation Department; Livingston School District (special project requests); Livingston School District Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Projects; Park Co./Livingston Tennis Association; Park County Big Brothers & Sisters; Pompey’s Playground; the Seamus Camp Memorial Night Owl Run Scholarship; and, the Stuff the Bus Program. Check out the Night Owl Run website (home or proceeds tabs for specific dollar amounts).
- **PARKING** – Since race day registration and packet pick up are at the Sleeping Giant Middle School, there are many areas to park (three parking areas at the Middle School and ample parking at the high school across the street) and board the buses. This will mean that you will have to walk about five blocks from the race finish to the parking areas after the race, but it will assist with the after-race stretching we all are supposed to partake in. Some people park up near where the finish line is and walk down to the Sleeping Giant Middle School to board the buses – their vehicles are more conveniently located to the race end and after-event party area.



- **PARTICIPANTS** – Past participants have ranged in age from 6 months (stroller assisted) on up to 78; we welcome all ages! In the past nine years, the women overwhelmingly out-compete the men, with an average of 68% female participants and 32% male participants.
- **POTTY TIME** – Two latrines are staged at the Sleeping Giant Middle School near the check-in area; one latrine is staged at the two-mile drink station; and, three latrines are positioned in the back alley area near the finish line. We ask that you use these latrines instead of inundating the Owl Lounge for your bathroom needs. The starting area of the event is remotely located and therefore, **THERE WILL BE NO LATRINES** at the starting line!!! Your only option is ducking behind the one tree or one small abandoned building in that area. Please try to use the latrines at the bus pick up area right before the buses leave and then do your best to hold on to the forces that be until the rest area at mile 2. 
- **PRIVATE PROPERTY** – We are happy to offer a section of course that traverses through private property (around mile 2.4 to 2.8). This is not only a safety advantage by moving participants off the narrowly-shouldered US Highway 89 but it also allows us to see some of Livingston’s more beautiful back wood areas. As this is a privilege to use the private property during race day, please keep in mind that the trails we will run through are not open for traversing during other days of the year. A big thank you to Chris and Julie Benden for allowing us to use their private property!
- **PRIZES** – We pride ourselves in offering some of the best prizes for participants in all of the race events throughout the 406 state. Keep the awesome businesses and organizations (see Night Owl Run website and the sponsor tab) in mind that contribute such great prizes. Then, do your best to thank them for their support by either acknowledging their support or by shopping locally! Prizes are awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place men and women over the age of 12; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys and girls under the age of 12; 15<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> place overall; 1<sup>st</sup> place Master’s men and women; earliest registered; oldest and youngest; farthest traveled; best owl costume; and the random jello shot participant drawing winner.
- **RACE CAP** – Starting in 2018, the event will be capped at 406 participants! We are interested in keeping the numbers of runners/walkers to a manageable level.
- **RACE DAY REGISTRATION** – Race day registration will happen on race day from 3 to 6:15 p.m. at the Sleeping Giant Middle School. Packet pick up and race day registration will also take place on the Thursday before race day at the Livingston Food Resource Center community meeting room, at the corner of Lewis and 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 4 to 7 p.m. We use this location now (instead of years past in front of the Obsidian Collection/The Owl Lounge) to escape the hot afternoon sun. If you can’t register in a timely fashion, please don’t expect to receive a tee shirt at race day registration. It is nearly impossible to predict

how many tee shirts and what sizes should be ordered. We would be in a different line of work (oh wait – we volunteer our hours 😊) if we had those forecasting abilities 😊

- REST/DRINK AREA – At the halfway point of the race, very near US Highway 89, there will be a water and Gatorade rest area. There will also be one latrine. For participants 21 years or older, there will also be a chance to partake in the popular jello shot, which qualifies you for a chance at a \$50 cash prize.

- SNAKES – While the Old Boulder county road is certainly not a snake-free environment, the activities of setting up all race day necessities and rumbling back and forth on the roads and trails assure us that most reptiles will retreat to the less-popular habitat, far out in the gopher-ridden foothills. However, this is a good area to not have your ear buds inserted.



- SPONSORS – We **could not** hold this event without the generous support of our local sponsors. We try to provide a list of those sponsors in the race packets as well as in pre- and post-event advertising and on the sponsor tab of our website ([www.nightowlrun.com](http://www.nightowlrun.com)). Please consider these businesses when you are looking for services and supplies. They are a major reason we can host such a successful event. If you are privy to anyone that might consider sponsoring the event in future years, we always welcome additional support!

- STROLLERS – The buses are always very full and crowded and the bus drivers request that no strollers be brought on board. You can leave strollers (at your own risk) at the starting area of the race in the borrow ditch area. If you are pushing a stroller, please start near the back of the crowd and off to one side to allow the fleet of foot to blaze their way down the road ahead of you. The first mile of the race is VERY rocky. Please also know there are portions of the course that go through a wooded trail area with a relatively compact gravel base.



- SWAG – Lots of it! In addition to the ultra cool tee shirt (available if you register in a timely fashion), we always try to put some fun items in the registration bags so be sure and look through the assortment of items you will receive. In addition to those items, participants over 21 years of age will receive a free Night Owl Run pint glass and those up to age 21 will receive an extra incentive/prize. All in all, you get a whole lot of stuff and the extra funds go to some pretty cool programs and organizations! First 50 registered participants will notice a little something extra in their bag!

- SWEEPERS – We try to enlist a 4-wheeler (with driver) and/or some of the cross country students from Park High and Sleeping Giant Middle School to sweep the route looking



for garbage, clothing and, occasionally, a random participant here and there. While we do not encourage participants to drop garbage along the course, we do have a back-up mechanism for picking it all up. These

sweepers will also have phones in case there are injury or “not-wanting-to-take-another-step” issues.

- TEE SHIRTS – We cannot guarantee tee shirts to participants that register after August 20th. The best way to ensure receipt of the always popular garb is to register early!
- VOLUNTEERS – YES!!! We love to have volunteers who can help in multiple ways. The best way to get in touch to offer services is to send an email to [info@nightowlrun.com](mailto:info@nightowlrun.com). We can keep you busy and we can offer you post-race barbeque fair and refreshments after all participants have crossed the finish line.
- WEATHER – We grow our participants tough out here!!! The event has taken place in the blazing sun, torrential rain and hail, sleet, smoke from fires... and most every year – the ever-present Livingston wind. Don't worry – it will be at your back the whole way!

