

Night Owl Run



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

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This is the *eleventh year* for the event and each year we see the interest grow quite substantially. In the past ten years, we have had over 2000 participants support this community fundraising event, raising over \$57,000 which has been donated back to area programs! The proceeds from this year's run/walk will be split between education and youth-oriented programs and organizations.

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

- BARBEQUE – ***NEW for 2019*** An after-race BBQ is held at **MILES PARK BAND SHELL**. Dinner is included with your registration fee and provided for all participants and volunteers, while we try to reserve the food and bevies for our participants, if we have extra, we encourage family and friends of participants to join in.



There will also be kegged beer available for those old enough consume, 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 sweepers who are kind enough to pick up trash and shut down the course. We have allowed kids to bike in the past but their brains do not process the complications associated with feet, wheels and forward motion. Please support this decision.
- BUSES - ***NEW for 2019*** Buses will pick up participants outside the **LIVINGSTON CIVIC CENTER** leaving no later than 6:30 p.m. This option is available for those who wish to leave their transportation at the finish line.
- CHECK-IN – ***NEW for 2019*** On race day, you can pick up packets at the **LIVINGSTON CIVIC CENTER** 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 CIVIC CENTER** from 4 to 7 p.m.
- DOGS – The buses don't permit 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 – ***NEW for 2019*** – The HILL has been officially eliminated from the race.
- 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 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 2nd Street are all four-way stops as well as Callender and 2nd (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.
- PARKING – ***NEW for 2019*** Available around the **LIVINGSTON CIVIC CENTER** and **MILES PARK BAND SHELL** (Finish Line/Package Pickup / Race Day Registration location)
NEW for 2019 Additionally the race will BEGIN at **LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE** where you are welcome to also leave your vehicle overnight in the Employee Parking section.
- PARTICIPANTS – Past participants have ranged in age from 6 months (stroller assisted) on up to 78; we welcome all ages! In the past six years, the women overwhelmingly outcompete the men, with an average of 68% female participants and 32% male participants.
- POTTY TIME – ***NEW for 2019*** **LIVINGSTON CIVIC CENTER** will have restrooms available at check-in; **LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE** restrooms will be available at the starting line; one latrine will be staged at the two-mile drink station; and, two vault toilets are available at **MILES PARK BAND SHELL**, finish line.
- 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 these awesome businesses in mind that contribute such great prizes as you read through the list. Then, do your best to thank them for their support by either acknowledging their support or by shopping locally!
- RACE DAY REGISTRATION – ***NEW for 2019*** Thursday, September 5th, 4-7p.m. ~OR~ Friday, September 6th, 3-6:15p.m. at the **LIVINGSTON CIVIC CENTER**. Please don't expect to receive a tee shirt or accurate size at race day registration. It is nearly impossible to predict how many tee shirts and what sizes should be ordered.
- REST 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.
- 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). Please consider these businesses when you are looking for services and supplies. They are a major reason behind the success of this event. If you are privy to anyone that might consider sponsoring the event in future years, we always welcome additional support!
- STROLLERS – may be dropped off at the starting line behind the Livingston HealthCare property. The Race is event more stroller/family friendly with the new starting line at Livingston HealthCare!
- SWAG – Lots of it! In addition to the ultra cool tee shirt, 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 another valuable treasure. 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 some of the cross country high school students from Park



High to sweep the route looking for garbage, clothing and, occasionally, a random participant here and there. 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.
- WEATHER – The event has taken place in the blazing sun, torrential rain and hail, sleet and most every year – the ever-present Livingston wind. Don’t worry – it will be at your back the whole way!
- WHERE does it all go? \$\$



We have funded the following youth/educational areas of focus:		
Agencies		
Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Park and Sweet Grass Counties	2012-18	\$5,450
CASA of Park & Sweet Grass Counties	2017, 18	\$1,000
Community Health Partners	2018	\$250
Community School Collaborative	2018	\$500
Cool Café	2017	\$500
Counterpoint	2014-18	\$2,500
LINKS for Learning	2009-18	\$12,850
Livingston Baseball & Softball Association	2017-18	\$1,750
Livingston Education Foundation	2014-18	\$4,950
Livingston Food Pantry	2010-18	\$9,350
Livingston Recreation Department	2017-18	\$3,650
Special Projects		
Grad Matters	2016	\$1,000
Livingston Community Garden	2009	\$1,300
Livingston School District Special Project Request	2015-16	\$1,700
Livingston School District Stuff the Bus Program	2015-16	\$500
Livingston School District Educator Special Requests	2016	\$200
Livingston Tennis Association	2012	\$1,300
Pompey’s Playground	2017	\$1,300
Park County Health Mom’s of Babies Group	2018	\$250
Park High School Guest speaker Alex Sheen	2018	\$400
Scholarships/Fundraisers/Awards		
Seamus Camp Memorial Night Owl Run Scholarship	2011 – 18	\$4,500
Clarke and Lori Smith Fundraiser	2014	\$500
Volunteer Participation Award Dave Pettit SGMS Science Class	2015-17	\$1,500
PEO Scholarship	2018	\$500
	Total	\$57,700