

Press Release:

Corpus Christi, Texas: On Saturday, May 1st 20th at 7:00 a.m., thousands of runners and spectators from all over the United States will flock to Padre Bali Park on Padre Island for the 4th annual Running of the Beach to Bay Relay Marathon.

The Beach to Bay Relay Marathon is a 26.2 course sanctioned by the Corpus Christi Roadrunners. (The Corpus Christi Roadrunners a non for profit running club founded in 1975) It has been deemed the United States most premier relay running marathon, since there is not one of its size and magnitude. The event is divided into six legs that are approximately 4.4 miles. Each participant will run one leg and hand a baton to his or her team member at various official exchange points.

The Beach to Bay Relay Marathon was founded in 1975 by Naval Captain John Alden Butterfield who came to Corpus Christi after serving in Iran. Butterfield organized the first ever “Armed Forces Day Beach to Bay Relay Marathon, and the race has been growing in popularity ever since. All monies raised from the Beach to Bay Relay Marathon serve over 45 local charities such as Special Olympics, the Naval Relief Society and many youth organizations here in the Coastal Bend.

Race Director, Doug McBee Jr. states, “the loyalty for the event is overwhelming. I like to refer to the Beach to Bay Relay Marathon as the Adult’s Spring Break”. “It takes many volunteers, many of which spend an enormous amount of their personal time to put this race together. It is with their dedication that the race has flourished.” states McBee.

For more detailed information along with a media packet, please visit the official website for the race at www.beachtobayrelay.com

Beach to Bay 2020 Important Items to Remember

Buses/Transportation



We realize that travel can be timely on the buses but the less vehicular traffic on North Padre Island there is, the less traffic that will bog down.

The Beach to Bay Committee has worked alongside of the City of Corpus Christi and the Texas Department of Transportation to create a BUS/EMERGENCY TRAFFIC ONLY lane during the most stressful times of travel back and forth to North Padre Island.

First and Second Leg runners are to board the buses at the Sunrise Mall located on South Padre Island Drive and Airline Road. The Sunrise Mall has graciously offered the parking and we are glad to welcome them onboard as a sponsor.

The Third Leg Runners will board the bus in Flour Bluff on Security Drive by the Flour Bluff Post Office. There will be Race Officials and Security to show you the designated parking. All fourth leg runners may park at the same location and walk to your starting point, you will be transported back to your vehicle after running your 4th leg event.

Starting Point

In order to make the race more efficient and flow better, we have moved the starting point to Access Rd 5 and Eliff Street. Don't worry there will be plenty of volunteers on hand to help you to your team's starting point and truly you won't notice the variation much.

Parent BIBS/4th Leg Runners

As you know our country military installations are in a state of heightened emergency. Naval Officials at NAS Corpus Christi had graciously allowed entrance into the base for our participants. Please be respectful at all times to and all Naval Officials and follow all of their instructions.

Parents with minor children are more than welcome to run alongside their child but you must be wearing **a PARENT BIB**. **The PARENT BIB** can be obtained at Packet Pick Up on May 15, 2020, during the Sports Exposition Hours. Also persons with disabilities requiring a provider must also have his/her provider wear a PARENT BIB. **The PARENT BIB** is a requirement of Officials at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi in order to maintain your and their security and well-being.

The 4th leg ONLY!

Parents of minor children will **not** be allowed to ride a bicycle along his or her child!

Chip Timing

All race participants of the 45th Annual Beach to Bay Relay Marathon will be scored by "Chip Timing Technology" The only runner required to wear the chip will be the last runner or your 6th leg runner. The chip or scoring device will be part of the BIB number worn by the 6th leg runner(s). It will be marked in red.

Checking In

The location for packet pick up is at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center located at 402 Harbor Drive just under the Harbor Bridge. This new location will take the Sport's Exposition is twice as large in square footage and will allow for much bigger displays and setups for vendors.

The Beach to Bay Relay Marathon Committee is constantly striving to improve the event.

Please be aware of any new changes (www.beachtobayrelay.com) and most importantly pass instructions along to your team especially those designated as team captains.