

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION TO BE PREPARED FOR RACE DAY!

MARGARITAVILLE®
RUN
*San Diego
Gaslamp*

FINAL INFORMATION

RACE DAY

Saturday, August 8th, 2026

Start Line: Under the historic Gaslamp Quarter sign
[199 Fifth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101](#)

Finish/Post Race Party: Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter
[435 Sixth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101](#)

Welcome to the inaugural Margaritaville Run San Diego Gaslamp! We are excited to have you join us for an unforgettable race through the Gaslamp Quarter, finishing at Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter and benefitting Give Kids The World Village. Please take a moment to read through our final race instructions to familiarize yourself with important race information and policies.

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

6:00AM – Race Day Registration Opens at “Fins” Room

7:00 AM – Pre-Race Warm Up

7:15 AM – Costume Contest

7:30AM – 5K & 10K Race Begins

8:00AM – 10:00AM: Post-race Entertainment

8:30 AM – Awards Ceremony at Street Level Expo

9:15 AM – Beer Garden Closes

10:00 AM – Event Concludes

**subject to change

THIS IS A CASHLESS VENUE! PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

PACKET PICK UP

NOTES FOR PACKET PICK-UP

It is highly recommended **that participants attend packet pick-up on Saturday, August 1st or Friday, August 7th**, however,

packet pick up will be available on the morning of the race for individuals who cannot pick-up in advance. Race day packet pick-up will open at 6:00am at Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, but it is discouraged as lines get very long.

Preferred T-shirt size is not guaranteed for participants picking up their packet on race morning.

Photo IDs are required. You may pick up for a friend if you have a copy of *their* photo ID. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Photos of ID shown on cell phones are accepted.

Walk-up registration will be available at packet pick-up and race morning if the event is not sold out.

BIB LOOK UP

*If you have registered in the last 24 hours, your name may not be in the Bib Lookup system yet. This does not mean you are not registered; please come to solutions.

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PACKET PICK UP

PACKET PICK-UP DAY 1

Saturday, August 1, 2026

10:00AM – 4:00PM

PACKET PICK UP LOCATION

Road Runner Sports San Diego

[5553 Copley Dr, San Diego, CA 92111](https://www.roadrunnersports.com/san-diego)

**ROAD
RUNNER
SPORTS**

Special Runner Offer: Join the VIP family and enjoy \$20 off your in-store purchase of \$50 or more! After that, you'll save 10% on everything every day, earn 5% in Rewards Cash on every purchase, and enjoy the 90-day VIP Perfect Fit Promise on shoes, socks, and insoles. Already a VIP? Earn 2x rewards cash on all purchases during packet pick up! Some exclusions apply. See store for details.

PACKET PICK-UP DAY 2

Friday, August 7, 2026

2:00PM – 7:00PM

PACKET PICK UP LOCATION

Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter

[435 Sixth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101](https://www.margaritavillehotel.com/san-diego)

"Fins" Room

MARGARITAVILLE
Hotel
SAN DIEGO, CA
GASLAMP QUARTER

PARKING FOR PACKET PICK-UP

Parking is available throughout the Gaslamp Quarter via nearby public garages, and metered street parking, subject to availability and posted rates. **A Padres game begins at 6:40 PM**, and **garages may require prepaid parking or limit public access.**

Those arriving later should reserve parking in advance, allow extra time or consider rideshare or public transportation.

OPTIONS FOR NEARBY PARKING GARAGES INCLUDE:

6th & K Parkade	289 Sixth Ave.	\$15 until midnight
Park It On Market	614 Market St.	\$25 for 24 hours

PLAN AHEAD: [Visit SpotHero to search for and reserve nearby parking in advance.](https://www.spothero.com)

POST-RACE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter will offer a post-race breakfast buffet on the rooftop for \$48 per person, inclusive, with \$2 from each breakfast benefiting Give Kids the World. ** inclusive of tax and gratuity. **

The American-style buffet will include coffee, juice, bacon, eggs, sausage, pancakes, yogurt, and fruit. Guests may purchase breakfast upon entering the buffet line on race morning, subject to availability. **Space is limited to 200 guests, and the buffet may sell out.**

PARKING/TRANSPORTATION: Race Day

Dedicated event parking is not provided. Participants should plan to use nearby public parking garages, metered street parking, public transportation or rideshare.

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Metered street parking may also be available throughout the Gaslamp Quarter. Parking availability and rates are subject to change. **Participants may also use parking apps such as [SpotHero](#) to locate and pre-purchase parking in advance for a smoother race morning.** Please be sure to check all posted signs, meter hours and parking restrictions before leaving your vehicle. Vehicles parked on the race route will be towed.

[Reserve parking through SpotHero.](#)

OLD TOWN + TROLLEY

Participants may also choose to park at the **Old Town Transit Center parking lot** and take the **MTS Green Line** directly to **Gaslamp Quarter Station**. The trolley ride is approximately 14 minutes, with a **\$2.50 one-way adult fare**.

Depart Old Town	Arrive Gaslamp
5:37 AM	5:51 AM
6:07 AM	6:21 AM
6:37 AM	6:51 AM

For participants using race-morning packet pickup or gear check, we recommend the **6:07 AM departure or earlier**.

Plan your trip and view [current MTS schedules](#)

RIDESHARE

Uber, Lyft and other rideshare services are also encouraged. Participants picking up their packet race morning should use the **main entrance of Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter** as their drop-off location.

Please plan to arrive at least one hour before the 7:30 AM race start.

COURSE INFORMATION

Please familiarize yourself with the 5K and 10K courses ahead of race day.

Both distances begin under the historic Gaslamp Quarter sign and follow the same downtown loop. The **5K participants complete two laps**, and **10K participants complete four laps**.

The route travels through the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter before finishing near Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, where the post-race celebration awaits.

Course signage, mile markers, and volunteers will be on-site to help guide you every step of the way.

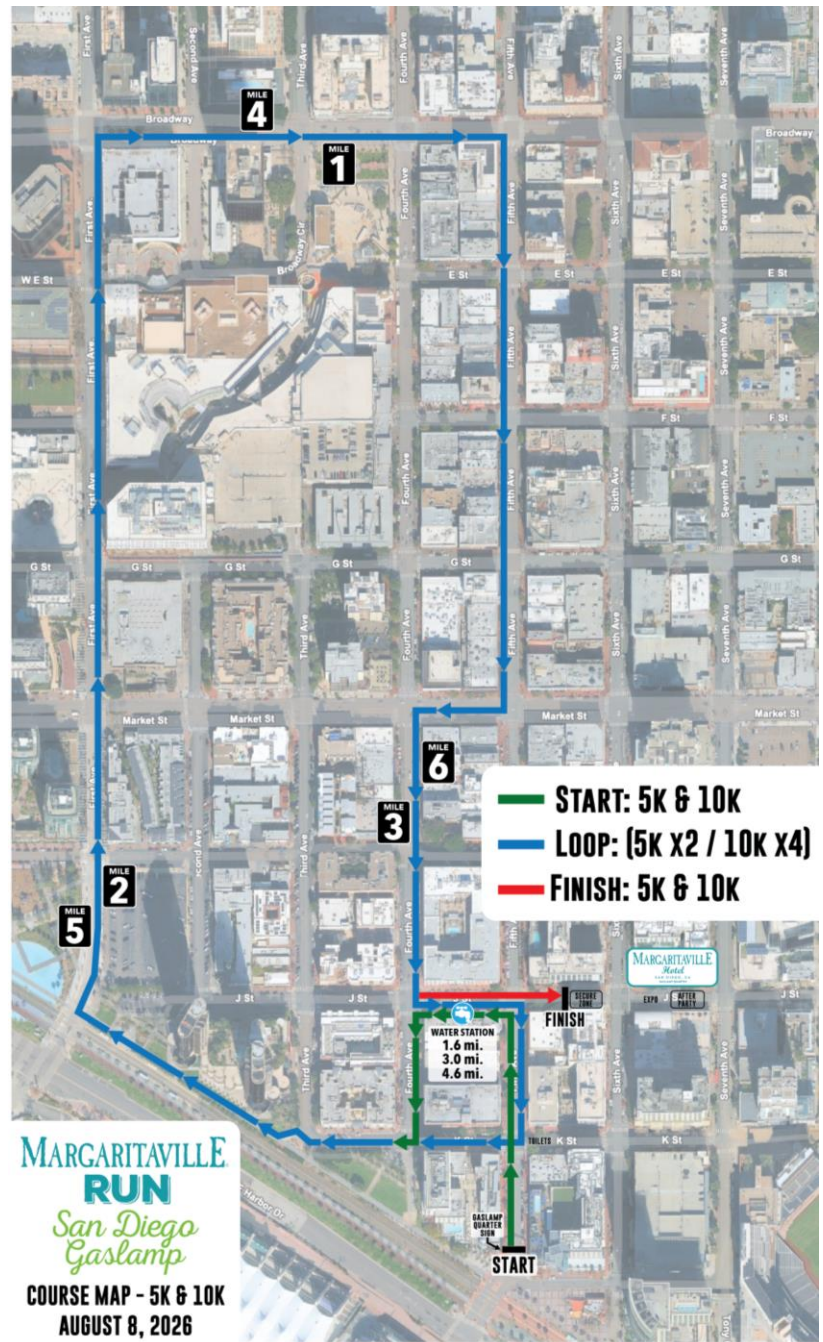
WAVE START

We will be utilizing a wave start to accommodate the number of participants and limit congestion at the start and on the course. Your timing tag will activate and start once you cross the start-line timing mats. Please line up at the start line at a pace accurate to your 5K running pace, fastest to slowest.

Please keep in mind that overall results are based on Gun Time.

- Wave 1** "Fast" Pace: 6-8 min. per mile
- Wave 2** "Fit" Pace: 8-11 min. per mile
- Wave 3** "Fun" Pace: 11-15 min. per mile
- Wave 4** Walkers and Strollers

Please be courteous and yield to faster runners on the course.



WATER AND AID STATIONS

One water station will be available along the 5K & 10K course. Because the course follows a loop format, participants will pass the water station multiple times throughout the race. Water will also be available at the finish line. Please stay hydrated!

TIMING

All runners' bibs will have an official timing tag attached to the back. Please do not remove this tag from your bib. Your timing tag will activate and start once you cross the start line timing mats.

TIME LIMIT

Both the 5K and 10K courses have a 90-minute time limit.

POST RACE BEER & OFFICIAL AFTER PARTY

Participants ages 21 and older can redeem **one complimentary beer and one complimentary mini margarita** using the drink tags attached to their race bib.

The **AleSmith Beer Garden** at street level will serve complimentary AleSmith beer and mini margaritas. **Please note that complimentary beer will only be available in the beer garden. The beer garden is reserved for registered participants wearing a race bib.** Participants must be 21 or older and present a valid photo ID to enter the beer garden and receive alcoholic beverages. No exceptions.

The **5 o'Clock Somewhere Rooftop Bar & Pool** at Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter will also serve complimentary mini margaritas and feature a post-race DJ. **Your margarita tag may be redeemed at either the AleSmith Beer Garden or the 5 O'clock Somewhere Rooftop Bar & Pool, but it may only be used once.**

Participants may purchase access to the post-race breakfast buffet, served on the rooftop. Additional food and beverages will also be available for purchase from LandShark Bar & Grill.

Complimentary mini margaritas are provided courtesy of Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter.



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GEAR CHECK

Gear check will be available starting at 6:00 AM at the Margaritaville Hotel Packet Pickup in “Fins” Room. Give yourself extra time to drop off the bags before you line up to start. Attach your gear check tag to your bag prior to drop off. You must show your bib number to retrieve checked bags. The race is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Please travel light and leave valuables at home.

BEST DRESSED MARGARITAVILLE INSPIRED CONTEST

Win a Margaritaville getaway! Show off your most Margaritaville-inspired race-day look for a chance to be selected as a finalist in the Best Dressed Costume Contest. The crowd will help choose the winner, who will take home a Margaritaville getaway prize.

Want to participate? Please be at the start line by 7:00 AM. Best Dressed Contest finalists will be selected and voting will take place at the start line at 7:15 AM.

RACE PHOTOGRAPHY

All participants will have the opportunity to purchase digital race photos from [Endurance Sports Photo](#).

To help ensure your photos are easy to find, please wear your race bib on the outermost layer of clothing and keep it clearly visible throughout the race.

RESULTS

Results will be posted to our website immediately following the event. For any results corrections, please email info@margaritavillerun.com.

Please note that the overall winners' category results are based on Gun Time.

AWARDS and PRIZES

Finisher Medals: All participants will receive a finisher medal to celebrate their accomplishment.

Overall Awards: Overall awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in each distance (10K, and 5K).

Age Group Awards: Age group awards will be presented to the top three runners in each USATF-recommended age group (14 & under, 15–19, 20–24, 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50–54, 55–59, 60–64, 65–69, 70–74, 75–79, 80+). Overall winners are excluded from age group awards. Age group award winners can pick up their Margaritaville Award Slide at the Awards Tent at the conclusion of the race. Please collect your award before leaving the event. Age group awards will not be mailed post-event.

*Awards ceremony will be for overall winners. Winners must be present to claim award, prizes will not be mailed. Age group awards will be available for pick-up adjacent to the main stage once results are finalized.

MILITARY

We're proud to partner with GOVX to honor those who serve. As a thank you to our military and first responder communities, GOVX will award a \$500 shopping spree to the fastest male and female finisher in the 10K who are active-duty military, veterans, or first responders.



Eligible participants: Be sure to indicate your status during registration or check in with us at packet pick-up so you're included in the running!

SPECTATORS

Spectators are welcome to cheer on participants from anywhere along the course or watch runners cross the finish. Please note that the street-level beer garden is reserved for registered participants ages 21 and older with a valid photo ID. LandShark Bar & Grill is also located at street level and will be open to the public with food and drinks available for purchase. The rooftop pool after-party at Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter is open to both participants and spectators and will feature a live DJ.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media for the current race day information! Share your favorites with the hashtag #MargaritavilleRun on Facebook [@MargaritavilleRun](#) and Instagram [@MargaritavilleRun](#)

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Know someone who'd love to be part of the race day excitement without running? We're still looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with race day check in, the start & finish line medal handouts, and more. Volunteers receive community service hours, swag, and our heartfelt thanks!

Sign up here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/CA/SanDiego/theGaslampRun>

OFFICIAL CHARITY

GIVE KIDS THE WORLD

The Margaritaville Run Series is proud to support Give Kids The World, a national charity with local impact.

Give Kids The World Village is an 89-acre, whimsical nonprofit in Central Florida that provides critically ill children and their families with magical weeklong wish vacations at no cost. Every child and his/her family is treated to accommodations, transportation, donated theme park tickets, all meals and snacks, nightly entertainment and more. Since 1986, Give Kids The World has welcomed more than 176,000 families from all 50 states and 76 countries.



For more information, visit www.gktw.org.

2027 PRESALE

The Margaritaville Run San Diego Gaslamp Returns!

Join us for the second annual Margaritaville Run San Diego Gaslamp benefitting Give Kids The World Village on **August 14th**.

The 2027 presale is now open, secure your spot today at the **lowest prices of the year!**

5K: \$39

10K: \$54

[SIGN UP FOR 2027!](#)

2027 Pre-sale will close Sunday August 16, 2026 at 11:59pm.

The 2027 event date is tentative and subject to change. Please check the event website for the most up-to-date information.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter

Make a list of must-haves for your perfect San Diego getaway, and chances are you'll be describing Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter. This island-inspired escape offers stylish accommodations, delicious dining, a rooftop pool, and plenty of laid-back Margaritaville hospitality. Located in the heart of downtown San Diego, the hotel puts you steps away from the Gaslamp Quarter's restaurants, nightlife, attractions, and waterfront fun.



Margaritaville Island Reserve Inclusive®

Located in beautiful beachfront destinations such as the Riviera Maya, Mexico, and Cap Cana, Dominican Republic, Margaritaville Island Reserve Resorts® offers an all-inclusive laid-back luxury experience, inclusive of gourmet and immersive dining, premium drinks, lifestyle accommodations, daily and nightly LIVE entertainment, personalized service, and more included with your stay.



Margaritaville Vacation Club

Margaritaville Vacation Club helps travelers find paradise anywhere with spacious resort accommodations, vibrant destinations, and a vacation state of mind that goes wherever they go. Offering resort and vacation ownership opportunities inspired by the Margaritaville lifestyle, Margaritaville Vacation Club brings its signature hospitality to race weekend through special activations and participant experiences.



JamBar

JAMBAR is a premium organic energy bar made with high-quality ingredients and designed to provide delicious, nutritious fuel for active lifestyles. With a variety of flavors and wholesome ingredients, JAMBAR makes it easy to refuel before, during, or after your next adventure.



AleSmith Brewing Company

A San Diego craft beer favorite since 1995, AleSmith Brewing Company is bringing the post-race cheers to race weekend. Celebrate your finish with an award-winning AleSmith beer and soak up the good vibes at the AleSmith Beer Garden.



GOVX

If you are a military/veteran/ first responder and have registered on GOVX, you could have a chance to win a \$500 GOVX shopping spree! The fastest female and male under this division in the 10K will receive the \$500 GOVX shopping spree!



Easy Day Sports

Headquartered in Coronado, CA, Easy Day Sports is a dynamic event production agency that focuses on premier, professionally managed endurance sports events.

