



AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Rock n Roll half in Dublin



Area 13.1



RNR Virginia Beach



Benjamin #8848



Terri #11944, UK



John #8439



Mike #8704



Jamicka #15931,
Kellie #4560

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Half Fanatic Reunion Race!



REUNION RACE LODGING

Discount rooms and packages

Half Fanatics are encouraged to take advantage of the resort packages for your lodging needs!

Grand County Resort 888-514-1088

www.grandcountry.com

\$119.00 1 Night Lodging Package

1 night stay (standard room) for up to 2 adults / 2 children

Water park passes for the whole family

4 tickets to Grand Country Music Hall

4 mini-golf passes

1 pizza from Papa Grand's Pizza

\$179.00 2 Night Lodging Package

2 night stay (standard room) for up to 2 adults / 2 children

Water park passes for the whole family

4 tickets to Grand Country Music Hall

4 mini-golf passes

1 pizza from Papa Grand's Pizza

**Valid between Sept. 31st and October 2nd, 2017*

***Must provide race registration confirmation number.
Clubhouse room upgrade for additional \$30.00 based on availability*

*The race is offering a \$20 discount for all members in good standing (Discount code is listed on the race calendar)

A FEW FUN THINGS TO DO:

[Titanic Museum](#)

[World's Largest Toy Museum](#)

[Silver Dollar City Theme Park](#)

[Sight & Sound Theatres](#)

[Hollywood Wax Museum](#)

[Stone Hill Winery Tours](#)

[Adventure Ziplines](#)

[Marvel Cave](#)

[Table Rock Dam](#)

[Free Downtown Trolley](#)

Enjoy the FREE discovery trolley in Historic Downtown Branson! The trolley is provided by the Historic Downtown Branson Community Improvement District to offer FREE rides for your convenience between Historic Downtown and the Branson Landing.

The trolley operates March-December daily, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Three trolleys run a route on a constant loop — meaning pick up and drop off is generally every 25 minutes.



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Scott #8354



Nickie #10128



SeaWheeze Half



Julia #15262, Shane #15341



Tina #16109



Jennifer #10526



Melinda #13464



John #8439 , Brenda #16452



The Maniacs / Fanatics have partnered with some AWESOME races around the country to bring you the 1st annual Signature Race Series.

For more information visit:
<http://www.marathonmaniacs.com/signature-race-series/>

*Please remember that you will need to join the race on the Half Fanatic Race Calendar to receive the Special Club Medal at the finish!





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Half Fanatic Pace Team

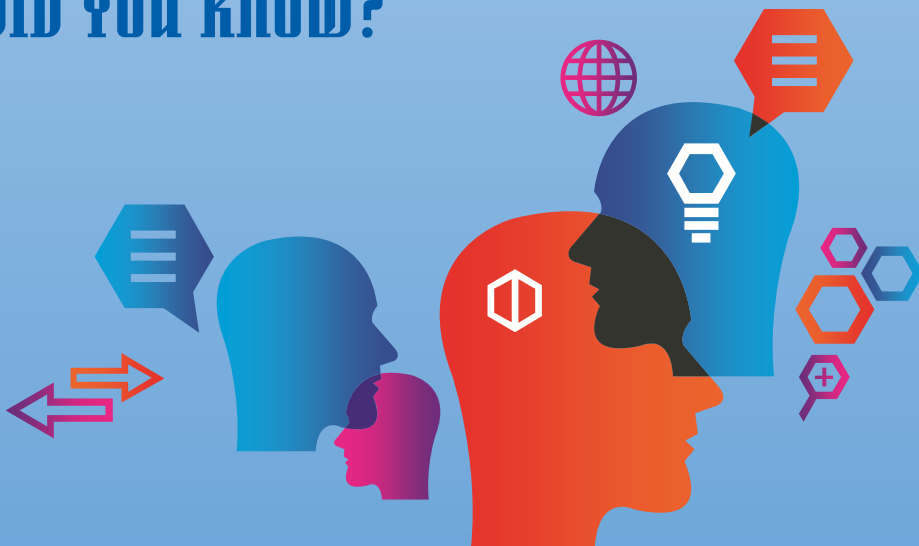
Are you interested in being a pacer?

Then make sure to check out these pacing opportunities that we have lined up for our Half Fanatic members!

Pacers will receive a free entry to the race as well as pace signs such as the ones displayed above. The time slots displayed are the ones that are still available, if you would like to pace please contact the designated Ambassador listed on the [Half Fanatic Pace Team](#) page.

<http://www.halffanatics.com/half-fanatic-pace-team/>

DID YOU KNOW?



August had 98 race events listed on the Half Fanatics Race Calendar.

The top three events from this month are all from the Pacific Northwest, with the Iron Horse Half, Bridge of the Gods, and the Tacoma Narrows.

- The **Iron Horse** half is similar to other events that run on this old railroad track in central Washington state. It's a gentle downhill course through trees, with awesome views. It's become a very popular course!
- The **Bridge of the Gods** spans the Columbia river from WA to Cascade Locks, OR. The course is very scenic, but quite challenging with some steep hills and even a set of stairs! The finish has a wonderful catered lunch.
- The **Tacoma Narrows** half marathon has beautiful course from Gig Harbor over the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and through the City of Destiny. Plus it includes a run through Cheney Stadium where you can watch everyone on the big screen.

EXPO SCHEDULE

The Gear Guy will be at the following Expos with club gear for Marathon Maniacs and Half Fanatics:

Fox Cities Marathon Expo

September 24th

Tucson Marathon Expo

December 9th

Tobacco Road Marathon

March 2018

Our Race Calendar needs you!

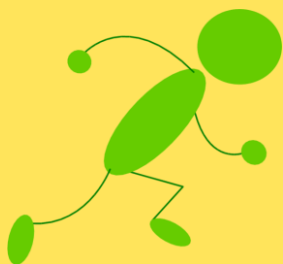
Ever wonder how the races end up on our Half Fanatic Race Calendar? Us, all of us. Know of a small or large local event and want to share it with other Half Fanatics.

To request a race, please fill out the [race request form](#). All fields need to be accurate in order to be approved (including race date and working URL).

Your request will be sent to and evaluated by the Race Calendar administrator. After approval, it will show on the race calendar. (NOTE: Approval can take several days, so be patient).

We do not accept links to Facebook race pages or race registration sites. All approved races need an official race website provided.

Check out our [Race Calendar](#) for upcoming events and discounts.
<http://www.marathonmaniacsdb.com/fanatics/events>

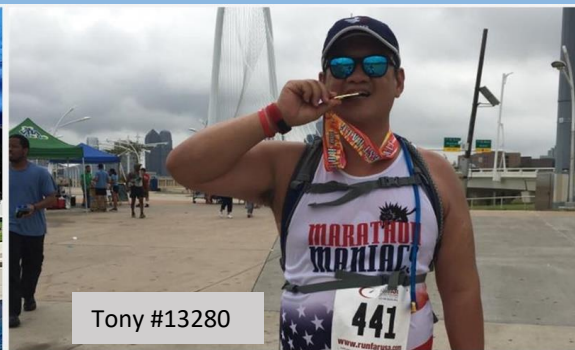




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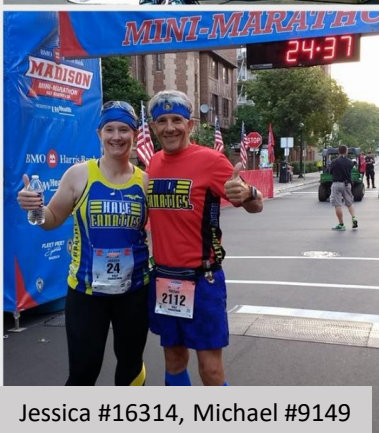
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Tony #13280



The BadAss Texas Half



Jessica #16314, Michael #9149



Scott #8354



Edward #9253, Bonnie #9479



Salinas Valley Half



Lisa #12354



Gretchen #2402



Chuck #10903, Franklin #7028



Patty #8375



Rock n Roll Half



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THE SUN

52 Half Marathons or more within 365 days.
30 Half Marathons in 30 US states* within 365 days.
20 Half Marathons in 20 different Countries within 365 days.

MERCURY

45 - 51 Half Marathons within 365 days.
23 Half Marathons in 23 US states* within 365 days.
28 Half Marathons within 183 days.

VENUS

38 - 44 Half Marathons within 365 days.
20 Half Marathons in 20 US states* within 365 days
13 Half Marathons within 79 days.

EARTH

31 - 37 Half Marathons within 365 days.
16 Half Marathon in 16 different US states* within 365 days.
6 Half Marathons within 16 days.
4 Half Marathon in 4 Days.

MARS

3 Half Marathons within 3 days.
26 - 30 Half Marathons within 365 days.
4 Half Marathons within a 9 day window.
3 Half Marathons in 3 separate US states* within a 10-days.
13 Half Marathons in 13 different US states* within 365 days.

JUPITER

4 Half Marathons in 23 days.
19 - 25 Half Marathons within 365 days.
2 Half Marathons in 2 days (or 48 hours) must finish both races!
9 Half Marathons in 9 different US states* within 365 days.

SATURN

4 Half Marathons within 37 days.
12 - 18 Half Marathons within 365 days.
4 Half Marathons in 4 different US states* within 51 days.

URANUS

3 Half Marathons within a 16 day time frame.
6 Half Marathons in 6 consecutive calendar months.
8 - 11 Half Marathons within 365 days.

NEPTUNE

2 Half Marathons within a 16 day time frame.
3 Half Marathons within a 90 day time frame.

Congratulations to all the Half Fanatics who achieved their goals.

If you would like your promotion mentioned in the newsletter, please send your name, HF number and Moon level to: half fanaticnewsletter@gmail.com.

Stephanie #9804
100TH HALF

States without SUN achievement: **YOU** could be the first for AL, AK, CT, DE, IA, LA, ME, MS, MT, NH, ND, SD, UT, VT, WV, WI
*We do have members from GBR!



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HALF FANATICS REGION PAGES

Half Fanatics Facebook group pages have been setup in regions across the USA and beyond. If you live in one of the areas, connect with your local chapter!



Region:
[Marathon Maniacs Europe](#)
[Half Fanatics European](#)

Region:
[Albuquerque, NM](#)

[Anchorage / South Central Alaska](#)

[Atlanta, GA](#)

[Augusta, GA](#)

[Austin, TX](#)

[Baltimore, MD](#)

[Baton Rouge, LA](#)

[Birmingham, AL](#)

[Buffalo, NY](#)

[Central Arkansas / Little Rock](#)

[Central Gulf Coast / Mobile](#)

[Chattanooga, TN](#)

[Chicago / Western IL](#)

[Cincinnati, OH](#)

[Colorado Springs, CO](#)

Region:
[Dallas Fort Worth, TX.](#)

[Denver, CO](#)

[Des Moines, South Central IA](#)

[Detroit, MI](#)

[European](#)

[Greensboro, NC](#)

[Honolulu, HI \(Oahu\)](#)

[Houston, TX](#)

[Kansas City, MO](#)

[Knoxville, TN](#)

[Lincoln / Omaha NE](#)

[Long Beach, CA](#)

[Lubbock / West Texas](#)

[Miami, FL](#)

Region:
[Memphis, TN](#)

[Nashville, TN](#)

[New Orleans, LA](#)

[Northern New Jersey](#)

[Northwest Arkansas](#)

[North Dakota](#)

[Oklahoma City, OK](#)

[Orlando, FL](#)

[Panama City / Gulf Coast, FL](#)

[Portland, OR.](#)

[Philadelphia, PA](#)

[Phoenix, AZ](#)

[Raleigh / Cary, NC](#)

[Richmond, VA](#)

[Rochester, NY](#)

Region:
[Sacramento, CA](#)

[Salt Lake City, UT](#)

[San Antonio, TX](#)

[San Diego, CA](#)

[Seattle, WA](#)

[Shreveport, LA](#)

[Springfield, MO](#)

[St Louis / SW Illinois](#)

[Tacoma / South Puget Sound](#)

[Tampa / St. Petersburg, FL](#)

[Tulsa, OK](#)

[Twin Cities, MN](#)

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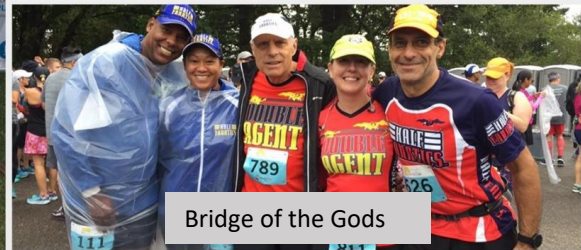
Bridge of the Gods



Carol #3880



Iron Horse



Bridge of the Gods



Go Far Woman Half



Area 13.1 Half



Mike #8704, Scott #8354



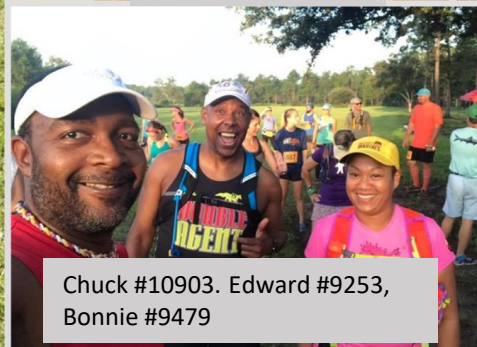
Bridge of the Gods



Aubree #14920



Dragon's Den Half



Chuck #10903, Edward #9253, Bonnie #9479



Badass Texas Half



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UPCOMING RACES

10/1 Smuttynose Rockfest 1/2	13.1	NH	10/8 Portland St Patrick Fall Festival Half Marathon	13.1	MI
10/1 Wineglass Half Marathon	13.1	NY	10/8 Oregon Women's Half Marathon	13.1	\$ OR
10/1 MO Cowbell	13.1	\$ MO	10/8 Run To Jodi's House 2017	13.1	FL
10/1 Mother Road Half Marathon	13.1	MO	10/8 Sun City Half Marathon	13.1	WA
10/1 Rock n Roll Queretaro	13.1	QUE	10/8 Pain to Paine Half Marathon	13.1	NY
10/1 Grand County Half Marathon (REUNION RACE)	13.1	\$ MO	10/8 Empire State Half Marathon	13.1	NY
10/1 Maine Marathon	13.1	\$ ME	10/9 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 3	13.1	\$ TN
10/1 Prince William Half Marathon	13.1	VA	10/10 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 4	13.1	\$ NC
10/1 Traveler Beer New England Half Marathon	13.1	NH	10/11 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 5	13.1	\$ SC
10/1 Key Biscayne Half Marathon	13.1	FL	10/12 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 6	13.1	\$ GA
10/1 The Healing Half	13.1	NY	10/13 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 7	13.1	\$ AL
10/1 Kings Island Half Marathon	13.1	OH	10/13 Nevada Half Marathon	13.1	NV
10/1 Bruckelaufe Half Marathon	13.1	MI	10/14 Carnelian Bay Half Marathon	13.1	CA
10/1 Great Scottish Run	13.1	SCT	10/14 Buffalo Stampede	13.1	TX
10/1 Spirit of Survival Half Marathon	13.1	OK	10/14 Bemidji Blue Ox Half Marathon	13.1	MN
10/1 Winthrop Half Marathon	13.1	WA	10/14 Jacksonville Marine Corp Half Marathon	13.1	FL
10/1 Historic Hillsborough Half Marathon	13.1	NC	10/14 Gear Western Half	13.1	MN
10/1 Queen City Women's Half Marathon	13.1	NY	10/14 SONO Half	13.1	CT
10/1 Diva Half Marathon	13.1	NY	10/14 Griffith Park Trail Half	13.1	CA
10/7 Bizz Johnson Express Half Marathon	13.1	CA	10/14 Purdue Boilermaker Half Marathon	13.1	IN
10/7 Lake Placid Classic Half Marathon	13.1	NY	10/14 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 8	13.1	\$ FL
10/7 Ft. Steilacoom Half Marathon	13.1	WA	10/14 Grand Canyon Half Marathon	13.1	AZ
10/7 ZOOMA Cape Cod Half Marathon	13.1	MA	10/14 Eversource Hartford Marathon	13.1	CT
10/7 Bangor Half Marathon	13.1	IRL	10/14 30a half marathon	13.1	FL
10/7 Hero Run	13.1	IL	10/14 Newport Bay to Brews	13.1	OR
10/7 Run Ocean Isle Beach Half Marathon	13.1	NC	10/14 DPR Trail Races Half Marathon	13.1	IL
10/7 Corkscrew Half, 10k, 5k	13.1	TX	10/14 Three Eagle Half Marathon	13.1	WI
10/7 Under the Oaks	13.1	GA	10/14 Rock 'n' Roll Brooklyn Half Marathon	13.1	NY
10/7 Don't Quit 13.1	13.1	TX	10/14 Monster Mash Half Marathon	13.1	DE
10/7 Race 13.1, Raleigh, NC Fall	13.1	NC	10/14 Lake Padden Trail Half Marathon	13.1	WA
10/7 Moonlight Miles Half Marathon	13.1	\$ CO	10/14 Cannonball Half Marathon	13.1	NC
10/7 Queen Bee Half	13.1	OH	10/14 Zombie Half Marathon	13.1	AK
10/7 Vintage Run Half Marathon	13.1	NY	10/14 Dog Lake Half Marathon	13.1	WA
10/7 Trimara Bay Ridge Half	13.1	NY	10/14 The Tampa Bay Whiskey Run	13.1	FL
10/7 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 1	13.1	\$ WV	10/14 Murfreesboro Half Marathon	13.1	TN
10/7 Indianapolis Half Marathon	13.1	IN	10/14 Around the Lake Giv'r Take 30!	30k	BC
10/8 Newport Half Marathon	13.1	RI	10/14 Sparta Half Marathon	13.1	\$ WI
10/8 Portland Half Marathon	13.1	OR	10/14 Antelope Island Half Marathon	13.1	UT
10/8 Jet Blue Long Beach Half Marathon	13.1	\$ CA	10/14 Defiance 30k	13.1	WA
10/8 Rock N Roll San Jose	13.1	\$ CA	10/14 Evansville Half Marathon	13.1	IN
10/8 Run Crazy Horse	13.1	\$ SD	10/15 Hero Half Marathon	13.1	\$ AR
10/8 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 2	13.1	\$ VA	10/15 Nebraska Half Marathon	13.1	NE
10/8 Boulder Rez Marathon, 3/4 Marathon, HM	13.1	CO	10/15 Hershey Half Marathon	13.1	PA
10/8 Run Carolina Beach	13.1	NC	10/15 Detroit US Only Half Marathon	13.1	MI
10/8 Crawling Crab half	13.1	VA	10/15 Grand Rapids Half Marathon	13.1	MI
10/8 Prairie Fire Fall Half Marathon	13.1	KS	10/15 The Other Half Marathon	13.1	\$ UT
10/8 City of Trees Half Marathon	13.1	ID	10/15 Honored Hero Run	13.1	TX
10/8 The Dayton River Corridor Classic	13.1	OH	10/15 Rock 'n' Roll St. Louis	13.1	MO
10/8 Cary Fire House Tour Half Marathon	13.1	NC	10/15 Iron Horse Half Marathon (Kentucky)	13.1	KY
10/8 Race 13.1 Little Rock	13.1	AR	10/15 Detroit Free Press Half Marathon	13.1	\$ MI
10/8 B.A.A. Half Marathon	13.1	MA	10/15 Des Moines Half Marathon	13.1	\$ IA



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UPCOMING RACES

10/15 Maui Half Marathon	13.1	\$	HI	10/22 Go Girl Run Half Marathon	13.1		TN
10/15 Rock N Roll Denver	13.1		CO	10/22 Healthy Driven Naperville Half Marathon	13.1	\$	IL
10/15 Girlfriends Run for a Cure Half Marathon	13.1		WA	10/22 Celebration of Life Foothills Half Marathon	13.1		TN
10/15 30a half marathon	13.1		FL	10/22 Myrtle Beach Mini Marathon	13.1		SC
10/15 Hambletonian Half Marathon	13.1		NY	10/22 Run Like Hell! Half Marathon	13.1		OR
10/15 Mount Desert Island	13.1		ME	10/22 Ironman 70.3 Arizona	13.1		AZ
10/15 Mainly Marathons Appalachian Day 9	13.1	\$	FL	10/22 Mankato Half Marathon	13.1		MN
10/15 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Half Marathon	13.1		OH	10/22 Nutrabolt Oktoberfest Half Marathon	13.1		TX
10/15 Niagara Falls International Half Marathon	13.1	\$	ON	10/22 AC Marathon Race Series	13.1		NJ
10/15 Wicked Triple Fun 1/2 Marathon	13.1		FL	10/22 Worcester Half Marathon	13.1		MA
10/15 Chattanooga 4 Bridges Half Marathon	13.1		TN	10/22 Ventura Half Marathon	13.1	\$	CA
10/15 Autumn Blast Half	13.1		OH	10/22 Vista Beer Run 1/2 Marathon	13.1		CA
10/15 Space Rock Half Marathon	13.1	\$	CA	10/28 Trenton Half Marathon	13.1		NJ
10/15 Tyler Rose	13.1		TX	10/28 Rock n Roll Chengdu Half Marathon	13.1		CHN
10/15 Poulsbo Half	13.1		WA	10/28 Brookshire's Hero Run	13.1		LA
10/15 North Shore Half Marathon	13.1		LA	10/28 Healdsburg Wine Country Half Marathon	13.1		CA
10/15 Snohomish River Run	13.1		WA	10/28 Skyline Ranches Cross Country Run Half Marathon	13.1		NE
10/15 Virgin Sport SF Half Marathon	13.1		CA	10/28 Minneapolis Halloween Half	13.1		MN
10/15 Milwaukee Half Marathon	13.1		WI	10/28 UCP Life Without Limits Half Marathon	13.1		AL
10/15 Emerald Bay Half Marathon	13.1		CA	10/28 Monster Dash	13.1		MN
10/21 Halloween Half Marathon	13.1		NJ	10/28 The Colony Half	13.1		TX
10/21 Dalton Red Carpet Half Marathon	13.1	\$	GA	10/28 Mainly Marathons Day of the Dead (Day 1)	13.1	\$	NM
10/21 Petrified Forest Half Marathon	13.1		AZ	10/28 Miami Beach Halloween Half Marathon	13.1		FL
10/21 Go Commando Half Marathon	13.1		TN	10/28 Silver Comet Half Marathon	13.1		GA
10/21 Soaring Wings of Conway Half Marathon	13.1		AR	10/28 Jazz Half Marathon	13.1	\$	LA
10/21 Sri Chinmoy Half Marathon	13.1		NY	10/28 Great Turtle Trail Run	13.1		MI
10/21 Lake Powell Half Marathon	13.1		AZ	10/28 Haunted Half Provo	13.1		UT
10/21 Kansas City Marathon	13.1	\$	MO	10/28 Durbin Trail 30K	30k		FL
10/21 Baltimore Half Marathon	13.1	\$	MD	10/28 Night Moves Halloween Trail Run	13.1		TX
10/21 Urban Bourbon Half Marathon	13.1		KY	10/28 Georgetown Bridge to Bridge 1/2 Marathon	13.1		SC
10/21 Monster Mash Half Marathon	13.1		DE	10/29 White Mountain Milers' Half Marathon	13.1		NH
10/21 Twin Cities Hot Cider Hustle	13.1		MN	10/29 Hot Cider Hustle	13.1		WI
10/21 The Halloween Half Marathon	13.1		TX	10/29 Run to Margaritaville Half Marathon	13.1	\$	FL
10/21 Triple Lakes Trail Race	13.1		NC	10/29 Suffolk Half Marathon	13.1		NY
10/21 Big River Crossing Half Marathon	13.1		TN	10/29 Ironman 70.3 Austin	13.1		TX
10/21 SoJo Half Marathon	13.1		UT	10/29 Houston Half Marathon	13.1		TX
10/21 Phoenix Haunted Half Marathon	13.1		AZ	10/29 Ocean State Rhode Races Half Marathon	13.1	\$	RI
10/21 The Salty Half	13.1		WA	10/29 Mainly Marathons Day of the Dead (Day 2)	13.1	\$	NM
10/21 Battle of Hillotes Half Marathon	13.1	\$	TX	10/29 End of the Road Half Marathon	13.1	\$	PA
10/21 Oktoberfest Trail Run Festival 1/2 Marathon	13.1		TX	10/29 Rock N Roll Los Angeles	13.1		CA
10/22 Duke City Half Marathon	13.1		NM	10/29 Westy Half Marathon	13.1	\$	CO
10/22 Gettysburg Blue-Grey Half	13.1		PA	10/29 Scary Run Half Marathon	13.1		WA
10/22 Lexus LaceUp Ventura	13.1		CA	10/29 Cocoa Beach Half Marathon	13.1		FL
10/22 Cloverdale Half Marathon	13.1		CA	10/29 Good Life Halfy	13.1		NE
10/22 Folsom Blues Breakout	13.1		CA	10/29 The Wicked Half Marathon	13.1		AZ
10/22 The Great GO! St. Louis Halloween Race	13.1		MO	10/29 Lighthouse Loop Half Marathon	13.1		FL
10/22 Columbia Gorge Half Marathon	13.1		OR	10/29 Florida Halloween Halfathon	13.1		FL
10/22 Vancouver Rock & Roll	13.1		BC	10/29 Air Capital Half Marathon	13.1		KS
10/22 Haunted Hustle	13.1	\$	WI	10/29 The Reservoir Run 1/2 Marathon	13.1		CT
10/22 2017 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Half Marathon	13.1		ON	10/29 NC Halloween Half Marathon	13.1		NC
10/22 The Runner's World Half Marathon and Festival	13.1		PA				

\$ indicates a discount, check halffanatics.com for race discount code



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EUROPEAN CHAPTER OF HALF FANATICS AND MARATHON MANIACS.



We, Jamila (MM) and Johannes (HF), are your European Ambassadors, and we are happy to assist you with your questions regarding European races. We will spread some runner's love, organize meet-ups, and share race discounts.

[Marathon Maniacs Europe](#) and [Half Fanatics European](#)

On the next pages, we want to introduce some discounted races in Europe and Middle East that will take place in early 2018.





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EARLY 2018 EUROPEAN EVENTS



AlMouj Muscat Marathon (Oman) 01-19-2018:

The Al Mouj Muscat Marathon is one of the star events on the Sultanate of Oman's sporting calendar. In its 7th year, the event gathers local and international runners of all ages, nationalities, and fitness levels. Join us for a celebration of health and fitness during a 2-day festival of running hosted in Oman's vibrant capital, Muscat.

6 categories: marathon, marathon relay, half marathon, 10k, charity fun run 5k and various races for kids.

FULL and HALF: 5% off

Inverness ½ Marathon (Scotland/UK) 03-11-2018

The Inverness ½ Marathon is the perfect Spring race to keep you motivated and training. This popular race follows a scenic route with great PB potential through the Highland capital of Inverness.

The route starts alongside the banks of the River Ness and takes in many of the city's icons. A warm Highland welcome awaits all runners as they approach the finish line on entering Queen's Park Stadium at Inverness Sports Centre. Over 2600 runners finished in 2017.

HALF: 10% off



Roma-Ostia (Italy) 03-11-2018

The half marathon with the most participants in Italy.

The varied course route is a fast one with some light up-and-down hill stretches. Starting at the Palazzo dello Sport, the route runs through Rome Eur, the entire length of Cristoforo Colombo (17,200 km), then up and down the seafront, 280 mt each way, to the finish line at the round-about.

Records: Men: Yego Solomon Kirwa (KEN) – 58'44" (2016), Women: Kiplagat Florence Jebet (KEN) – 1h06'38" (2012)

HALF: discount depends on number of registrants



Limassol Marathon (Cyprus) 03-18-2018

The course of the Limassol Marathon GSO is not difficult. It is essentially a flat race with its unique characteristic being long straight lines. The greatest part of the marathon takes place along the coastal road of greater Limassol.

The start of the race is on the seafront of the Limassol city, Molos area (the promenade). Athletes head west to the new port, passing by the streets "Christodoulou Hadjipavlou" and "Spyrou Araouzou" towards the round-about at the old harbor. The path continues towards the streets Kioproulouzate, Xelal Bazaar and the Avenue Franklin Roosevelt.

FULL and HALF: 20% off, also special travel packages available





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EARLY 2018 EUROPEAN EVENTS

Olympia (Greece) 03-31/01-04-2018

Olympia is where the Olympic Games started and where the Olympic flame is ignited for the Olympic Games. It is in the Western Pelopones, about 3.5h out of Athens by car (car rental is very inexpensive in Greece). The marathon has a generous time limit of 6h. It is during Easter weekend which is a "long weekend" for most people in Europe, and extended by public holidays. That means one could get a longer trip with a minimum number of holidays to explore the area of Ancient Greece (Sparta is not far from Olympia). Weather should be mild (this year 66°F / 19°C).

Special (free of charge) offer for our runners: a guided tour of the UNESCO world heritage of Olympia. Free entrance to the opening ceremony (including premium seats), which is carried out in the archaeological museum of ancient Elis.

A special opportunity to meet & greet the grandson of the first ever man to finish a marathon race and also the second winner of the first modern Olympics, Charilaos Vasilakos and learn his unique story.

12k: 03-31-18; FULL and HALF 04-01-2018: 20% off



Roads to Rhodes (Greece) 04-29-2018

Rhodes is one of the most popular holiday destinations in South Europe. It is also the island of the Colossus, one of the Seven Wonders of the World and the motherland of the Ancient Olympics Champion Leonidas Rhodius.

The half marathon is like no other, as it gives you the opportunity to run along the coastline on a flat course with spectacular views of the deep blue Aegean sea on one hand and fortification walls of the Medieval Town of Rhodes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on the other.

Rhodes is easy to reach, as it is connected with direct flights with major European cities, while a variety of accommodations are available on special rates for the runners.

Last but not least, the legendary pasta party - free for all the runners - along with the great atmosphere during the race and the warm hospitality, make the half marathon an event to remember.

FULL and HALF: - 10Euros (30-35%)



Salzburg Marathon (Austria) 05-08-2018

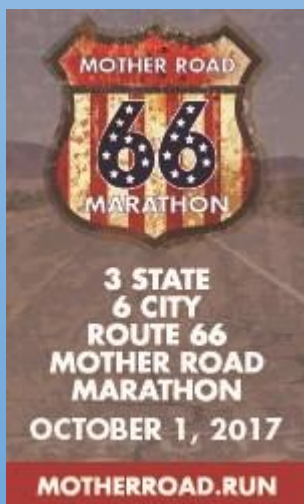
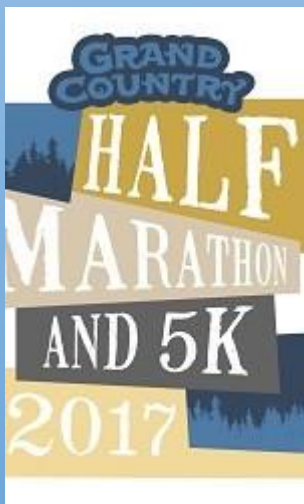
Enjoy a special marathon-feeling while passing many of the best known sights of Mozart's hometown! The beautiful course is absolutely flat (maximum vertical drop of 10 meters) and certified by IAAF/AIMS. To compete in the marathon distance of 42.195 kilometers, you have to complete the half marathon lap twice. The Start/Finish line is located at Mirabell Square, directly in front of Mirabell Palace. Enjoy the most beautiful sight on the historic center of Salzburg, a UNESCO world cultural heritage, from here!

Full and Half: fixed price (39/ 50 Euros)





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Anchorage Runfest



Running Fit



Minnesota Half



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Galloping Gertie Half



Stacy #9942, Lisa #9941



Rocky Horror Half Shrewsbury



April #2929, Chris #3934



SeaWheeze Half



Kerrilee #9060, Sandra #9811



Janice #1246



Dena #8511



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FANATIC GEAR

Plan early for cooler temperatures and rain.



FANATIC POLL



Each month there will be a "Fanatic poll" posted online. Please take a few moments to answer this poll. Results will be in the next newsletter.

This month's question:

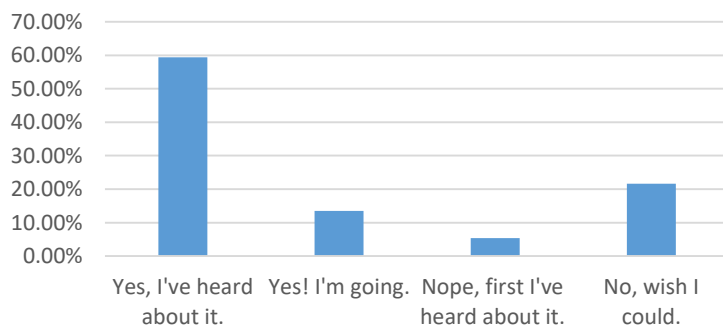
What season is your favorite for running?

Please submit your response at:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eek6rl22j77szki4/start>

Last month's question:

Did you know there's a 1st ever Fanatics (Only) Reunion Race, October 1st in Branson, Missouri?





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Get ready for the FANATIC FRIDAY CHALLENGE!

EVERY MONDAY • RUN MILES BASED ON THE DATE
DIVIDED IN HALF (EX: FRI. SEPT 8TH = 4 MILES)
USE #FANATICFRIDAYCHALLENGE TO BE FEATURED
AS OUR FANATIC OF THE WEEK!

STRAVA

Join us on STRAVA as the Official Half Fanatics & track your miles!

Starting this Friday we will begin the Fanatic Friday Challenge! Run miles based on the date divided in half and take a photo using [#fanaticfridaychallenge](#) to be featured on our Instagram and Facebook!

Track your miles on STRAVA and join our club page here: <https://www.strava.com/clubs/half-fanatics>



Get your child moving! An 8 week running program with fun and challenging running activities.

Mission

- To introduce our youth to the physical and emotional positive effects of running.
- To increase the physical activity of our youth.
- To create a positive environment where all participants are equal.
- *Hard work and determination will be rewarded at the end of the journey!

Find out more at: <http://www.halffanatics.com/flying-fanatics>.

Welcome to the Perch
June New Member
Ethan L., Flying Fanatic #80

FROM THE EDITOR

My son is returning to school. Daily routines are changing for me and I find it difficult to stick with my running goals during this time. **ALL** my early morning runs have me wearing a headlamp and reflective gear again. I'm ready for the cooler temperatures and a little rain. Bring it!

Want to share your "why you run", your achievements, goals, and any stories? Did you have a really great run -- or a horrid one? Are you celebrating any milestones: 50 half marathons? 100? 1000? Did you level up?

Shoot me an email to include you in the next newsletter!

halffanaticnewsletter@gmail.com

-Kellie Follett #4560





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Teresa #15263



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Rockin' Chocolate Marathon & Half



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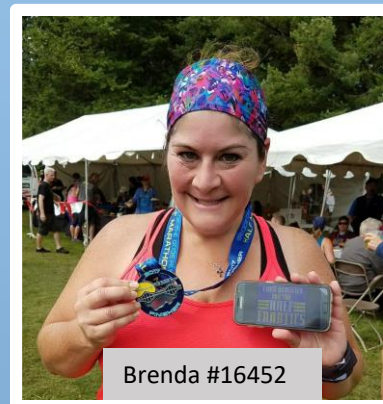


WELCOME TO THE ASYLUM! NEW AUGUST 2017 HALF FANATICS

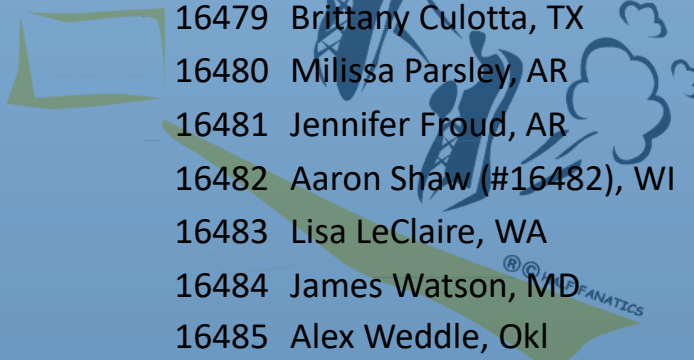


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OUR WHY... WHY WE RUN

We all have our reason we run – our why – and it’s what gets us out the door most days. The more I run, the more people I meet, the more I’m learning about what brought others on their journey. Each month, I want to share as many of your whys as possible. Send me [email](#) to share yours.



I started running mainly to help maintain enthusiasm for my weight loss journey. I have dealt with some health issues as an adult, and I needed to start getting serious about healthy living. You can blame so much on genetics, but then there the choices we make every day when it comes to our nutrition.

In 2014, I decided to take the first step by joining a group-run downtown with Black Girls Run in Jacksonville, Florida. A friend of mine encouraged me to register and run a 5K. I loved it and decided I wanted to sign up for another one. I began to incorporate running with working out in the gym a few times a week. I found runners to be very encouraging and the running community to be filled with phenomenal people.

With less than a year of running under my belt, I ran my first half marathon in Chicago, Illinois with an amazing group of ladies from Women Run The World. There were several people in my life following my journey, praying for me, and encouraging me to “Just Keep Running!”

I started to have people share with me that they felt so encouraged by seeing my fitness posts and hearing about my running and traveling adventures. I decided in 2015 to join the 50 States Half Marathon Club, really test my limits, and set some running goals. I began working on two challenges: the 100 Half Marathons Challenge and the 50 States Endurance Challenge.

I completed the 100 Half Marathons Challenge on August 13th 2017 at the Bridge Of Gods in Cascade Locks, Oregon. I have run in 45 States + DC. I have 5 States left to complete the 50 States Endurance Challenge.

Runners completing the 50 States Endurance Challenge can choose to complete a half or full marathon. There are some states in which I have never run a half marathon. I expect to finish the endurance challenge in 2018. Running to me is a ministry, that is why I run. I always have a fantastic time encouraging runners out on the course, and you will often see me running races in Team 413 gear. I love sharing how blessed I am to have breath in my body, the ability to run, and the finances to travel and see this big, beautiful country of ours!

Bonnie # 9479





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OUR WHY... WHY WE RUN

Sometime in the wee hours of July 30, 2005, a visitor joined me in my room at a regional hospital in Tulsa, OK as I struggled to nurse my newborn son just hours after his birth. A nun in a Catholic hospital did not seem out of place, but her words were surprisingly pointed and would change my life forever.

“He is beautiful, and so are you. Remember, nobody has the right to hurt his mom. That includes you. Find your path and heal your body and your soul.”

I became a mother having been an obese, sedentary chain smoker. I knew that with this new life, I wanted a change. I wanted to play with my children on the playground, and I wanted to be here for them for a very long time.

As soon as I was released, I joined a local training program to begin losing weight. It took almost a year, but I ran my first 5k in April 2006. I ran my first half marathon – the Inaugural Route 66 Marathon – in November of 2006. I ran my first full marathon the following year, and I have never stopped. Eventually, I became a certified running coach so that I could help others as I had been helped.

Running has brought me closer to myself, closer to my family, closer to my faith, and closer to my sanity. As a teacher, I use running to challenge and socialize with my students. As a mom, I use running to not only spend time with my children, but also to give me time to myself to recharge so that I can be the best mother possible. I want to set the best example for my students and my own children. I want them to love themselves enough to care for themselves.

Over the years, my happiest moments have been celebrated on a run. My saddest moments have been mourned on a run. I mourned a lost relationship and celebrated new love on a run. My greatest frustrations have been solved on a run. I even practiced my vows on a run. Running has been the center of my greatest triumphs and my greatest failures. Yet, still I go. Running hurts and running heals.

Years later, I attempted to contact the woman whose words sit in my thoughts. While it was standard practice for nuns to visit patients, there is no record of a visit to my room. Most likely, a clerical error. Since I cannot find the one woman whose words changed me, I think of my Marathon Maniac and Half Fanatic families as that voice, reminding me every single run.

On July 22 this year, I “ran” the best race yet as I ran down the aisle and married my favorite Half Fanatic and Marathon Maniac. With our running shoes on, our family changed forever. Running brought me my wife!

“Find your path and heal your body and your soul.”

Shawna #13292

