

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS HALF MARATHON

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Greetings All! Here is the current information about the upcoming event. It's the longest race in the Flagstaff Summer Series and will have between three and four hundred runners. **Start/finish is at Wheeler Park, across from City Hall.**

It's a half marathon starting at 7:30 am, a 5K starting at 7:45 am and a walking event (which has a 6:00 am start. We won't track the walkers, although we may see some stragglers). The 5K turnaround station should be clear of 5K runners before the half marathoners return. The event is usually completed well before noon.

Primary frequency will be the 146.980 Elden Repeater

Secondary frequency will be 146.980 simplex

Locations and assignments are attached in the table and the maps. Use tactical call signs. Because this is a longer race, I've shown staggered on-station times, rather than asking everyone to be on station way in advance of when runners are expected. Check in with Net Control upon arrival at your station but be aware they will be busy after race start. **PLEASE TRACK ALL RUNNERS. Report "First five" and "Last five" runners, as well as needs for assistance or other significant events.** Report the sweep passing your station (each time if passing more than once), then you may request to secure the station after sweep's final pass through your station (the unofficial "sweep" is likely an ATV picking up the course markers or perhaps a couple carrying the American Flag).

Access to the more remote stations (Halfway, Haag's, North Corner and Junction) can be via I-40 west to A-1 Mountain Rd (Exit 190) to FR 506 to FR 515, as shown on maps, but high clearance, four wheel drive is recommended as the roads can be unpredictable. The forecast leading up to race day is generally dry, but storms are possible. Green/brown gate can be accessed by this route as well, allowing hiking to South Corner, or both Green/Brown Gate could be hiked from Thorpe Park.

Dress for expected weather conditions (thunderstorms possible). Take: orange safety vest, hat, water, snacks, sunscreen, clipboard/pens, folding stool/chair, **bug/mosquito repellent** (the biggest need (other than your radio), per some veterans of this event).

Be safe out there and have fun as well!

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