

OCTOBER 3rd: MOON FESTIVAL * MOONLIGHT 5K RUN/WALK * FUN BIKE RIDE

Frequently Asked Questions

What day does the Moon Festival take place and where?

-The Chinatown Mid-Autumn Moon Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2009, located at 943-951 N. Broadway, LA Chinatown 90012.

What are the fees & days of registration?

- \$25 registration fee (ended 8/31/09)
- \$30 registration fee (9/01/09-9/28/09)
- \$35 late registration (9/29/09- 10/3/09)
- \$22 for group of 10+

When is the last day to register?

-Participants can register up through 10/3 as walk-ins at Day-Of Registration. Please DO NOT mail registrations after 9/28 as we may not receive it in time.

When can I pick up my bib & souvenir t-shirt?

- Bikers, pick up will be available on race day (10/3) beginning at 2pm at Registration.
- Runners/Walkers, pick up will be available on race day (10/3) beginning at 5pm at Registration.

Are there parking lots within the area for me to park?

-Parking around the area is plentiful, and the festival is also easily accessed via Metro Gold Line rail from the Chinatown Station.

Are there any other events going on in or around Chinatown that may impact traffic?

-The LA Decompression Festival is taking place at the Los Angeles State Historic Park from 12noon-12midnight and the LA Dodgers home-game that will begin at 7:10pm. Participants and spectators are encouraged to take the Metro Gold Line and exit at the Chinatown Station. Event site is ½ a block away.

What time and location does the Fun Bike Ride start and how far is it?

-The Fun Bike Ride starts at 3:30 PM from Central Plaza and is 25 miles roundtrip.

What time and location does the Moonlight 5k Run/Walk start?

-The Moonlight 5k Run/Walk starts at 7:30 PM from Central Plaza.

What time is the festival and what is the entrance fee?

-The Festival will be from 5:30pm – 10pm. The festival is free and open to the public. Only participants of the Bike Ride and 5K Run/Walk have fees applied.

What is the policy for refund and return fee?

-No refunds or returns are issued for registration fees. Race registration fees are refundable for duplicate registrations only. To secure a refund for duplicate registration, please provide proof of two registration payments. You will be refunded for the larger amount if a late fee is incurred.

Can my friend pick up my bib and t-shirt for me?

-To ensure that registered participant receives event information and race materials (bib and souvenir t-shirt), we require a written note by the registered participant indicating their authorization for pick-up by another individual. Information should include full name, address, age, sex and signature. If a waiver form is not on file (no signature), the participant will have to be physically present and complete the form before receiving race materials. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Is there assigned parking for the event?

-There will be no assigned parking for the event. Runners are encouraged to arrive in Chinatown earlier to look for nearby parking to avoid traffic and street closure delays. Participants & spectators can also take advantage of the Metro Gold line (Chinatown Station exit), which is half a block from the event site. Please also see our parking map for additional info on available parking lots and street parking.

Will there be refreshments at the finish line?

-Yes, there will be plenty of refreshments and drinks for all registered participants (don't lose your race bib).

I'm a volunteer; can I wear our organization or group's t-shirt?

-In order for Event Staff to identify volunteers, we require volunteers wear the volunteer t-shirt that is provided. See your volunteer coordinator for details.

Are pets allowed on the racecourse?

-Running or walking with your pet is permitted. However, for the safety of your pet and other participants, we recommend that you begin your event behind runners in both races. In addition, your pet must be on a short leash and with you at all times. Pets will not be timed. Please also pick up after your pet and thank you for your cooperation.

Will there be a check-in area for personal belongings?

-Unfortunately, check-in services are not available. Please give yourself sufficient time to place your belongings in your car or have a friend or relative hold onto it.

What if I'm pre-registered but can't attend the event?

-Upon conclusion of the race, all no-show registered participants will have the option of picking up your bib & souvenir t-shirt from the BID office or have it mailed to you at your expense. Please contact us to make the necessary arrangement.

Can I run the race if I am not registered?

-We discourage non-register runners, and if you must run without registering, you should leave the racecourse before the finish line to avoid disrupting our registered runners and finish timers.

Will streets be closed to cars?

-No. There will be a rolling closure. If you fall behind or ride in front of the main group, you must obey all traffic laws. Look for riders with “Ride Monitor” pinned to their back if you have questions or need help.

Where are the restrooms

-There will be porta potties at the rest stop on the Bike Route and at the festival site in Central Plaza.

What will be at the rest stop on the bike ride?

-There will be water and snacks at the rest stop for all registered riders. There will also be porta potties at the rest stop.

If I fall behind, how will I stay on the route?

-Look for Course monitors holding direction arrows. If you do not see any arrows at an intersection, that means you do not turn at that corner. Only turn when you see the arrows. Some course monitors will be holding signs to warn you of road hazards. Please slow down when you see “slow” signs.

What type of help will I get if I have a problem?

-If you can not complete the bike ride for any reason, look for a ride or course monitor for assistance. There will be a truck at the rear of all riders that will give you a ride back to the start line if you need it. If you have fallen and need medical assistance, please look for a ride or course monitor. Ride monitors will be riding along in various sections of the route to give assistance. Emergency Medical Technician will be called if you need medical assistance.

What shall I do if my bicycle breaks down?

-The pace truck will give you a ride back to the start line.