



San Antonio RoadRunners

<http://saroadrunners.org>

Hello SARR Members,

Where do I begin, with everything we have going on? First, I hope everyone is doing well. In between the extreme temps, we've been getting a good amount of rain in. Obviously, when you're out getting your miles in, keep your safety in mind. While it may be cool today, it may be blazing hot tomorrow. Hydrate up and carry water or electrolytes with you...and look out for your running buddies as well.

Global Running Day: The **SARR Global Running Day Event** is Wednesday, June 4 at 6:00 pm, and everyone is invited to join us at Mission County Park to celebrate our love of running and leading healthier and more active lives. This event is a **FREE**, family friendly event to celebrate, have fun, and run! The Fun Run will start at 6:30 pm, and we'll have 1 mile, 2 mile, and 5k distances. We'll also have food and raffle prizes! If you are going to one of the other GRD events in town, you may see a SARR booth at some of these as well. Please sign up [HERE](#) so we can get an estimated count on attendees.



Membership Meeting. The Annual Members' meeting/picnic is on Saturday, June 21 at Eisenhower Park, Harris Pavilion. All SARR members are invited to attend and it's free. Of note, **this event is for SARR Members and their guests only**. It's a great time to come out and celebrate our awesome club and socialize with your fellow members. Please sign up [HERE](#) so we can get a good headcount.

Location: Eisenhower Park, Harris Pavilion, 19399 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78257

Schedule:

7:30 am - fun run 5K

8:30 am - breakfast tacos! fun giveaways!

9:00 am - SARR Annual Membership Meeting and Election

BOARD NOMINEES

- President – Keith Click
- Vice President of Membership – Gwendolyn DeMore
- Director of Racing – Merrianna Ramirez
- Director of Social Media – Kristin Levere

- Director of Safety and Compliance – Janet Stone

If you are interested in getting more involved in the club, we have volunteer positions available. Some of us have also done multiple terms in our current positions and would like to see some new people stepping in to keep our club going strong once we move on.

Great Fiesta News! I'm very happy to announce that the Fiesta San Antonio Commission has selected the SARR Mission Run as an official Fiesta Event beginning in the 2025-2026 year! So, in 2026 our race will be the "**SARR Fiesta Mission Run**". I want to give a special shout out to Merrianna Ramirez, our Director of Racing, for making this happen! She put a lot of work into this and made sure we met all the compliance criteria required to even be considered for an official Fiesta event designation. This was a 3-year process.

Al Becken Pavilion update: We met with the Parks and Rec team and are moving forward with relocating and getting a new Al Becken Pavilion Sign installed. We are also planning to place a plaque on a boulder at Pavilion 1 for visitors to read about Al. More to come, but we are honored to be able to do this in memory of Al. He is sorely missed.

Community: Several of us began the month by talking to about 750 elementary kids from Kindergarten - 5th grade about the importance of running and fitness. It was a long day, but a fulfilling day. Thank you, Gwendolyn and Frank DeMore, and Lu and James Schuster for keeping all those kiddos informed and entertained!

May the 4th Be With You Run! Congratulations to all the finishers who conquered this one. It was a great day and a great race! We had a large turnout for this year's Race, and it did not disappoint. I also enjoyed seeing the many costumes. This is the last time May 4th is on a weekend until 2030.

Texas Sun Showdown: The SARR Texas Sun Showdown Half Marathon, Relay & 5k is coming up on Sunday June 15, at McAllister Park, Pavilion 2. You can run the Half Marathon or get a team together and run the half relay or run the 5K. When you're done, you can enjoy some post-race BBQ!



Freedom Day Run: The SARR Freedom Day Run is coming up on Friday, July 4. This is a great way to start off Independence Day! Come on out and wear your red, white, and blue to celebrate!



Training Updates! Our Spring Pick Up the Pace and kids training programs are going very well, if you are in either of these programs, kudos to you! Registration for our Fall training programs is also underway. Whether you enjoy the trails or roads, we have a program for you!

- **Fall Off-RoadRunners 53K and 27K Training Program:** Mon, August 4 – Sat October 25, 2025 (12-week program): For experienced trail runners; 53K must be able to run a trail half marathon (13.1 miles) comfortably. The Goal Race is the popular SARR Rocky Horror Trail Run. Sign up [HERE!](#)

*** **Free Base Builder:** July 7 - Aug 3, 2025 for 53K / 27K participants.

Note: The Fall Off-Road 10K and 5K Training Program registration opens June 1.



- **Fall 5K, 10K, Half & Full Marathon Training Program:** August 16 - December 7, 2025. The Goal Race for fall Training is the Inaugural San Antonio Marathon! Come join in the fun and sign up [HERE!](#) **Prices increase June 1st and the 15% discount expires May 31.**



Free Monthly Fun Runs: Our June Fun Run is coming up on Saturday, June 7 at 8:30 am at MLK Park. This is a nice Park so come on out and join us! Remember, you can do a half mile, 1 mile, 5K, or all three distances. Plus, we start with the Kids Run, and it's fun cheering them on!

Zoo Run Note: There will NOT be a Zoo Run on June 4, Global Running Day. Fleet Feet will be holding a 5k run, The Big Run, at 7 pm on that day. The route is through Brackenridge Park, using part of the Zoo Run route. All roads leading into the park, except for the Hildebrand entrance, will be blocked off starting at 4:30 for course set up. John DiCarlo, Sally Rios and a few course

marshals will be handling the first water stop.

SARR Santa Antonio Run: Unfortunately, we as a Board have decided to cancel the SARR Santa Antonio Run this year. We did a study and determined that with declining participation in the crowded month of December, it is not economically feasible to continue this race at this point. We will see what the future of the race is moving forward. I hope to possibly convince Santa to come out and have a photo op with SARR sometime in Dec. I'll keep you posted if we can put something together. Also, the San Antonio Marathon is having their holiday themed 5K Friday, Dec 5th in the evening and I hope to see many people signing up for that. If you join the San Antonio RoadRunners team when registering and can save \$5 off the 5K. See below.

SARR Team for the SA Marathon: The inaugural SA Marathon is coming! We have a "San Antonio RoadRunners" Team, and I ask that when you register, you join our SARR team. You'll get \$10 off for the marathon and half marathon, and \$5 off for the 5K. **If you've already registered for one of the distances, you can still go back in and join our SARR team!** The details to do that are as follows at this [link](#). Tell your friends so we can grow that SARR team! We are planning a nice after party to celebrate conquering the inaugural race!

Pace Team: We're working to fill the Pace Team for the SA Marathon. We will be announcing the selected Pacers in the late June timeframe. We have many people interested in pacing and we plan to put together a great team to pace the runners!

The running landscape is changing here in San Antonio. There are many new running clubs and that's exciting. As a proud member of SARR, I firmly believe that it is an exemplary running club that positively impacts lives. We are committed to ensuring that SARR continues to evolve in alignment with current trends. I ask that we refrain from disparaging other clubs, as we all share a common passion for running and providing opportunities for runners. Let us celebrate our mutual interest in the sport and support each other. The popularity of running has surged in San Antonio, and I am proud to be part of this community.

Enjoy your miles,

Keith Click
President, SARR