

Miles for Meals FAQ

What time does Miles for Meals start?

Miles for Meals is being held on **Tuesday, September 19th at 6:00 pm at LeLacheur Park**, 450 Aiken Street, Lowell, MA. Registration opens at 4:30 pm. If you're coming to cheer on your favorite runner/walker you can watch participants from the LeLacheur Park stands. The 5k (3.1 mile) race will start and finish in the park near the first base/home dugout.

What's the cost of the race?

\$30.00 per participant before Friday, September 15th at midnight. Participants can register race day for \$35.00.

How do I register?

Online at http://www.lightboxreg.com/milesmeals_2017 or at 4:30 pm at the Gator Pit on race day. You can pay with cash or check for race day registration.

What is included in my registration fee?

A race bib and chip, a t-shirt, a hot dog, pizza, ice cream and beer to celebrate being part of the 2nd Annual Merrimack Valley Food Bank Miles for Meals road race. Also included is an enormous feeling of satisfaction and pride knowing that you provided meals for our neighbors in need.

Is there parking?

Yes, the Ayotte Garage at the Tsongas Arena has parking available. There is an additional lot at the Tsongas Arena adjacent to Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union which will be available after 5:00 pm. Metered spots are available throughout the area (make sure to pay the meter and check the time limit). We are working to secure additional parking in the area. We'll update the website if we find additional parking.

Where does the race go?

Starts and finishes in LeLacheur Park, takes a right onto Pawtucket Street, takes a right onto the University Ave bridge and then a right onto the Pawtucket Blvd, takes a right onto the Aiken Street and proceeds to the Riverwalk. Follow the Riverwalk behind the Tsongas arena, takes a right behind the arena, straight to Father Morrissette Boulevard, Right onto Aiken Street and back to LeLacheur Park. [Click here for the route map.](#)

Is there a rain date?

Nope – this is New England, we don't plan events around the weather. Race takes place rain or shine. We hope you'll join us!

Can I bring a stroller or a dog?

As much as we love strollers and dogs, the race starts and finishes in the ball park and runs along part of the Pawtucket Boulevard. It's in everyone's safety that we don't allow strollers and dogs. Sorry Fido!

Can I make a food donation or monetary donation to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank?

Absolutely. We'll be collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations at the race. We're all about raising funds for the food bank and having a good time. You can also make an online donation on our registration site. Thanks so much for thinking of us.

Are there prizes for the top runners?

Prizes will be awarded to the overall top male and female finishers and to the top male and female in age group divisions.

Why are you doing this?

We're a group of volunteers committed to the running community and the community as a whole. We figured this would be a fun way to raise some funds for the food bank. The Spinners graciously offered to host us so here we are. This is an all-volunteer led event. We're planning for a great time and hope that you'll be there.

Do you need volunteers for the race?

Always. If you're able to volunteer email szacharer@mxfb.org.

What happens if I register but have to cancel?

Sorry, no refunds but rest assured that your entry fee will be used to provide food for those in need. Even if your legs can't make it to the race, you'll be making a big difference!!!