



# Press Release

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## **3,000 Participants Expected for the Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run**

*Children ages 6-13 are invited participate in the October 27 event for just \$2*

**QUANTICO, VA-** As part of a year-long salute to runners, the Marine Corps Marathon announced today a reduction in the registration fee for the Healthy Kids Fun Run. Registration opens online beginning May 14, and children ages 6-13 are invited to participate for just \$2, a more than 70 percent reduction from 2006 registration. The Healthy Kids Fun Run will be held on Saturday, October 27 at its new location, the North Pentagon parking lot in Arlington, Virginia beginning at noon. Family fun, fitness and entertainment begin at 10:00 a.m.

“The reduction in the registration fee for the Healthy Kids Fun Run offers parents an inexpensive and safe way to give their children a positive running experience,” explains Rick Nealis, Race Director. “The goal of the Healthy Kids Fun Run is to excite children about getting fit, staying healthy and enjoying exercise.”

Children, grouped by age, will join Miles, the MCM mascot, and uniformed Marines at the start line before running a one-mile course near the North Pentagon parking lot. Afterwards, families are invited to Camp Miles, a post-run activity area featuring interactive challenges, entertainment and games focusing on health and fitness.

Pre-registration is required for participants. To register, log on to [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) beginning May 14. All runners must be registered and pay the \$2 entry fee by October 19. Participants will receive a t-shirt, goodie bag, medal and snacks at the finish line.

Kids Run participants will be required to obtain their t-shirt and bib at the MCM Health and Fitness Expo at the DC Armory on Thursday and Friday. Packet Pick-up will also be available on race morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the North Pentagon parking lot. Families are encouraged to avoid long lines on race morning at Packet Pick-up by attending the Expo on Thursday, October 25 between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. or Friday, October 26 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. for Packet Pick-up. A shuttle between the Healthy Kids Fun Run events and the Health and Fitness Expo will be available.

Parents and children are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign.

The Healthy Kids Fun Run is presented by The Washington Post and sponsored by FAMILY Magazine, ABC7/WJLA and Navy Federal Credit Union.

*Voted “Best Marathon for Families”, the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Runners from all walks of life have participated in the world’s largest marathon to not offer prize money, deservedly earning the nickname “The People’s Marathon.” The 32<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Marathon to be held on October 28, 2007 in Arlington, VA is*

*presented by USAA, Brooks Sports, Inc., and Cisco Systems. Online rolling registration opens May 9 at noon eastern at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com).*

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