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Recommended Race Day Transportation for Runners and Spectators Attending the Marine Corps Marathon

Runners are Encouraged to Take Metro for the Easiest Access to the Start

QUANTICO, VA- The Marine Corps Marathon announced today transportation procedures for the October 26 event. Runners, their supporters and spectators are encouraged to take Metro, with service beginning at 5 a.m., for the easiest access to the start line.

Marathon runners are advised to take Metro to the Pentagon Station (blue and yellow lines). This location offers easy access to essential pre-race services like UPS Baggage Drop-off in Runners Village prior to entering the starting areas on Route 110 in Arlington. Spectators can take Metro to the Arlington Cemetery Station (blue line) to view the start, or the Rosslyn Station (blue and orange lines) to view the finish. Metro maps, prices and one-day passes are available online at www.wmata.com.

Limited free parking is available at Crystal Drive and 23rd Street in Crystal City, VA. This parking is convenient to the Crystal City Metro Station, only two stops from the start. Those parking in this area can also take the free MCM Shuttle from Crystal Drive and 23rd Street to Runners Village in the Pentagon North Parking Lot from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. This service is available to both runners and spectators.

Post race shuttles will run from the base of the Finish Festival in Rosslyn on the corner of Lynn Street and 19th Street and return runners and spectators to 23rd & Crystal Drive in Crystal City (blue and yellow Metro lines) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additionally, a fleet of eight Saturn Outlook Courtesy Shuttles will take runners or spectators, for free, to predetermined locations along the orange and red Metro lines.

Transportation at a Glance

Pentagon Station...Best for runners with access to the UPS Baggage Drop-off in Runners Village.

Arlington Cemetery Station...Best for guests and spectators to access the start area.

Rosslyn Station...Best for guests and spectators to access the finish area.

Pre-race Shuttle...Begins at 5:00 a.m. from Crystal Drive & 23rd Street to Runners Village.

Post-race Shuttle...Begins at 10:00 a.m. from Lynn and 19th Streets to Crystal Drive & 23rd Street.

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, deservingly earning the nickname "The People's Marathon." The 33rd Marine Corps Marathon to be held on October 26, 2008 in Arlington, Virginia is presented by USAA, Brooks Sports, Inc., and CVS/Caremark. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied.