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2006 Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run to be held on Saturday, October 28 at the DC Armory

6-13 year olds invited to register online beginning April 1 at www.marinemarathon.com

QUANTICO, VA – The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) announced today that the 2006 Healthy Kids Fun Run will take place on the day prior to the Marine Corps Marathon, on Saturday, October 28 at its new location, the DC Armory in Washington, DC beginning at 8:00 a.m. Children will join Miles, the MCM mascot and uniformed Marines at the start line before running a one-mile loop around the DC Armory, finishing just outside the MCM Runners' Expo. In 2005, the event was held in conjunction with the MCM.

The run is open to children ages 6-13 and pre-registration is required. To register, log on to www.marinemarathon.com beginning April 1. All runners must be registered and pay the \$7 entry fee by October 18. Participants will receive a t-shirt, goodie bag, finisher's medal and snacks at the finish line. Camp Miles, a post-run activity area hosted by the National Children's Museum and ABC 7/WJLA will entertain families with interactive challenges and games focusing on health and fitness.

"Each year, more and more children take on the challenge of getting fit, staying healthy and enjoying exercise," explains Rick Nealis, MCM Race Director. "By moving the race to the DC Armory, more families can enjoy this fun and safe event."

Kids Run participants will be required to obtain their t-shirt and bib at the MCM Runners' Expo at the DC Armory. Packet Pick-up will be available on race morning beginning at 6 a.m. Avoid long lines and receive a free MCM bobblehead doll by attending the Expo on Friday, October 27 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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 Sodexho, Families Magazine, ABC7/WJLA, Brooks and Navy Federal Credit Union.

Voted "Best Marathon for Families" by HerSports magazine, the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Since its inception, over 300,000 civilian and military runners from all walks of life have participated, deservingly earning the event its nickname "The People's Marathon." The 31st Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 29, 2006. Rolling Registration opens on May 17th, 2006 at noon eastern. Visit marinemarathon.com for more information.

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