

## Why should your organization participate in the Air Force Marathon?

The Air Force Marathon welcomes groups – defined as 15 or more participants from the same organization.

### Benefits of Marathon Participation:

- A great team building opportunity
- Promotes corporate wellness initiatives
- Support the Air Force and your local community
- Employers can easily subsidize employee registration fees (if desired)

## MARATHON HISTORY & EVENTS

On September 15, 2018 the Air Force Marathon will hold its 22<sup>nd</sup> race. The event began in 1997 in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force and has grown from 1,600 runners to a sellout crowd of 15,500 participants in 2016. The Air Force Marathon course is certified by the USA Track and Field Association and is a Boston Qualifier.

To commemorate our rich history in flight, each year one aircraft is highlighted during the marathon. In 2018 the race will feature the MQ-9 Reaper.

All levels of runners and walkers participate from around the world in the marathon (26.2 mi), half marathon (13.1 mi), 10K (6.2 mi), and 5K (3.1 mi) races. In 2017 our event generated \$8 million dollars of economic impact for the Miami Valley.

### SPORTS & FITNESS EXPO – WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY NUTTER CENTER

Hours of operation: Thursday, Sept 13th 11 am – 7 pm and Friday, Sept 14th 10 am – 8 pm

The Sports & Fitness Expo serves as the “Bib Pick-Up” for registered runners and is open to the public with free entry and parking. Sports and Fitness Expo vendors purchase booths to display and sell their products throughout the two-day event. The expo hosts approximately 30,000 people annually.

### BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS – HOLIDAY INN DAYTON-FAIRBORN

8:00 a.m. Friday, September 14, 2018

Have breakfast with a panel of running experts in preparation for the big day. (Additional purchase)

### GOURMET PASTA DINNER – NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2018

Enjoy a first class buffet style pasta dinner surrounded by aviation history. (Additional purchase)

### 5K – WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY’S NUTTER CENTER – SETZER PAVILION

6:30 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2018

Join 2,500 participants for a family friendly 3.1 mile walk or run through the Wright State University campus

### RACE DAY – NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

5:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, September 15, 2018

Watch the sun rise as 13,000 runners converge on the National Museum of the United States Air Force for the full, half and 10K. It’s a full day of excitement, from the pomp and circumstance of our opening ceremonies, to the aircraft flyovers, to the emotions at the finish line.