

Hi,

The half marathon is postponed until next Saturday, 1/16/10, due to ice on the trails. I had a lengthy discussion Tuesday with Marion County Parks and Recreation (MCPARC) director Dan Talbott at Prickett's Fort. His crew can plow the snow off the trails on which the race is run but the cold temperatures are making it very difficult to remove the icy crust from the trail. (MCPARC is a major race sponsor.)

All other details are the same, noon start, etc., other than the date.

For those who are pre-registered & unable to attend on the 16th, we are offering free registration either to our next half marathon on 1-8-2011 or our "summer" event, the Run to Read 15K/5K, on 6/12/2010. (Check www.runningintheusa.com/run2read for further details on the "summer" race.) Anyone wishing to get a free entry needs to let us know by email or letter by 1/30/10.

The Fairmont Holiday Inn is offering the special rate for the weekend of the 16th. You who have made reservations for the weekend of the 9th need to contact the Holiday Inn to cancel those reservations.

If you know anyone who might be interested in registering, we will extend the pre-registration deadline until 1/11/10 for mailed entries. We are working with signmeup to extend the deadline for online registration.

For anyone with irreversible plans to travel to our area this weekend, I understand there is a 10 mile race in western Maryland.

I'm sorry for any inconvenience we have caused. We have over 180 pre-registered runners from 11 states and Canada, a record for us. We would not postpone this race merely due to temps in the teens or twenties. We feel it is unsafe with the ice. Feel free to email me. Hope to see everyone on the 16th.

Jim Woolfitt,

Race Director, Run to Read Half Marathon
