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Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Week Itinerary, Media Information

Media Center

Hilton Chicago
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Media Center Hours of Operation

Thursday, Oct. 8	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 11	6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Scheduled Press Conferences and Media Availability *(all held at Media Center)*

Thursday, Oct. 8	11:30 a.m.	Kick-Off Press Conference <i>Race Representatives, Mayor Richard M. Daley</i>
Friday, Oct. 9	10:30 a.m.	Elite Athlete Press Conference <i>Top athletes, Race Director Carey Pinkowski</i>
Saturday, Oct. 10	3:30 p.m.	Pre-Race Media Availability <i>Race Director Carey Pinkowski, Medical Director George Chiampas</i>
Sunday, Oct. 11	Following Race	Champions' Press Conference <i>Top three male and female finishers Race Director Carey Pinkowski</i>
	2:30 p.m.	Final Media Availability <i>Race Director Carey Pinkowski, Medical Director George Chiampas</i>

Media Credentials

To apply for credentials to attend race-related activities, visit the Press Center at chicagomarathon.com to apply by Wednesday, Oct. 7. **All applications must be submitted prior to the opening of the Media Center on Thursday, Oct. 8.**

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Media Guides

The 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Media Guide is available for download in the online Press Center at www.chicagomarathon.com. Hard copies may be picked up at the Media Center during regular hours of operation.

Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo*

McCormick Place – North Building, Hall B1
2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr.

Expo Hours of Operation:

Friday, Oct. 9 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

*The Expo is free and open to the public featuring more than 175 exhibitors.

Traffic and Street Closure Information

Comprehensive information on street closures, maps and tips to get around the city on race day can be viewed at www.chicagomarathon.com/streetclosures.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon Schedule of Events

Thursday, Oct. 8

Bank of America Chicago Marathon Kick-Off Press Conference

When: 11:30 a.m.

Where: Media Center

Who: Mayor Richard M. Daley, City of Chicago
Tim Maloney, Bank of America Illinois State and Chicago Market President
Reg Hamlett, Nike Central Territory General Manager
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director

Friday, Oct. 9

Bank of America Chicago Marathon Elite Athlete Press Conference

When: 10:30 a.m.

Where: Media Center

Who: Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon elite athletes

What: Carey Pinkowski will introduce this year's elite field followed by Q & A's with the top male and female contenders. Individual media availability following.

Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo

When: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: McCormick Place Convention Center
2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr., North Building – Hall B1

Who: 175+ exhibitors; Free admission - open to public

What: Approximately 125,000 visitors will attend the Health & Fitness Expo where 45,000 runners will pick up their race day essentials and view the latest in running gear, nutrition, technology and equipment.

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Saturday, Oct. 10

Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo

- When: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Where: McCormick Place Convention Center
2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr., North Building – Hall B1
Who: 175+ exhibitors; Free admission - open to public
What: Approximately 125,000 visitors will attend the Health & Fitness Expo where 45,000 runners will pick up their race day essentials and view the latest in running gear, nutrition, technology and equipment.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon Pre-Race Media Availability

- When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: Media Center
Who: Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director
What: Race officials will be available to field final pre-race questions.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon / Hilton Pasta Dinner Buffet

- When: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Where: Hilton Chicago, Northwest Hall
720 S. Michigan Avenue
Who: Marathon runners, their families and friends
What: Hundreds of runners will carbo-load for Sunday's race at a pasta dinner hosted by the Hilton Chicago and the Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

Sunday, Oct. 11 – Race Day

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- When: 7:22 a.m. – National Anthem performed by *Jersey Boys* ' Michael Dais (Frankie Valli)
7:25 a.m. – Wheelchair Start
7:30 a.m. – Marathon Start
7:40 a.m. – Northside/Southside Challenge Boys' Start (31st Street and Michigan Avenue)
7:45 a.m. – Northside/Southside Challenge Girls' Start (31st Street and Michigan Avenue)
8:50 a.m. – Approximate Men's Wheelchair Champion Finish
9:10 a.m. – Approximate Women's Wheelchair Champion Finish
9:35 a.m. – Approximate Men's Champion Finish
9:47 a.m. – Approximate Women's Champion Finish
10:30 a.m. – Approximate Media Availability with Men's and Women's Champions
Where: Grant Park, Chicago
Who: More than 30,000 runners will complete the 26.2-mile urban course that tours 29 Chicago neighborhoods. More than 1.5 million spectators are expected to line the course and witness the start and finish in Grant Park.

Media: The NBC5 live broadcast, split times, updates, news and developments will be available in the Media Center. Photo corrals will be accessible for credentialed still photographers at the start and finish areas. Television truck parking is available at Balbo Drive and Columbus Drive. Parking placards are available for pick-up in the Media Center.

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Bank of America Chicago Marathon Champions' Press Conference

When: 10:30 a.m. (approximate)
Where: Media Center
Who: 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon male, female and wheelchair champions
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director

27th Mile Post-Race Party

When: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – Champions' Awards Ceremony
Bank of America digital footprint fundraising campaign results announcement
Where: Butler Field, Grant Park (Columbus Drive and Jackson Boulevard)
Who: Musical guests *Four Man Band* and *Mike & Joe*
Thousands of runners reuniting with friends and family
Spectators and general public
What: Thousands of runners will reunite with family and friends while celebrating the day's achievements. Live entertainment will be provided by local cover bands *Four Man Band* and *Mike and Joe*.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Day Final Report

When: 2:30 p.m.
Where: Media Center
Who: Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director
What: Race officials will offer a final report on the day's activities.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 32nd year and a member of the World Marathon Majors, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon annually attracts 45,000 runners including a world class elite field and 1.5 million spectators. As a result of its national and international draw, the iconic race assists in raising \$10 million for a variety of charitable causes while generating an estimated \$143 million economic impact to its host city. The 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will start and finish in Chicago's Grant Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11. In advance of the race, a two-day Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place on Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10. More information on the race is available at the event Web site, chicagomarathon.com.

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