



Team SOAR Celebrates Victory at LA Marathon XXV, Sunday March 21, 2010!

A Proud Display of Gold!

SOAR Takes Wing at LA Marathon XXV!

Fourteen Valley students successfully completed the grueling 26.2 mile "Stadium to Sea" Los Angeles Marathon Sunday March 21st. Sponsored by Students Off And Running (SOAR), a division of the Santa Clarita Track Club, this program dedicates itself to offering Santa Clarita Valley youth the opportunity to participate in a fully supported, 22 week 370 mile marathon training program while challenging themselves to accomplish something truly extraordinary in a non-competitive arena.

Smiling and looking more than a little tired, team co-founder and Head Coach Kevin Sarkissian reflected on the day's events: "I couldn't be more proud of the level of determination these kids showed today. Just committing to the SOAR program is tough enough considering all these guys have going on at home and in school. Couple that with a long, tough six month training season, running in every condition imaginable, and you really get an understanding why today really gave collective testament to their inner strength. I mean how often do you see the average teenager getting out of bed at 2am to run 26.2 miles, it just doesn't happen," laughs Sarkissian.

Less than 1% of Americans ever complete a full marathon. SOAR is not about recruiting seasoned Valley high school athletes, the program looks for any kid with heart, kids that are willing to commit to a truly life changing experience.

Now completing it's third year of operation, the results continue to be impressive. Parents, teachers, and participating students alike report better focus in school, increased positive social interaction, and dramatic improvement in overall physical health.

Donations of new running equipment, gift cards to athletic retailers, and monetary donations are appreciated. Donors should visit www.soar-sc.org or contact Kevin Sarkissian at 661-877-7024 for more information.

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