

*Students Off And Running*  
**SOAR**  
**Santa Clarita**



Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

On behalf of Students Off And Running, we wish to congratulate your student on their amazing accomplishment! As this race promises to host more than 25,000 participants, our focus remains on the safety and welfare of your child during the event.

Please note: In spite of the fact, that many of the runners will have family and friends cheering them on at the finish, no child will be released until the team returns safely to Santa Clarita. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Itinerary and Safety plan for LA XXIII Marathon weekend, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008.

Please feel free to call me with questions or concerns.

Kevin Sarkissian  
Head Coach / Team Coordinator  
Contact on race day: 661.877.7024

Elaine Bingham  
Assistant Coach  
Contact on race day: 661.373.6897

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 (Marathon Expo)

**9:30-10:00 a.m.** – Students will be picked up at home by Coach Sarkissian in the following order:

- 9:30 Ramos
- 9:40 DeLeon
- 9:50 DeBortoli
- 10:00 Hernandez

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Depart and arrive at LAXXIII Quality of Life Expo:

Los Angeles Convention Center, West Hall  
1201 S. Figueroa, Los Angeles, CA 90015  
(See Mapquest attachment for details)

**12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Pick up race bibs, timing chips, and goodie bags.  
(All student race bibs and chips to be held by Coach S. until event day).

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Depart Convention center and arrive in Santa Clarita.

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Team Carbo Load Dinner at Olive Garden  
(Valencia Town Center)

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Students returned home by Coach Sarkissian

Sunday, March 2, 2008 (LA Marathon XXIII)

**4:15-5:00 a.m.** – Students will be picked up at home by Coach Sarkissian and Bingham in the following order:

- 4:15 Contreras (Team Videographer) – Sarkissian
- 4:40 Ramos – Sarkissian
- 4:45 Hernandez – Bingham
- 4:50 DeLeon – Sarkissian
- 4:55 DeBortoli – Bingham

**5:00 – 5:15 a.m.** – Team rallies at Golden Valley High School.

5:30 – 6:00 a.m. – Depart and arrive at North Hollywood Metro Station.

Chandler and Lankersheim Boulevard  
(See Mapquest attachment for details)

Please note: Registered runners ride for free. All other riders must purchase a Metro-Day pass for \$5 at the station to ride the train.

6:00 – 6:45 a.m. – Bib, chip distribution. Team prayer.

6:45 – 7:15 a.m. – Depart and arrive at Universal Studios.

8:15 a.m. – Race Start - Lankersheim and Cahuenga (Universal City)  
(See Course Map for details)

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Race Finish – 5<sup>th</sup> and Flower (Downtown LA)

Student projected finish times are as follows:

- DeLeon 1:15pm
- DeBortoli 1:35pm
- Ramos 1:53pm
- Hernandez 2:06pm

3:00 – 4:30p.m. Depart 7<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Center Station

660 S Figueroa  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

4:30 – 6:00p.m. Arrive at North Hollywood Metro Station. Students released to family members or driven home.

## Safety Precautions:

- 1) All students will carry an emergency contact card during the event, and will be instructed to call Coach Sarkissian to report in at Mile 24. (A team videographer will be stationed at mile 25 to try and capture video of the team finishing.)
- 2) All team members will be instructed to contact a Coach after they finish the race and remain in the finish area until all racers are accounted for. All contact to coaches will be relayed to Coach Sarkissian who will keep the team's master tally. Team Rally point is 3<sup>rd</sup> and Flower (1/2 block east of the finish).
- 3) Parents, coaches, and SCTC President Alan Bingham will be given a copy of this itinerary.

Good Luck On Sunday!



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