

**THE
BENOY
FAMILY**

**The Merced Running Club
Presents
RUN FOR INDEPENDENCE
SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021**

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ELITE PLUMBING
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RV CENTER**

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RACE DAY SCHEDULE: Check-in and registration start at 5:45 a.m. at the Strip Park behind the Library on Second Street. Two mile run and 5 mile run start at 7:30 a.m.

**RACES START ON TIME - REGISTRATION ENDS
15 MINUTES BEFORE THE RACES!**

COURSE: Both courses begin and end at Ralston Park, running through and around the City of Atwater. The course is flat and fast from beginning to end and miles are marked.

WALKERS: Walkers are welcome in the 2 mile race only.

DIVISIONS:

2 mile race, men and women:

9 and under, 10-12, 13-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80+.

5 mile race, men and women:

12 and under, 13-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80+.



**All pre-entry registrations must be sent to Al Garcia/MRC.
No registrations will be accepted at Gordon Wilkinson's or
Al Garcia's homes prior to the race. Those not mailed
will have to register on race day. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 for adults and \$20.00 for ages 18 and under (\$23.00 for adults and \$18.00 for ages 18 and under for Merced Running Club Members) for 2 and 5 mile races by June 24th at Midnight.

RACE DAY REGISTRATION: All pay \$30.00 for registration after June 24th at Midnight and on race day. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT RUNSIGNUP.COM. CUTOFF FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AT 6:00 P.M. ON JULY 3RD.

AWARDS: Trophies will be given to first place overall male and female in each race. Medals will be given three deep in each age division. Master winners in each race Male/Female will receive a special award.

TEE SHIRTS: Runners and walkers will receive a patriotic tee shirt. Tee shirt sizes are guaranteed to pre-registered runners only and this includes online registration. (Registration cutoff is June 24th). Race day first come first serve while supplies last. Tech shirts will be given this year.

REFRESHMENTS will be available to all runners and walkers after the race.

TIMING: Buhach Colony High School.

For additional information, contact:
Gordon Wilkinson / (209) 617-4042



**Make checks payable to Merced Running Club
and mail entry form with payment to:**
Al Garcia • 3341 Carriage Lane • Atwater, CA 95301

**All runners and spectators will be required to wear a face mask except while running the race.
Due to our insurance restrictions, no strollers, skates, bikes, etc. will be allowed in the race.**

ENTRY FORM - 2021 RUN FOR INDEPENDENCE

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____

Event: 2 Mile 5 Mile Gender: M F / Age on Race Day: _____ / T-shirt size: S M L XL

WAIVER: I acknowledge that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity and I should not run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running the 2021 Run For Independence, held on July 4, 2021, including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, traffic, infectious diseases, conditions of the road and effects of the weather. Having read this waiver and in consideration of entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf waive and release the Merced Running Club, the City of Atwater, the Atwater Fourth of July Committee and all sponsors, race officials, Buhach Colony High School (MUHSD) and volunteers from all claims or liabilities arising out of my participation in this event.

Signature _____ Date _____ Running Club _____
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)

**All entry forms must be completed, signed, and accompanied by payment.
NO REFUNDS!**