



Quick Facts

Background:

- The St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend is a collaborative effort between ALSAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and the Memphis Runners Track Club.
- Race weekend includes a Marathon, Half Marathon, and the Memphis Grizzlies House 5K. Prior to Saturday races, the Expo is held at the Cook Convention Center which features more than 50 vendors. Various restaurants throughout the city welcome race participants with pasta dinner specials during Friday night.
- All races end at AutoZone Park.
- The St. Jude Memphis Marathon is a Boston Marathon qualifier.
- Proceeds from all three races benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.
- Originally, the marathon began in 1977 as the Memphis Express. Later it was known as the First Tennessee Memphis Marathon from 1987-2000. There was no race in 2001. St. Jude became affiliated with the race in 2001.
- Four year registration history:

Race	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Marathon	1,856	1,892	2,334	3,000
Half Marathon	4,340	4,974	6,490	8,000
MGH 5K	1,090	1,662	2,524	3,000
Totals	7,286	8,528	11,348	14,000

*sold out

2008 Statistics:

- In 2008, 14,000 runners and walkers from 49 states, Washington, D.C. and **41** countries participated in race weekend.
- More than 2,400 of the event participants were St. Jude Heroes. Collectively, they raised more than \$1.4 million for the life-saving research and treatment conducted at St. Jude by securing pledges from friends, family, co-workers, etc.
- More than 65% of all St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend registrants are from outside the Memphis metro area. In fact, 31% of that percentage are from more than 200 miles from the city of Memphis.

What’s New for 2009:

- Dates: **Expo** – Thursday, December 3 and Friday, December 4. **Race Day** – Saturday, December 5.
- The caps have increased in two of the three races. For 2009, there will be 15,500 participants with 3,500 in the marathon; 8,000 in the half marathon and 4,000 in the Memphis Grizzlies House 5K.

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