



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, the Memphis Grizzlies House 5K and the St. Jude Family Race and Kids Marathon. Prior to Saturday races, the Expo is held at the Cook Convention Center and features more than 50 vendors. Various restaurants throughout the city welcome race participants with pasta dinner specials on 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](http://www.stjude.org)®.
- 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 2002.
- Four year registration history:

Race	2006	2007	2008*	2009*
Marathon	1,892	2,334	3,000	3,500
Half Marathon	4,974	6,490	8,000	8,100
MGH 5K	1,662	2,524	3,000	4,000
SJ Family Race & Kids Marathon	n/a	n/a	n/a	316
Totals	8,528	11,348	14,000	15,916

*The marathon, half marathon and 5K were sold out.

2009 Statistics

- In 2009, 15,916 runners and walkers from 49 states, Washington, D.C. and 49 countries participated in race weekend.
- More than 4,100 of the event participants were St. Jude Heroes. These participants raised funds for St. Jude by securing pledges from friends, family and co-workers.
- Through donations collected by St. Jude Heroes and race proceeds, \$2.4 million was raised in support of the lifesaving research and treatment conducted at St. Jude.
- More than 62% of all St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend registrants are from outside the Memphis metro area. Thirty-one percent of all registrants were from more than 200 miles from the city of Memphis.

What’s New for 2010

- Dates: **Expo** – Thursday, December 2 and Friday, December 3. **Race Day** – Saturday, December 4.
- There will be no race day packet pickup. All participants must pick up packets Thursday and Friday at the Expo.
- The St. Jude Family Race & Kids Marathon will be limited to 500 families. Registration caps for the three additional races will remain the following: Marathon: 3,500; Half Marathon: 8,100; and the Memphis Grizzlies House 5K: 4,000.

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