

BRIDGE AND DAM RACES TO RETURN FOR 11th YEAR

5k, 10k, and Half Marathon to continue under new leadership, with new beneficiaries.

Lake of the Ozarks, MO, May 2024 – FundRuns is pleased to announce that they have assumed responsibility for the Bridge and Dam races in 2025. Consisting of a 5k, 10k, and half marathon on the Bagnell Dam strip, the event will be held Saturday, April 12.

FundRuns is stepping in to continue the races in 2025 after the founding organization decided to not continue hosting it. FundRuns' Alysia Maschino and Scott Page were the original race directors of Bridge and Dam and plan to expand on the successes the races thrived on for many years. With sole control over all aspects of the race, several improvements will be made.

In the most scenic course available for a running event at the Lake, participants will start at the Scenic Overlook northeast of Bagnell Dam and run up the historic Strip. Runners in the 10k and Half Marathon will cross the community bridge. The finish for all runners is fun and fast back down Bagnell Dam Blvd.

"Bridge and Dam used to benefit a single entity but will now partner with multiple charities." said Alysia Maschino. "We are asking interested organizations to donate their efforts to the event in exchange for a portion of the proceeds."

Supporting FundRuns at the event will be the Lake Area Runners group. The Lake Area Runners is an informal group of people from all around the Lake that gather to run together and support races in the area. "We anticipate this being a large event and we couldn't do it alone, "said Scott Page. "We like to say that FundRuns events are by runners and for runners and this event will exemplify that. We have a number of runners volunteering on committees to help ensure the best event possible."

While Bridge and Dam suffered from wild weather extremes over the years, the race will move to mid-April in hopes that weather will be a bit milder.

A new addition to next year's event will be a finish line party. Bridge and Dam plans to partner with restaurants and bars on the Strip to host an event worthy of our amazing Lake of the Ozarks. This will not be an event where runners will cross the finish line and head for home immediately after.

Registration is open at https://runsignup.com/bridgeanddam

If you would like to be involved with the event planning in any way contact FundRuns at <u>www.fundruns.org</u> or heyguys@fundruns.org

Founded in 2020, FundRuns' mission is to support organizations by offering people opportunities to experience their own greatness through foot races and physical activity. FundRuns hosts races around the Lake of the Ozarks with distances from 5ks to ultramarathons and other unusual race formats, with profits going to non-profit charities.