

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Running for the Arts  
This year's goal – 2008 runners in 2008!  
Register today!

No matter if you want to run, walk or sleep in, you're invited to participate!!

Spring Branch Education Foundation (SBEF) will sponsor the 16th annual 5K Running for the Arts Run/Walk on Saturday, May 3 at Memorial City Mall outside JCPenney. Duncan Klussmann will sound the starting gun at 8 a.m. for competitive runners; 5K walkers will follow. The Kids' K (1K) non-competitive run for participants in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or younger will begin at 9 a.m.

"This event involves the whole community," says Patti Kroger, Running for the Arts chair. "You'll see families running together, elementary school students participating in their first race and professional runners who come back year after year. The school district's Health Fitness Teachers Association is joining us this year, so I have no doubt that we'll reach our goal – 2008 runners in 2008!"

### Support Good Causes

Proceeds from Running for the Arts provide cultural arts field trips for SBISD students, grades one through eight, sponsored by the SBEF. Students experience performances and exhibitions by premier arts organizations – many for the first time.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Health Fitness Teachers Association, which is helping with the event. "We believe there is a very strong link between wellness, the arts and academic success," says Rebecca Fuchs, director, SBISD Health and Health Fitness. The Association sponsors college scholarships for students, teacher scholarships for professional development, community awareness programs and more.

### Register Today

Runners/walkers can register online here by clicking on [signmeup.com](http://signmeup.com) or by downloading the registration form.

Registration fees include a t-shirt and race packets:

- \$15 per person for participants 18 years and younger
- \$20 for adults
- \$50 for families of three
- HARRA members receive a \$1 discount
- Registration on the day of the race is \$25 for all participants.

Race packet pick-up and additional registration is scheduled at Sun & Ski

### Sports at Memorial City Mall

- Thursday, May 1, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Friday, May 2, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Prior to the event on Saturday, May 3, 6:30-7:45 a.m.

## Sleep In – and Participate!

You'll have the T-shirt to prove you participated if you join the "Saturday Sleep In" team. And all you have to do is . . . sleep!

Sponsorships are offered for \$50 and include four official Running for the Arts T-shirts; registration counts toward a participating student's school in the Highest School Participation Contest. T-shirts should be picked up during the packet pick-up times at Sun & Ski Sports.

## Something for Everyone

- Jump rope and hula hoop contests and other kid activities.
- SBISD performing arts groups, including a marching band, jazz ensembles and singers, will perform throughout the morning.
- A silent art auction will be located inside the north entrance of Memorial City Mall next to Eye Masters on race day, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.; the auction features student works from every SBISD school.
- Award Ceremony outside the Mall's food court entrance
- After-race party hosted by Berryhill Baja Grill & Cantina at the Mall for all participants

## Awards

- Male and female overall winners – \$300 gift certificate provided by Memorial City Mall and a gift certificate from Sun & Ski Sports for a pair of running shoes by Mizuno
- Overall male and female master (over age 40) winners – \$200 gift certificates provided by Memorial City Mall
- The SBISD school with the highest participation – \$500 gift certificate from Young Audiences of Houston and a \$500 Academy Sport + Outdoors gift certificate for the health fitness department
- All other SBISD schools that participate in Running for the Arts will be part of a drawing for the same prizes.
- All registered runners and walkers will be eligible for numerous door prizes from community merchants. Winners must be present.

Thank you, Community Members!

The community is generous in its support of Running for the Arts and SBISD students.

- Presenting Sponsor: Memorial City Mall and Metro National
- Gold Medal Sponsor: Barry and Sue Abrams
- Silver Medal Sponsors: James and Mallory Shaddix and Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P.

- Bronze Medal Sponsors: Gary and Lydia Junek, Apache Corporation, Greenwood King and Gulf Coast Recycling
- Underwriters: Greenwood King is underwriting water and snow cones, Berryhill Baja Grill & Cantina is underwriting face painting.
- In-kind donors: Berryhill Baja Grill & Cantina, Sun & Ski Sports, Mizuno Shoes and Memorial City Mall

For more information, call 713.365.4781.

**Photo of children running:**

Children and parents enjoyed the Kids' K event at the 2007 Running for the Arts.

**Photo of professional runners:**

Sanctioned and certified by the USA Track and Field Association, Running for the Arts is a popular event for Houston-area competitive runners.