

January 2026

Happy New Year! Welcome to year 51!!

It's hard to believe that the Saskatoon Road Runners have celebrated 50 years of pursuing and promoting the enjoyment of running. Over the past 50 years the SRRA has staged hundreds of running events from 1 mile to a 50 km Ultra. (We even had a few events that involved skiing and skating). It's a pretty remarkable achievement for a group of volunteers. I can't help but wonder what the number would be for our 50 years of accumulated mileage!

Back in 1975 there weren't a lot of options for runners, so a group of running enthusiasts formed the Saskatoon Road Runners Association and began offering road races to Saskatoon and area runners. Back then, we were really the only option for runners to toe the line in all spirits of running from serious competition to recreational runners looking for something new and fun. Flash forward 50 years and there is an overwhelming assortment of running events. Often there are multiple events on a single weekend. The majority of these events are a fundraiser for charities or causes. It has become tougher each year for the SRRA to find space on the running calendar to squeeze in an event. Even our premier event, the Saskatchewan Marathon, has shifted dates over its 48 year history to accommodate other events before finally settling on the last weekend in May.

Hosting a running event, whether it is a major championship or a fun run, can be a daunting task. This is where the volunteers of the SRRA have learned there is strength in numbers. Your membership with the SRRA is vital to a healthy running scene in Saskatoon. It is so much more than discounts on SRRA events and perks with our sponsors. Your membership allows the SRRA to ensure our events are conducted safely, including liability insurance, and have received the proper permission and assistance from the City of Saskatoon and the cooperation of Saskatchewan Athletics. We strive to keep our costs low and operate on a break even basis (which includes the rental fees for the storage unit we use to store all our equipment). If we do actually make a profit from an event we look for a suitable charity to support. **In 2025 the SRRA's Saskatchewan Marathon was able to donate over \$60,000 to the Meewasin Valley Authority.**

In our 51st year the volunteers with the SRRA have four events scheduled: **The Frosty Fifteen** (Jan 18), **The Saskatchewan Marathon** events (May 31), **The Whiteswan Mile** (July 5) and the **Blackstrap Trail Race** (Oct 4). These events are only possible with your support, so please, if you haven't already done so, please renew your membership for 2025. Thank you for your support. (And we'll be looking for volunteers for these events too!).



50 Years



<https://raceroster.com/memberships/4892/srra-club-membership-2026>.

Saskatchewan Marathon - Positions Open

The 48th Annual Saskatchewan Marathon is only a few months away (May 31) and the volunteers on the Marathon Organizing Committee are already hard at work to make this year's events the best ever. The committee is still looking for a few more volunteers to take on a couple of very important roles. We are looking for a **Water Station Co-ordinator** and (two) **Course Marshal Co-ordinators**. This is your opportunity to step into an organizing position with the Saskatchewan Marathon. We are looking for people willing to give back to the running community. Best of all, there is lots of support from the committee for those willing to learn the ropes. And, of course, we will be looking for keen and energetic people to fill the 400-500 volunteers required for the Marathon Weekend (May 29-31). Please contact run.srra@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or visit the Saskatchewan Marathon website.

<https://www.saskmarathon.ca/>

Brainsport Warehouse Sale!

Look for great deals on 1700 pairs of running shoes, walking shoes and boots all marked down as low as \$99.99.

Check out the New Balance 1080v14 for \$99.99!

Select colours in the On Cloudsurfer Next will be \$149.99!

Select colours in the Hoka Clifton will be \$144!

The Brainsport January Warehouse Sale will be at:

2108 St. George Ave.

Friday, January 16 1:00-7:00

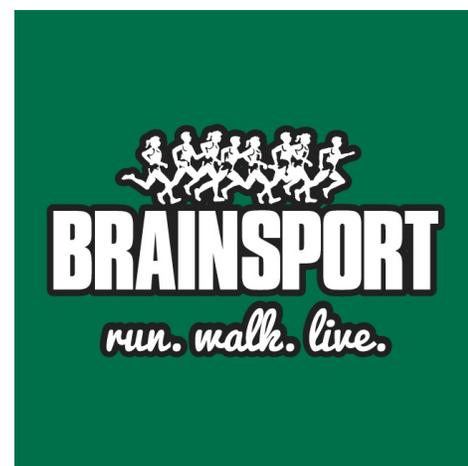
Saturday, January 17 10:00-5:00

The Beaver Flat 50 celebrates its 10th anniversary

on September 19th. Ten years ago when I first heard of this trail race I thought they were nuts. I wondered who would want to come to the 'middle of nowhere' in Saskatchewan and the run the steep, cactus-strewn, wind-swept, muddy beaver pond coulees at Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park? But the crew at Prairie Sky Running had a vision and their passion for trail racing paid off. The Beaver Flat 50 regularly sells out (Registration is now open). Prairie Sky Running proved there is a demand for rugged, steep trail running in Saskatchewan and has introduced another event in Cypress Hills: The Ressor 50 (May 15-17). **Congratulations to Prairie Sky Running on 10 years of "Hurt in the Hills".**

The weather in January can be all over the map; minus 28 with face-numbing wind chill one day and then a slushy plus 3 the next. These fluctuating temperatures can play havoc with the trail conditions, often creating uneven footing and icy sections. And this is just a preview to what February and March will look like. Winter running is tough compared to clear roads and trails of summer. You have probably noticed your pace has dropped a few notches with the snow and ice. That is normal in the winter and nothing to worry about. So don't fret the pace and watch your footing. **Welcome to January.** Have fun out there.

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MARATHON



Looking for a running group?

Mendel Riverbank Parkrun

(<https://www.parkrun.ca/mendelriverbank/>)

The "happiest" run is free, but you need to register before you arrive.
(<https://www.parkrun.ca/register/?eventName=mendelriverbank>)

The Mendel Riverbank Park Run takes place **every Saturday at 9:00 a.m.** at the Meewasin Trail by the WonderHub (950 Spadina Crescent East). All ages and paces welcome. Remember, Parkrun is completely organized by volunteers, so please consider volunteering.



Transition Sport and Fitness

<http://www.transitionsportandfitness.ca/>

Offers Personal & Group Training. Triathlon, Swimming, & Running Programs.

While program is geared for triathletes, you are welcome to sign up for just the running portion. The run meets on Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. alternating between indoor and outdoor locations. Visit the website for more information and fees.



Outter Limits Trail Group

Join Outter Limits this summer for our weekly trail run meet-up.

We will meet at Outter Limits at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings and head down to the river to run along the trails.

All skill levels welcomed!

Run time will be roughly 30 mins.

* If trail conditions are not suitable to go on, we will run on the paved meewasin trails.

*Please follow our social media for weekly updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/youradventurebeginshere>

<https://www.outterlimits.com/>

Check out the Outter Limits for their snowshoeing evenings as well!

The graphic features the Outter Limits logo at the top, which includes a tree icon and the text "Outter Limits QUALITY SINCE 1987". Below the logo, it says "THURSDAY NIGHT" in a bold, sans-serif font. The main title "Trail Run" is written in a very large, bold, black font. Underneath that, "MEET-UP" is written in a smaller, bold, black font. The central illustration shows four runners in various colored athletic wear (blue, purple, orange, and green) running across a grassy field with stylized green trees in the background. At the bottom, there are two white rectangular boxes with black text. The left box says "MEET AT OUTTER LIMITS 6PM" and the right box says "RUNNERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOMED".

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QUALITY SINCE 1987

THURSDAY NIGHT

Trail Run

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The Chamber Networking Run Club

Networking Run Club meets Tuesdays at 12:10 p.m. outside the YWCA with participants running five kilometres together. Runners can use the YWCA locker rooms and showers at no charge by letting reception know they are part of the club. (Parking at the YWCA is free).

The Networking Run Club is open to anyone who wants to be part of a social run club over their lunch hour and is not limited to members of the business community. No registration is required.

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SASKATOON'S BUSINESS NETWORK RUN CLUB



**TUESDAYS
12:10 PM**

**FUN, SOCIAL 5K RUN
ALL LEVELS WELCOME**
Starts at YWCA, ample parking available
SHOWER FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Thursday Morning Run Group - (Triple T)

Thursday @ 9:00 a.m. Rotary Park. All levels welcome. 5-6km. Post run coffee at Taste Buds.

Free.

Contact Harvey Mathies.

Bear With Me Running Club

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Rotary Park (location may vary). 3-5 km walk or run. All levels.

Free.

Contact Brittany Hanson.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1158712621497383>



EBC Running

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Rotary Park
30+ minutes

Contact Harvey Mathies. All levels welcome.

Free

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1149423425619797/>

Running Wild Athletics

Tuesday & Thursdays Saskatoon Fieldhouse. Track speed intervals. Membership required. Contact Harvey Weber.

<https://www.runningwildac.ca/>



YXE Slow AF Run Club

Wednesdays 6:15 a.m. Rotary Park. 30 mins. All Levels - walk, walk/run, run.

Contact Margie Bee. Free.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2058461994572421>

YXE SLOW AF
RUN CLUB



YXE Run Club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/186077234540903>

Lyndon Smith leads this free group which meets every **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** outside the **Running Room on 8th Street**. All ages and levels are welcome.

Joggers Lagers Run Club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3419789771586403/>

Meets **Wednesdays at 6:30 at High Key Brewing** (102 23rd Street East). All skill levels are welcome. Wednesday runs are a 5 to 8 km social run (with regular pauses to regroup). Runs end at High Key Brewing for post run socializing.



Craven SPORT Services OnTrack Run Club

Craven OnTrack Run Club meets at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening at Craven SPORT Services (701 2nd Ave North). The lead coach is Brandi Venne and she offers training groups from walk/run to speed intervals, so all levels are welcome. Please contact Brandi at ontrack@cravensportservices.ca or call Craven SPORT Services 306-700-3308 to sign up.



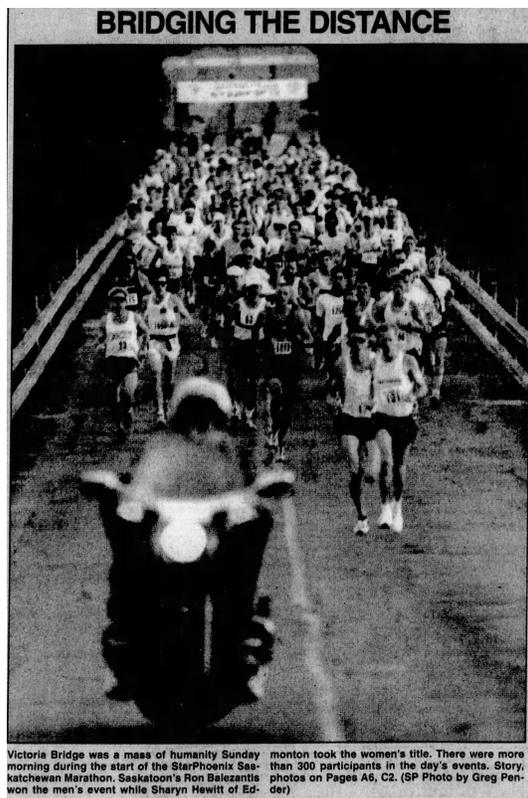
NEW from Craven SPORT Services: OnTrack Indoor

Keep moving inside on the track this winter!

Join our **OnTrack Indoor Track** from Nov 8 – Apr 11 (7:30–9:00 am).

Improve speed, learn proper drill work, work on your form, video analysis, and train with expert coaches.

Limited spots! Sign up now. \$75/month.



The 1996 Saskatchewan Marathon from the StarPhoenix by photographer Greg Pender. The 1996 Saskatchewan Marathon started on Third Avenue and headed across the Traffic Bridge. City officials were a bit concerned that the harmonic resonance created by the runners might damage the bridge.

The bridge was badly corroded and in 2010 it was closed. The Traffic Bridge was used for many of the SRR events and the closure resulted in some creative routing for running events like the River Run and Saskatchewan Marathon.

In 2016 the bridge was demolished in spectacular fashion with the use of explosives. Construction began on replacing the Traffic Bridge and the new bridge was completed in 2018.

Upcoming Running Events of Interest



Frosty Fifteen

5, 10, or 15 km Winter Fun Run

Sunday, January 18, 2026



Frosty 15

Sunday, January 18

Saskatoon

5, 10, 15 km

<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/11350/frosty-15>

SOLD OUT



Join The Saskatoon Road Runners for our first fun run of the year with either 5, 10 or 15km distances.

Make your New Year's resolution one to meet local runners and get to know them better. Socializing after a run with a hot bowl of chili and mug of hot chocolate at the Home Quarter Coffeehouse and Bakery is a great way to have fun and beat the chill. This first fun run of the year features an out and back 5 km course, you have the option of running one, two, or three loops.

The course follows the frosty South Saskatchewan River along the scenic Meewasin Valley Trail. After your run through Saskatoon's winter wonderland we'll head over to the Home Quarter for a bowl of chili and a mug of steaming hot chocolate, some great socializing, and even a couple of draw prizes.

Entry fee is \$25.00. (plus taxes and Race Roster fees). Saskatoon Road Runner members receive a \$15.00 discount. **SRRA members use promo code SRRA2026** for your discount. This is a no-frills event: medals and T-shirts are not offered. This event is capped at 50 participants, so enter today to avoid disappointment.

Dead Cold Run

February 22, 2026

Saskatoon

1, 5, 10, 21 km

<https://deadcoldrun.ca/saskatoon/>

Featuring the Thick Skinned 21, the Toasty 10, the Frosty 5, and the Slippery 1 km this event supports the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundations Mending Little Hearts Fund of Saskatchewan. Their team of volunteers will be present at the event to accept on-site donations!

All Entry Packages Include a Custom Dead Cold Run Cotton Casual T (not guaranteed after January 24) and Official Dead Cold finisher Medal. There are water stations on the course and great finisher food!



Gopher Attack

Sunday, April 26

Regina

5, 10, Half, Full (virtual and in-person)

<https://www.marathonmatters.ca/gopher-attack>

Gopher Attack is an early spring Boston Qualifier marathon with a flat and fast course that winds through the scenic Wascana Park and the University of Regina campus. It is a 21.1 km loop certified by Athletics Canada. The event is a fundraiser for the MS Society of Canada and hosted by Marathon Matters Running Club. Finishers will receive a unique medal and in-person participants will receive a unique swag item.



Royal Road Race

<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/112374/2026-royal-road-race>

5 km, 10 km. Mini Mountie 1 km, Family 3 km, Wheelchair 5 km

May 9

Regina

The Royal Road Race is back as Saskatchewan's premier race to celebrate Mother's Day weekend! As always, it will provide a unique opportunity to run within Canada's RCMP Training Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan. This year the Royal Road Race is hosting the 2026 Saskatchewan Provincial 5km Road Championships. In recognition of women on Mother's Day weekend, the Jaleta Pacers are awarding all 2026 race finishers in the 5km and 10km events with a new exciting product from Hillberg & Berk! And to honour those that strive to excel, the guaranteed prize purse for the Royal Road Race 2026 will total \$4000.00!



Ressor 50

<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/110509/ressor-50>

May 15-17

Ressor Ranch, Cypress Hills

10 km, Marathon, 80 km

The Ressor 50 is an unforgettable adventure through the rugged beauty of the Cypress Hills. The journey takes you across rolling meadows, winding trails, and beneath the towering conglomerate cliffs that stand as silent guardians of the land. Each step reveals new sights: wildflowers, grazing deer, and the calls of distant hawks. The terrain tests your endurance, with challenging climbs rewarded by sweeping vistas.



Saskatchewan Marathon

<https://www.saskmarathon.ca/> Registration is now open!

5 km, 10 km, Half, Full, Marafun 2.2 km, Family 2.2 km

May 29-31

Saskatoon

The Saskatoon Road Runners present the 48th annual Saskatchewan Marathon features a fantastic lineup of events for runners of all levels. Participants can choose from the **FAMILY FOCUS EYECARE 2K**, **Craven SPORT Services 5K, 10K**, **Eb's Source for Adventure 21.1K**, and the **Brainsport 42.2K marathon**. Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Meewasin Valley through the city of Saskatoon, this marathon is not only one of the most scenic running events in Canada but also a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

One of Canada's top running events, the Saskatchewan Marathon has become the race of choice for elites, avid and recreational runners. Whether this is your first run event or you are a seasoned veteran, you will have an exceptional experience at the Saskatchewan Marathon. The stellar Race Expo, engaging Finish Line Village with medals for all finishers, post-race nutrition, and our New Balance tech shirts make this an experience of a lifetime.

Queen City Marathon

<https://runqcm.ca/>

5 km, 10km, Half, full, Kids Mini Marathon

September 11-13

Regina

Offering a race for every pace. This is Saskatchewan's premier fall Marathon Race Weekend.

Saskatoon Road Runners Association members can use promo code 26QCMSRRA for a discount.

Beaver Flat 50 10th Anniversary!

<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/113626/2026-beaver-flat-50>

Beaver Flat 50, Dam Hard 20, Beaver Fever 10, Horseshoe Hustle 5 and 1 km Kids Run

September 19

Saskatchewan landing Provincial Park

The Beaver Flat 50 is a race that will leave you begging for less. We are running the Beaver Flat 50 in the traditional sense, as we have been for the past 9-years. However, to celebrate our 10-year anniversary, we will be reviving the Flaming Unicorn.

You may be wondering: what is a flaming unicorn? Head over to the registration page for the historic details. Don't forget your headlamp!

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MARATHON



Did we miss an event?

Looking for members to join your running group?

Let us know!

E-mail run.srra@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/SaskatoonRoadRunners>



Help Wanted: SRRRA Volunteers

You probably know this already, but the SRRRA is a volunteer run (pun intended) organization. The more volunteers, ideas, and energy, the more events we can organize. Without volunteers we can't accomplish much. Our marquis event, the Saskatchewan Marathon, is well established and continues to grow. However, the SRRRA is still rebuilding and adding back other events like the Whiteswan Mile and the Blackstrap Trail Race.

The organizing committee for the Saskatchewan Marathon is already busy putting together the 2026 edition. If you would like to be part of the organizing committee (or learn more) drop us an e-mail at run.srra@gmail.com.

We encourage you to consider volunteering to help regrow our organization. For those of you who answered "Yes" to the volunteering question on the registration form, you can anticipate we'll reach out with opportunities.

Suggestions for events are always welcome. We could really use some advice or technological know-how if you have some experience with social media, websites and newsletters (Email run.srra@gmail.com).

SRRRA Acknowledgement

Our city has a vibrant indigenous history, which includes running. For millennia people on the plains traveled by running, walking, and snowshoeing. Many of the places we run today are along routes that follow well-worn traditional pathways.

Saskatoon is located on Treaty 6 Territory (signed August 23, 1876) and the Homeland of the Métis. We humbly acknowledge the traditional caretakers of the land and honour the First Nations and Métis people of this place and their ancestral footprints we continue to follow.

"Consistency creates the uncommon"

SRRA Member Benefits - Discounts

Club Discounts

- 10% Saskatchewan Marathon registration.
- Reduced registration fees for all other SRRA races.
- Free access or reduced fees for members to SRRA fun runs or social events.

Retail Discounts

Various retail partners generously provide discounts to SRRA members!

- **Brainsport** – will send \$25 eGift Card to all SRRA members registered by March 31.
- **Bike Doctor** – 5% SRRA discount on regular priced clothing and accessories.
- **Bruce's Cycle Works** – 10% SRRA discount on regular priced clothing and accessories.
- **Eb's Source for Adventure** – 10% SRRA discount - regular priced clothing, accessories.
- **Outter Limits** - 10% SRRA discount on regular priced items.
- **Meewasin** – 10% discount off their Walking Tours (using the exclusive SRRA member code).

Shop local and thank our retail partners for their support of the SRRA!



Special thanks to these organizations that make our events possible



This newsletter is part of your SRRA membership

You have received this monthly newsletter because you are currently a member of the Saskatoon Road Runners Association. We could use some help with the newsletter, social media, and our website.

We invite your comments and suggestions, and missed running event notices by e-mail to run.srra@gmail.com

Deadline for the next newsletter is January 28th, 2026.

Don't want to receive these occasional newsletters? Reply e-mail (or e-mail run.srra@gmail.com) with the word 'unsubscribe' and we will delete your e-address from our newsletter.

Happy Running!

Running Ahead by Looking Back

Here is what we were able to tabulate what happened in 2025. Assuming these events will happen in 2026, this list can assist in your planning for 2026. **Events which are confirmed are in Bold Type.** This is not a comprehensive list. Always check with event organizers to confirm the event will be held in 2026.

Have an event to add? E-mail us at run.srra@gmail.com

January 4, 2026	Cure for the Brr	Regina
January 18, 2026	Frosty 15	Saskatoon
February 22, 2026	Dead Cold Run	Saskatoon
March 16, 2025	E-kwesit 50	Saskatoon
April 12, 2025	Saskatoon Running Festival	Saskatoon
April 26, 2026	Gopher Attack	Regina
May 9, 2026	Bridge City Duathlon	Saskatoon
May 10, 2025	Synergy Sunrise Run	Lloydminster
May 10, 2025	Run Wild Trail Run	Langham
May 10, 2025	Spring Fling	Prince Albert
May 9, 2026	Royal Road Race	Regina
May 10, 2025	Spring Run Off	Elbow
May 15-17, 2026	Reesor 50	Cypress Hills
May 18, 2025	Echo Lake Road Race	Fort Qu'Appelle
May 31, 2025	Canada Goose Ultra	Regina
May 31, 2026	Saskatchewan Marathon	Saskatoon
June 7, 2025	Walk Run Ruck	Regina
June 7, 2025	Run for Women	Saskatoon
June 8, 2025	Running Festival	Moose Jaw
June 13, 2026	Kids of Steel	Saskatoon
June 14, 2026	Summit Run	Prince Albert
June 15, 2025	Rainbow Run	Saskatoon
June 20, 2026	Living Sky Triathlon	Saskatoon
June 21, 2025	Duck and Run	Saskatoon
June 22, 2025	Bigfoot 50 Trail Run	White Butte
July 1, 2026	Canada Day Run	Regina
July 5, 2026	Whitesewan Mile	Saskatoon
July 26, 2025	Hoot n Howl 12 hr	Regina
August TBD 2026	Bare as You Dare	St. Joseph
August 9, 2025	Tri-Unity Challenge	Carrot River
August 11, 2025	Frank Dunn Triathlon	Waskesiu
August 16, 2025	I Love Regina	Regina
August 15-16, 2026	Prairie Nightmare Backyard Ultra	Echo Valley
August 17, 2025	Yorkton Charity Race	Yorkton
August 17, 2025	Saskatoon Ekiden	Saskatoon
August 23, 2025	Fin Island Trail Race	Battlefords
August 24, 2025	Bear With Me Festival	Saskatoon
September 11-13, 2026	Queen City Marathon	Regina
September 7, 2025	Cause for Paws	Saskatoon
September 7, 2025	Raider Run	Prince Albert
September 7, 2025	Moosomin Beer Mile	Moosomin

September 7, 2025	Ovarian Cancer Walk	Saskatoon
September 13, 2025	Candle Lake Fun Run	Candle Lake
September 19-20, 2026	Beaver Flat 50	Sask Landing
September 13, 2025	Melfort Multi-K	Melfort
September 13, 2025	Miles for Smiles	Saskatoon
September 14, 2025	Heartbeat Run	Saskatoon
September 14, 2025	Terry Fox Run	Saskatoon
September 19, 2025	Step Up for Mental Health	Saskatoon
September 20, 2025	Dakota Classic X-Country	Whitecap
September 25, 2025	Thrivefest 5 X 5 km	Regina
September 26, 2026	Outter Limits Trail Run	Waskesiu
September 30, 2025	Orange Shirt Day	Saskatoon
October 4, 2025	CIBC Run for the Cure	Saskatoon and Regina
October 4, 2026	Blackstrap Trail Race	Saskatoon
October 12, 2025	Harvest Hustle	Rosetown
October 19, 2025	First Responders Half	Saskatoon
October 25, 2025	Halloween Run	Regina
November 16, 2025	Gingerbread Run	Saskatoon
December 6, 2025	Santa Shuffle	Regina