FORT FITNESS
FALL FESTIVAL

4 MILE | 10K Half Marathon



SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 PARKVIEW FIELD 1301 EWING ST, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Thank you for being a part of Fort4Fitness 2025!

Our 18th Annual Fort4Fitness Fall Festival includes events for all ages and skill levels. It is thanks to you, our participants and volunteers, that it has become a great annual celebration of fitness!



# Here's a special thank you from two team members who make it all happen: our 2025 Fall Festival co-chairs



# **Brent Harring**

"Thank you all for your participation in Fort4Fitness. I can attest that the positivity and encouragement in Parkview Field is always at an all-time high each year on this day! A special thank you to the hundreds of volunteers that help make this great event happen. F4F does not exist without you!"



# Jennifer Sylvester

"There is nothing like the Finish Line at Fort4Fitness on race morning! Thank you all for your participation, whether it be as a runner, walker, volunteer or cheer group. It's great to see so many in our community participating in the event. This is one of my favorite events in Fort Wayne and I love watching people accomplish their goals!"

# **Fort4Fitness Leadership**

# **Board of Directors**

Tim Kenesey Jake Torkeo

Brad Altevogt Heather Rohrbacher

Tara Baker Dr. Greg Johnson

Mark Dely Heather Leas

Sarah Earls Jade Kelsey

Tabitha Ervin John Motz

Brent Harring Jenn Sylvester

## **Fort4Fitness Staff**

Satin Lemon Sami Blair Zac Compton

Amanda Burge







# Parkview Field 1301 Ewing St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

| 12:00PM - 8:00PM | Packet Pick-Up   |
|------------------|--|
| 12:00PM - 8:00PM | Fort4Fitness Festival Expo                                     |
|                  | F4F merchandise for sale & vendor displays                     |
| 12:00PM - 7:00PM | Food at Parkview Field Open                                    |
|                  | Food available in the TinCaps concession area                  |
| 12:00PM - 6:00PM | Kit's Club and Fox Trot Mile Check-In                          |
|                  | Located inside the main entrance on Brackenridge and Ewing St. |
| 12:00PM - 6:00PM | Silver Fox Club Check-In                                       |
|                  | Located inside the main entrance at                            |

6:30PM ...... Start: Fox Trot Mile

Start Line located at the corner of Brackenridge and Ewing St.

6:40PM - 7:30PM ...... Finish: Fox Trot Mile

Finish Line located at home plate inside Parkview Field - Medals will be given to participants upon finish

7:00PM - 7:30PM ...... Stretching with Power Yoga

# **Schedule Of Events**

Saturday, September 27, 2025

# Start Line | Near Brackenridge St. Outside Parkview Field

7:30AM - 8:45AM ...... Start Line Entertainment and Announcements

Provided by 97.3 WMEE

WANE 15 will feature coverage from the race starting at 7:00AM

7:35AM ...... Start Corrals Open for Half Marathon Participants

7:45AM ...... Official Welcome — Half Marathon

National Anthem by Fort Wayne Children's Choir

7:55AM ...... Start: Half Marathon Wheelchair Participants

8:00AM ..... Start: Half Marathon

Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. Cannon

8:05AM ...... Start Corrals Open for 10K/4 Mile Participants

8:15AM ...... Official Welcome - 10K/4 Mile

National Anthem by Fort Wayne Children's Choir

8:25AM ...... Start: 10K/4 Mile Wheelchair Participants

8:30AM ...... Start: 10K/4 Mile

Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. Cannon

# Inside Parkview Field | 1301 Ewing St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

7:00AM ...... Gear Check Opens

8:30AM - 12:30PM ...... Post-Race Food in the Lincoln Financial Event Center

A FREE Flight by Yuengling/Michelob Ultra/Soda at any Concession Stand with your Bib Coupon F4F Merchandise for Sale and Vendor Displays Finish Line Announcements by WBCL and STAR 88.3

# With You Every Step of the Way.



On the Air, On the Go.





Scan This Code to Download the New and Improved WANE 15 News App.

**Local Coverage You Can Count On** 



Proud to be the official TV media partner for Fort4Fitness.



Know the start time of your race and the Start Line location.

Don't forget your race bib! Fill out the important medical information on the back and pin it in a visible location on the front of your race day clothing. The front of your bib also tells you which corral you will be in. Please wait until your corral and wave are called before entering.

Go to visitfortwayne.com to plan parking.

Make sure to review street closures at fort4fitness.org to know how to get close you can get to the Start Line.

Checking your gear? Gear Check opens at 7:00 AM inside Parkview Field. Use the gear check tag from your race bib and attach it to the bag that contains your belongings.

Grab a cheer sign at the Festival Expo from the PNC booth!

Know the course amenities: water, first aid, and entertainment.

As you approach Ewing Street and the final stretch, enjoy your last moments coming into Parkview Field and finishing around home plate!

You did it—wave to the cameras!

Accept your well-deserved finisher medal from a volunteer.

Visit a concession stand for your free Flight by Yuengling, Michelob Ultra or soda. Stop in at Post-Race Food in the Lincoln Financial Event Center and listen to the music at the Post-Race Party as you recover from your race.

Get your race results! Scan the QR code on your bib.

Thank every volunteer you see!

# faegre drinker

# Proud Sponsor of Fort4Fitness

Faegre Drinker is proud to partner with and support Fort4Fitness. At the heart of our firm is a dedication to community engagement, fostering partnerships to keep our neighborhoods healthy, vibrant and connected.

# **Special Thanks to Our 2025 Charity Partners & Corporate Connections**

# **Charity Partners**

Big Brothers Big Sisters Blue Jacket

Breastie Boxes Erin's House

F.E.E.D Zimbabwe

Fort Wayne Center for Learning

Fort Wayne

Community Schools

Fort Wayne Trails GiGi's Playhouse Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana

Girls on the Run

Heartbeat of Hoagland

Hope's Harbor

Huntington County Humane Society

Iris Family Support Center

Kate's Kart

Lost Dogs of Fort Wayne

Make-A-Wish

McMillen Health

Mission: Motherhood Purdue University FW

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast

Indiana

Special Olympics Indiana

Stillwater Hospice

Turnstone

Wags & Wiggles Rescue YWCA Northeast Indiana

To give back to our community, Fort4Fitness implements the Charity Partner non-profit fundraising program annually. Registrants can choose a Charity Partner with no extra cost or commitment to them. If an organization can build a "team" of at least 100 participants who choose their organization, that non-profit will receive 10% of those registration costs as a donation at the end of the year.

# **Corporate Connections**

3Rivers Federal Credit Union

Allen County Public Library

Anytime Fitness Georgetown Square

Ash Brokerage

Barrett McNagny LLP

Berne Witness Carson LLP

CASS Housing

Chick-Fil-A Coliseum Blvd.

**Endodontic Associates** 

The Ferguson Agency

Fort Wayne Metals

Franklin Electric Co, Inc. Indiana Michigan Power

Indiana Tech

Jones Petrie Rafinski

McIntosh Energy Co.

MedPro Group Micropulse

MPS Egg Farms

PNC Bank

Premier Truck Rental

Reusser

Riverside Mfg., LLC

Ruoff Mortgage SRT Prosthetics and Orthotics

Steel Dynamics

Terex

TriCore Logic

Vera Bradley Designs

Votaw Electric

The Corporate Connection Program provides an opportunity for companies to encourage healthy living and physical activity in its employees. Through the program, companies offer their employees incentive to participate Fort4Fitness events by covering the cost (or a portion of the cost) of employee registrations.



# Caring people make the difference!

As experts in senior care, there is a passion our people bring to their work that you simply won't find in any other senior healthcare company!

- Short-Term Rehabilitation
- Outpatient Therapy
- · Memory Care
- · Long-Term Care
- Skilled Nursing Care



ASCCare.com







The Fort4Fitness Kit's Club, tailored for children aged 4-14, champions exercise, wellness, and healthy lifestyles for both kids and their families, offering an array of distinctive training programs and events.

They finish out the program at the Fox Trot Mile, where each participant receives a medal.









Aimed at seniors, the program encourages them to stay active throughout the summer, participating in various activities like tours, cardio, drumming, and TinCaps games.

Open to those over 50, participants aim to log enough miles to complete a marathon distance by the Fox Trot event.

# Boring knows it's a marathon, not a sprint.

See what boring banking can do for you»





Weekdays 6am-10am







# Letter From the Mayor of Fort Wayne

Dear Fort4Fitness Participants,

Welcome to the 18th Annual Fort4Fitness Fall Festival. This is a fantastic annual event that attracts not only northeast Indiana residents, but people from across



the country, and even overseas. More than 4,000 participants are expected to take part in this year's 4 Mile, 10K, and Half Marathon Events, plus the Final Mile race for kids and older adults.

Fort4Fitness is committed to wellness, fitness, and healthy living by providing signature events year-round. The Spring Cycle, Summer Sunset Relay, Fall Festival, and Winter Wonder Dash all cater to a diverse group of people. Some participants are just beginning their fitness journeys; others use F4F events as part of their continuous training. Many set their fitness goals around the Fort4Fitness schedule, and others come out just to experience a fun local weekend event. These events truly are for everyone.

Fort4Fitness also takes pride in the assets that the City of Fort Wayne has cultivated. The races are tailored for safety and fitness, yes, but also to showcase our vibrant downtown, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne parks and trails and historic neighborhoods – all of which help make Fort Wayne a great place to live, work, and play. The partnerships between Fort4Fitness and local businesses and organizations are also designed to benefit the community, providing programs to encourage wellness within corporate companies as well as providing fundraising platforms for non-profits.

Finally, I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers, corporate sponsors and organizers who have worked countless hours to ensure the success of this community festival of health. On behalf of the residents of Fort Wayne, I commend you for your participation and your commitment and wish all of you well. By working together, we're providing an enhanced quality of life for all as a city that's fun, family-friendly, and safe.

Sincerely,

Sharon Tucker Mayor of Fort Wayne



For 125+ years, our superior liability coverage has protected healthcare providers.

We bring that same spirit of support to the finish line to cheer on Fort4Fitness!



medpro.com





# We understand the power of great merch.

Scan here to start your journey.



www.jhswag.com

# **Letter From the Founder**

To Fort4Fitness Participants, Volunteers, and Spectators:

On behalf of our sponsors, staff, and board, I welcome you to our four signature fitness events in 2025:

- 14th annual F4F Spring Cycle, May 31;
- 5th annual F4F Summer Sunset Relay, June 28;
- 18th annual F4F Fall Festival, September 26-27; and
- 10th annual F4F Winter Wonder Dash 2K/5K, November 14-15.

We also welcome you to our two events in partnership with the Fort Wayne Zoo: the very 1st Glo Wild Mile on May 16, and the 2nd Run Wild 5K on June 7.

Each year, tens of thousands take part in one or more of these Fort4Fitness events as participants, volunteers, spectators, and community partners. I ask you to join me in thanking and honoring all who help make all of this possible:

- Our generous sponsors, whom you see in this program and on our website;
- Our event chairs: Jade Kelsey & Jake Torkeo (Spring Cycle), Tara Baker & Heather Leas (Summer Sunset Relay), Brent Harring & Jenn Sylvester (Fall Festival), and Brad Altevogt (Winter Wonder Dash 2K/5K), as well as their great committees.
- **F4F board members** and our hundreds of **friendly volunteers** who dedicate so much time to F4F;
- The City of Fort Wayne and the terrific public safety and healthcare professionals.
- Our small but dedicated F4F staff: Executive Director Satin Lemon,
   Community Relations/Marketing Coordinator Sami Blair, Race Director Zac
   Compton, and Volunteer Coordinator Amanda Burge.

We are proud that, over the last 18 years, F4F has become synonymous with improving fitness in Northeast Indiana. We are also proud that F4F continues to be a showcase for our dynamic community spirit and ever-improving "quality of place."

And so, whether you are participating, volunteering, and/or cheering, we thank you all for helping us continue to bring fitness to the Fort.

Tim Kenesey
Fort4Fitness Founder
and Board Chair





# Official Developer & Sponsor of Fort4Fitness

The partnership between Reusser and Fort4Fitness is years in the making, and marks a dynamic collaboration aimed at promoting health, wellness, and community engagement.



**REUSSER.COM** 

Strategy · Creative · Development · Digital Marketing



Every year, Blue Jacket, Inc. sets up beautiful holiday light displays throughout Franke Park for folks to drive through and enjoy. Fort4Fitness participants have special access to walk or run through the lights before the Blue Jacket drive-through event opens to the public! Gather a group of loved ones and create unforgettable, fun holiday memories as you take in the 140+ brilliant light displays.



# Thank you to all of our volunteers!

It takes more than 1,000 volunteers to make Fort4Fitness events possible. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has given their time and talent to help make our events happen.

Our volunteers do so much to help us continue our mission of "inspiring healthy living and fitness throughout the Greater Fort Wayne region."

Please give a big "thank you" to anyone you see in a volunteer shirt!











Registration Opens January 1st, 2026

# Lincoln Financial is proud to support the 2025 Fort4Fitness Fall Festival

You've worked hard for the life you've built. That's why we work hard to help you protect it. Since 1905, our insurance and protection products have been helping Americans plan for a more secure financial future.



# Learn more at LincolnFinancial.com

Lincoln Financial is the marketing name for Lincoln National Corporation and insurance company affiliates, including The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, IN, and in New York, Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York, Syracuse, NY. Variable products distributed by broker-dealer/affiliate Lincoln Financial Distributors, Inc., Radnor, PA. Product guarantees are subject to the claims-paying ability of the issuing company. @2025 Lincoln National Corporation.

LCN-3210388-082020 LFG-FFF25-ADV001 Z01

# 2025 Fall Festival Medals & Shirts



Half Marathon 10K 4 Mile







# WHY IS WATER SO IMPORTANT?

Water is vital for life, but do you know why it's so important to stay hydrated? Here are a few things to remember when you're reaching for your glass:



Water supports immunity, mood, digestion and more.



Your body loses water through breathing, sweat and other everyday activities.



Anyone can become dehydrated without drinking enough water.

Water has no calories or artificial sweeteners, making it a healthy choice for your diet.

**HEALTH STARTS** 

CALL TODAY 260-484-8668



The Summer Sunset Relay is a friendly competition with the atmosphere of a fun backyard party! Sign up your team (or as an individual) to run as many one-mile laps as possible during the three- or six-hour time frame. You can look forward to activities around the course, free water stations and live entertainment throughout the day.





# Accepting New Patients

- Convenient location
- Appointments within one week
- Accepting all major insurances
- Fast turn around time
- Excellent provider communication

7920 W Jefferson Blvd, Suite 200 Fort Wayne, IN 46804

> DrLinke.com 260-702-9515







# Your Safety is our Priority.

We work with a number of organizations and individuals to make your Fort4Fitness experience the best it can be.

# This support includes:

- Intersections and cross streets are marked and barricaded during the race to ensure the course is closed to vehicle traffic during the race times.
- Water stations are strategically located throughout the course. Your course map shows these locations. Each water station provides you access to hydration and first aid.
- Medical responders and first aid support are staffed throughout the event. Trained medical
  personnel will monitor the event both on the course during your run/walk as well as at the
  Finish Line at Parkview Field.
- Local police and volunteer course marshals provide added support during the races at intersections along your route.
- There are designated course captains (on bicycles) who patrol the course throughout the race events. They have direct communication with the Command Center to help respond to any emergency.
- There are vans designated as support vehicles following the course route and providing transportation to any participants who may need a return ride to Parkview Field.
- Local amateur radio operation volunteers provide added communication support on the Fort4Fitness course. They will be wearing green vests to assist in identification.

There are events that could occur that are outside of the control of Fort4Fitness. Examples of these types of events include weather emergencies and public emergencies. We plan for these contingencies as well. For this reason, Fort4Fitness reserves the right to cancel, delay or change the race to a nonscored event in case of extreme weather or other conditions affecting the safety of the participants.

If a weather emergency or public emergency occurs, participants will be notified. This notification may consist of changing the flags at the water stations (see below), verbal notification from course marshals, text updates and emergency vehicles, and/or through the use of the Emergency Management weather alerting sirens. You should follow all directions provided by public safety officials, race staff, and volunteers.

# Flag Warning System:

There will be a simple flag color system along the course to help warn participants of weather related or course related problems. Flags are located at each water station along the course.

| NO FLAG                   | Proceed as normal.   |
|---------------------------|--|
| GO!                       | Everything is fine, proceed as normal. Will be used to RESUME race after a delay.  |
| CAUTION!                  | The heat index is at a point that participants should slow down and drink plenty of water OR possible storms are approaching and participants should begin to plan accordingly.                  |
| DANGER!                   | Storms or heat have disrupted the race. Participants should slow down and drink plenty of water. Official timing of the event has stopped and no awards will be given out.                       |
| STOP AND<br>SEEK SHELTER! | Race has been cancelled due to extreme weather or course emergency. An event such as lightning, tornado or human disaster has or is occuring. All participants need to seek shelter immediately. |

### **TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS**

### **Half Marathon**

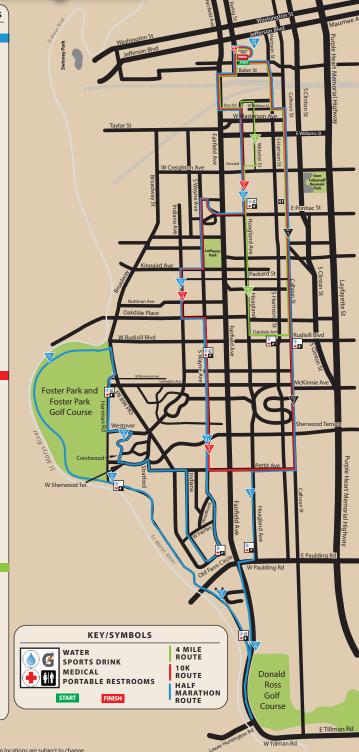
- •E on Brackenridge
- •S on Harrison
- •E on Wallace S on Calhoun
- •W on Pettit
- ·S on Hoagland
- •W on Paulding
- •S on Fairfield •U-Turn on Fairfield
- •NW onto Greenway Trail
- •E on Foster Park Road
- S on Old Mill
- •S on Hartman
- •E on Westover
- •S on Crestwood
- •E on Sherwood Terrace
- •S on Stratford •E on Pettit
- •S on Indiana
- •SE on Old Mill
- •NE on Old Farm Circle
- •N on South Wayne
- •W on Oakdale
- •N on Indiana
- •E on Kinnaird
- •N on South Wayne
- •E Beechwood Cir
- •F on Pontiac
- •N on Hoagland
- •W on Bass
- •N on Fairfield
- •E on Baker •N on Ewing
- •E into Parkview Field

### 10K Run/Walk

- •E on Brackenridge
- •S on Harrison
- •E on Wallace
- •S on Calhoun
- •W on Pettit •N on South Wayne
- •W on Oakdale
- •N on Indiana
- •E on Kinnaird
- •N on South Wayne
- •E on Beechwood Cir
- •F on Pontiac •N on Hoagland
- •W on Bass
- •N on Fairfield
- •E on Baker
- •N on Ewing
- •E into Parkview Field

### 4 Mile Run/Walk

- •E on Brackenridge
- •S on Harrison
- •E on Wallace ·S on Calhoun
- •W on Darrow
- •N on Hoagland •E on Dewald
- •N on Webster
- •W on Melita
- •S on Hoagland
- •W on Bass
- •N on Fairfield
- •E on Baker
- •N on Ewing
- •E into Parkview Field







# STEP INTO SOMETHING LOCAL

4039 North Clinton Street Fort Wayne, IN 46805 (260) 496-8000

Fort Wayne's premier locally owned running store





Be **valued**Be **supported**Be **appreciated** 

Proud to Support **Fort4Fitness** 

#1 for Retail Banking Customer Satisfaction
in the North Central Region in the U.S.
For 1.D Power 2025 avaid information, visit idoower com/awards











































































