

RUNNER'S HANDBOOK

FROM 1996...



...TO 2026

★ 30TH ANNIVERSARY ★

Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation

PORT TO FORT 6K

OCTOBER 24, 2026

Race Start 8:30am

Start & Finish at Liberty Lot in Locust Point

Join us for one of Baltimore's best races through historic Fort McHenry! Costume Contest, Pumpkin Painting & More Halloween Fun!



For more information: 410-744-1032 or events@believeintomorrow.org

All proceeds benefit the critically ill children & families in our programs.

LEARN MORE: PORT2FORT.ORG



Get ready for race day!

We are thrilled that you will be joining us for the **2026 Port to Fort 6K on Saturday, October 24th!**

Port to Fort will be at The Liberty Lot in Locust Point, 1215 E Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD US 21230.

Please take a few minutes to review the information in the Runner's Handbook to make sure you are 100% prepared for race day.

Please think green and don't print this packet unless absolutely necessary!



Thank you to our sponsors and partners!



Packet Pickup

Pick up your race shirt and bib number before race day and skip the rush on Saturday!

Picking up for someone else or an entire team? No problem! Please bring a list of each runner's name to help us keep the process moving smoothly.

Can't make it to an early pickup? Race morning packet pickup will still be available, starting at 6:45am.

Packet Pickup Hours:

Sat, October 17 from 8am–11am
Cool Beans Coffee

1644 Beason St., Baltimore, MD 21230

Grab your morning coffee and your race packet!

OR

Mon, October 19 – Thurs, October 22
from 8:30am–5pm

Believe In Tomorrow's Main Office

6601 Frederick Rd, Catonsville, MD 21228

Extended hours at the main office:

Wed, October 21, until 7pm



2026 Race Shirt

Race Day Schedule

6:45 AM: Race open for Packet Pickup and Onsite Registration

7:45 AM: Roads will begin to close

8:15 AM: All Runners and Walkers to the Start Line

8:30 AM: Race Begins

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Post-Race Party

- Music by live DJ (Stage)
- Home Depot Kids Workshop (Near playground)
- Fun at the Kids Zone (Near playground)
- Trick-or-Treating (Visit the sponsor tables)
- Food and Drinks (Center of parking lot)

10:15 AM: *Costume Contest (Meet at stage)

10:30 AM: *Awards Ceremony (Meet at stage)

*Times are approximate, please listen for announcements.



Directions & Parking

Port to Fort starts at 8:30 am. Please allow yourself enough time to find parking and prepare for the race prior to the start. Race starts at The Liberty Lot in Locust Point, 1215 E Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD US 21230.



PLEASE NOTE! Porter Street and Jones Street will be closed to vehicles on race day. All cars must access parking lots from McHenry Row or Whetstone Way. Please see the map/diagram above for directions. Race participants should adhere to the signage and not park in spaces specifically reserved for the Courtyard Hotel guests, Harris Teeter shoppers, etc.

Parking will be available to participants in the Harris Teeter Parking Garage (3rd level and up - beyond the gate). The address is 1631 Whetstone Way, Baltimore, MD 21230.

Overflow parking will be at the Porter Street Parking Garage. The address is 1401 Porter Street, Baltimore, MD 21230.

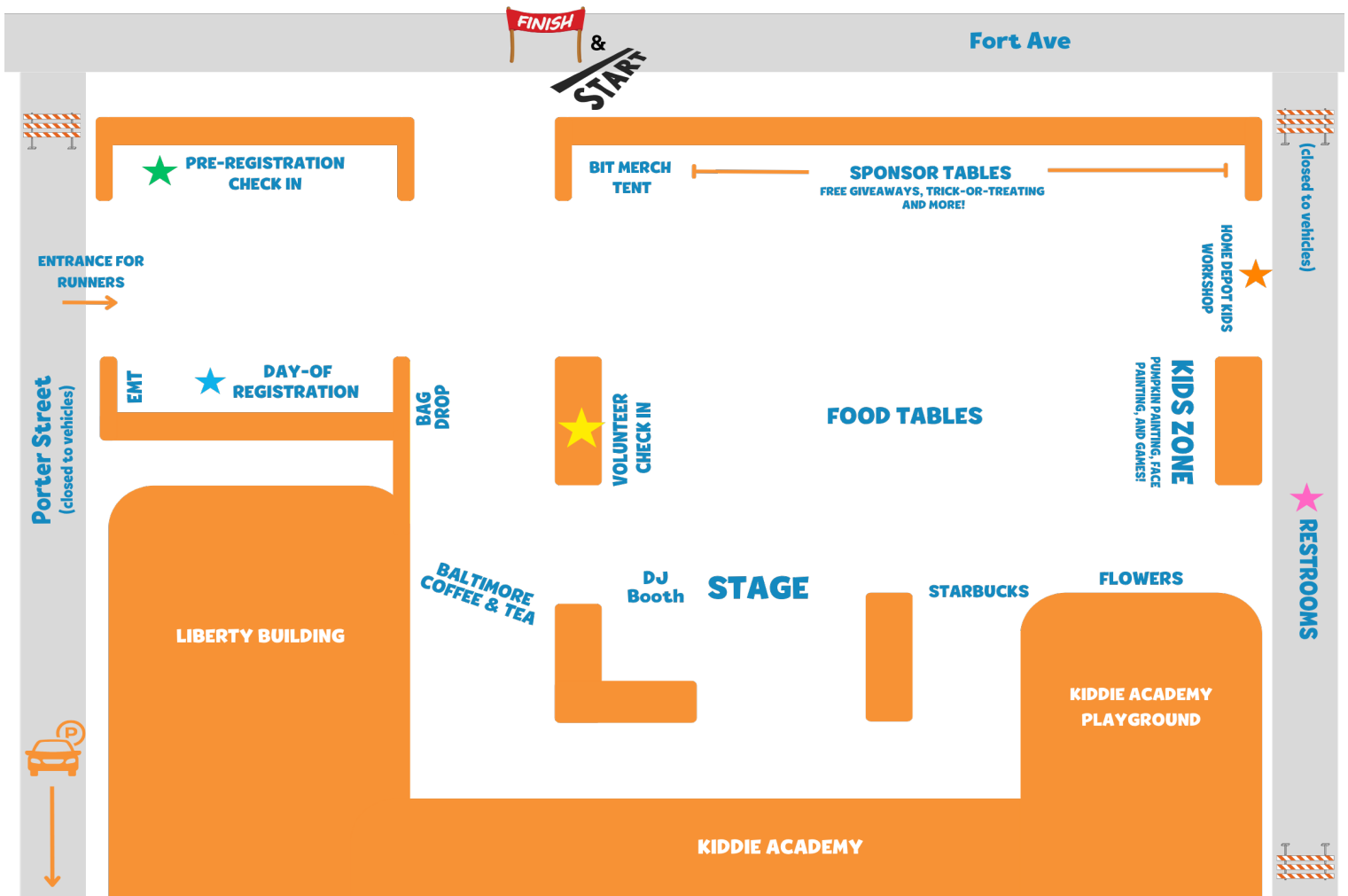
Parking signs and attendees will be there to guide you to available lots. Carpooling is greatly encouraged as the lots fill quickly!

As a last option, parking may also be available on surrounding streets. We ask that you please pay attention to all parking signs and be respectful of the surrounding neighborhood.

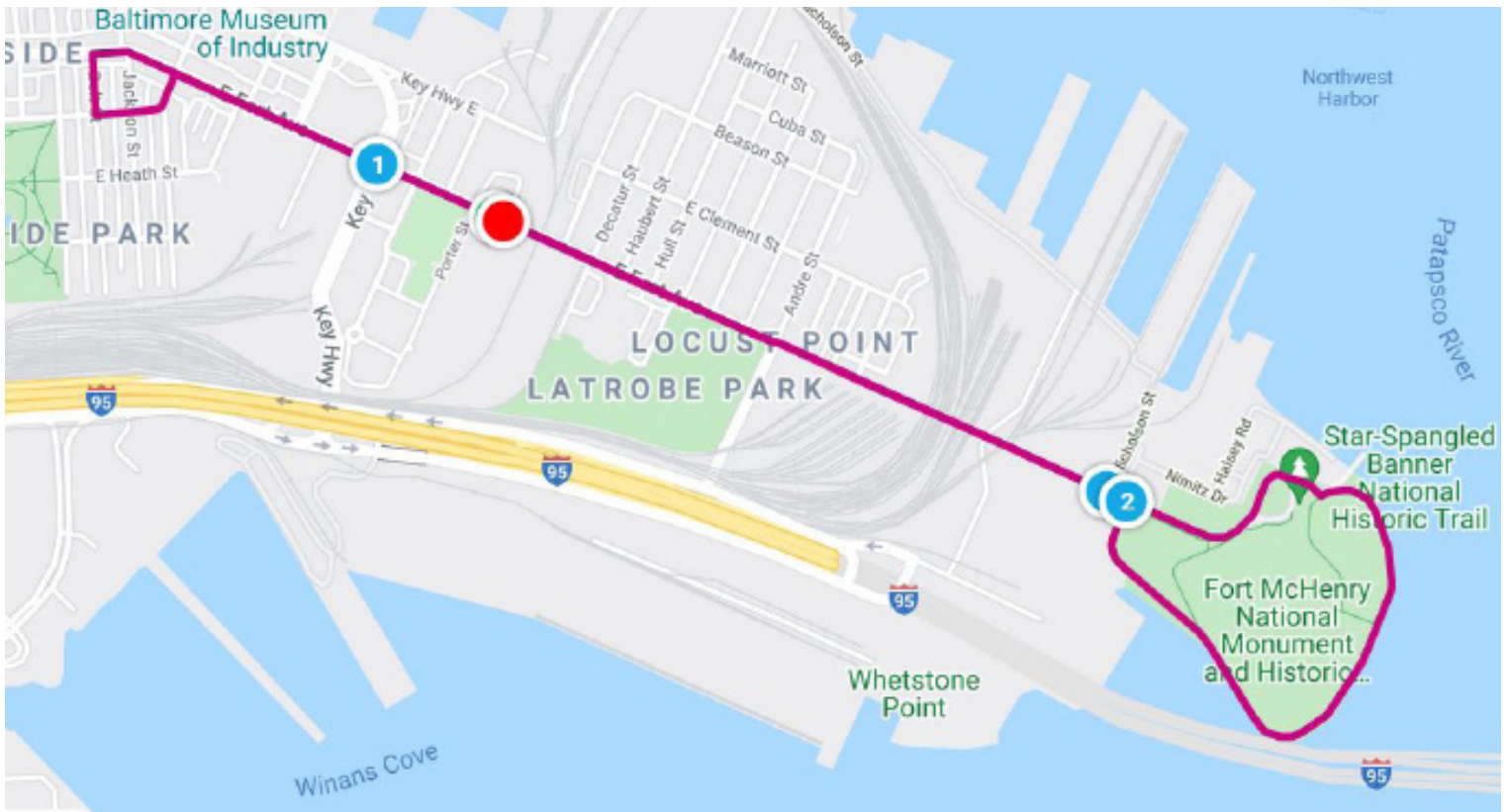
Please allow yourself enough time to find parking and prepare for the race prior to the 8:30 am race start. Baltimore City Police Department will be shutting down Fort Ave and the surrounding streets by 7:45 am.

Event Map

Not sure where something is? We got you! Below you will find our event map. Be sure to check out all the areas before heading to the start line and/or after you cross the finish line!



Race Course



- The race will begin on Fort Avenue by The Liberty Lot.
- Head west on Fort Avenue toward Light Street.
- Left on Webster St., Right onto E Randall St., Right onto Belt St.
- Right on Fort Avenue toward Fort McHenry
- Enter Fort McHenry and complete Fort loop, returning to Fort Avenue and heading west.
- The finish line is on Fort Avenue by The Liberty Lot.

Bag Check

Bag Check will be provided at the event just across from the volunteer check-in area. Look for the orange feather banner!

*We are not responsible for any lost or misplaced items.



Prizes and Awards

Fundraising Prizes:

All award winners will be recognized at our post-race event featuring food, lively music by DJ and fun activities to celebrate a job well done!

Individual Fundraiser Awards:

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our fantastic fundraisers! Prizes will be given to the top 3 fundraisers. They will receive an assortment of swag/prizes that have the Believe In Tomorrow logo embroidered on them. Please submit all final cash and check donations to the Believe In Tomorrow Merch tent near Day of Registration by 8:30 am on race day.

Prize Options for the Top 3 Fundraisers

- Believe In Tomorrow Cooler
- Believe In Tomorrow Backpack Cooler
- Believe In Tomorrow Outdoor Fleece Blanket



Team Awards:

- The Largest Team
- The Top Fundraising Team
- The Largest Believe In Tomorrow Family Team
- The Top Fundraising Family Team

Individual Awards:

Home Depot Gift Cards will be presented to the top three male/female finishers overall.

Medals will be presented to top three overall male/female finishers in each age group!

- 10 and under
- 11-15
- 16-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70 and over

Pre and Post Race Activities

More than a race — it's a fall celebration!

Enjoy pumpkin painting, trick-or-treating at our sponsor tables, and a Home Depot Kids Workshop. Come in costume for a chance to win prizes for adults, kids, and groups!

Cross the finish line. Keep the fun going!

Fuel up with pre-race refreshments, then join us at The Liberty Lot for awards and a picnic lunch!

Take home a little fall cheer!

Pick up a flower from Bell Nursery before you go. Thanks for celebrating 30 years of Port to Fort and supporting Believe In Tomorrow families!

Fueling the Fun — Thanks to Our Food & Drink Partners!



Thank You!

Thank you for joining us for a very special milestone! For three decades, runners like you have come together to make a difference for critically ill children and their families. Your energy, enthusiasm, and support are what have made this race so meaningful year after year.

We're so grateful to have you with us as we celebrate 30 years of running for a reason. Thank you for being part of the Believe In Tomorrow family and helping make this milestone year one to remember!



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