

34th Annual Salem Kids Relays Fact Sheet

This unique, one of a kind event is a track meet of relay races for youth in first through fifth grades. All races are 4 x 100 meter relays, except for the special event of the day, the Mayor's Mile.

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DATE: May 17, 2008

LOCATION: Willamette University's McCulloch Stadium

ENTRY DEADLINE: The attached entry form, and entry fee, need to be turned in to the Department of Community Services office by 5:00 p.m., on Friday, April 4. **ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
Mailing Address: City of Salem, 555 Liberty St. SE, Room 300, Salem, OR 97301

***ENTRY FEE:** \$45 per school due with the entry. Checks only. Please make checks payable to the City of Salem.

PRACTICE LOCATIONS: Teams may use high school tracks on a drop-in basis on week day evenings or weekends. Willamette University McCulloch Stadium is not available for practices. Please uphold the "No Practice" regulation at McCulloch Stadium. This is out of concern for the safety of the grade school students and Willamette University track athletes. Thank you for your cooperation!

APPROXIMATE	8:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies	12:15 p.m. - 3 rd Grade Races
EVENT DAY	8:15 a.m. - 2 nd Grade Races	1:45 p.m. - 4 th Grade Races
SCHEDULE:	9:45 a.m. - 1 st Grade Races	3:15 p.m. - Mayor's Mile & 5 th Grade Races
	11:30 a.m. - Break	

MAYOR'S MILE QUALIFIER: Each school may enter one girl's and one boy's team. These teams can be of any age combination, first-fifth grade. The Mayor's Mile qualifier will be held on April 22, 6:00 p.m., on South Salem High School's track. The qualifier will put the top eight times, girls and boys, into the Mayor's Mile race on the day of the event. Schools that attend the qualifier will be notified of the results on April 23.

MAYOR'S MILE QUALIFIER & RACE: The start will be staggered and runners must hold their lanes for one lap and hand off to the second runner, who may then cut into the inside lane without interfering with another runner. Times kept by the City of Salem and the Optimist Club of Salem will be considered as the official time.

MAYOR'S MILE RACE: On race day, the Mayor's Mile race will be held in the afternoon, prior to the 5th grade races.

AWARDS: All runners and on-site alternates will receive an award for their efforts. Ribbons will be awarded for first through eighth place in the 4x100 relays. Medals will be awarded to all Mayor's Mile relay teams. Awards will be presented after each race, on the infield, behind the scorer's table. All participants and on-site alternates will be led to the awards area as they complete their respective races.