

AAUW's Wildflower Run hits streets at end of month

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Spring time means one thing for members of the local branch of American Association of University Women: It's time to race!

The AAUW's 32nd annual Wildflower Run is scheduled for March 29, starting off at Live Oak High School, 1505 E. Main Ave.



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Bev Locsin, Tracey Ulery, Miranda Galloway and Cecile Boyd prepare to cross the finish line together in the 5K walk during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.



Walker Napoli is the first to cross the finish line in the children's 2k run during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.



Craig Lore, first place winner of the 5k run in the 60 to 69-year-old category, shakes hands with second place winner Leonard Itkin during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.



Inka Curran, from Morgan Hill, crosses with her son Samuel in the stroller in the 5K stroller race, as Alex Thoryk excitedly crosses the finish for the 5K race, during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.



Tiffany Hall, from Mountain View, flashes a quick smile after taking 3rd place and the first woman to cross the line for the 5K race during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.

First presented in 1984, the Wildflower Run has helped raise thousands of dollars to support education for women. While the first race was for women and girls only—bringing out 200 runners—the organizers have since expanded the field to be all-inclusive. That first year, the Run raised \$1,000 that was donated to the AAUW Educational Foundation



Runners leave the starting line of the 5K race during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.

In 2014, the Run had nearly 1,000 participants and raised more than \$40,000, according to AAUW members.

Those funds enable the Morgan Hill branch of the AAUW to reload its funds that help provide educational opportunities and equity for women and girls through research and support of fellowship and grant programs; send eight middle school girls to Tech Trek, a science and math camp under AAUW California; provide eight scholarships to local high school girls and community college women; conduct a speech contest, Speech Trek, for high school students and provide follow-up grants to several previous scholarship winners who are completing their college education.

Runners can register online through wildflowerrun.org, racemine.com or active.com.

Runner check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. in front of Live Oak High School.

Race starting times are: 8:30 a.m. for 2K Run for Kids ages 10 and younger; 9:15 a.m. for 5K Run/Walk; 9:15 a.m. for new 5K stroller/baby jogger category; and 9 a.m. for 10K Run.

The 5K and 10K runs weave throughout the scenic back roads of South County. The 10K is USATF certified. The 2K Run for Kids is done on the LOHS school track. The 5K Stroller/Baby Jogger category includes a bonus baby T-shirt (sizes 12 months, 2T, 3T or 4T).



Walker and Hudson Napoli celebrate their first and second place finishes respectively, with their parents after the children's 2k run during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.



Children wait for the start of the 2K race during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.



Lisa Saucedo cheers on her son Aaron, 5, as they cross the line in the 5K race during the AAUW Wildflower Run Sunday at Live Oak High School.

All participants receive a race T-shirt, goodie bag and Jamba Juice smoothies. Medals and prizes are given to first, second and third place male and female overall winners in each event as well as top three age group winners in 5K and 10K runs.

Chip timing will be performed by South Valley Endurance and professional photography action photos will be made available for online purchase following the run.

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