



Evansville Regional Airport

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Evansville Regional Airport Gears Up for 5K on the Runway

Event proceeds support youth programs at the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana

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EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Evansville Regional Airport will again play host to the annual 5K on the Runway presented by Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union, as a part of Family Aviation Day on Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Tri-State Aero, Inc.

“The 5K on the Runway, which benefits the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, is a unique race in that it provides participants and their families a rare opportunity to experience EVV’s airstrip on foot,” said Leslie Fella, Director of Marketing at EVV. “Evansville Regional Airport is committed to our communities in which we serve, and the benefit 5K is one of the many ways that we can give back – 5K on the Runway brings the community together with a fun fitness event that supports the Y’s mission to promote healthy living, youth development and social responsibility.”

Race organizers said the 5K on the Runway appeals to everyone from serious runners and speed walkers to children racing with their families and mothers pushing strollers.

“And all participants, whether experienced or beginners, are rewarded with the satisfaction of supporting the community and raising money for a good cause,” said Heather Lejman, Special Events Director at the YMCA of Southern Indiana and 5K on the Runway Race Director.

In addition to the 5K walk and run, the morning will offer other family-friendly activities and displays. Local Chapter 21 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will provide Young Eagles Flights: free plane rides for children ages of 8-17. And back by popular demand is the free Kids Dash for children ages 3-12. All Kids Dash participants receive goody bags.

Nom! Food Truck will offer breakfast and early lunch items with a percentage of their proceeds to benefit the YMCA of SW Indiana, and other vendors, including St. Mary’s Lifeflight, Ussery Martial Arts, Evansville Public Library and local fire departments and trucks.

In addition to the host airport, Evansville Regional Airport, and fixed base operator Tri-State Aero, Evansville Federal Teacher’s Credit Union has also returned as a title sponsor.

“The YMCA is grateful to our event sponsors,” said Lejman. “We could not fulfill our mission of strengthening the community without supporting business like these. They are truly committed to their communities.”

The 5K will begin on the runway at Tri-State Aero, Inc., at 8 a.m. The 3.1 mile path will lead participants around EVV’s airstrip and grounds. The race is chip-timed, and trophies will be awarded to participants with the fastest times in various age groups. Children ages 12 years and under who participate in the 5K event will receive completion medals.

Visit <http://evansvillehalfmarathon.org/warm-up-runs/> for more information and to register.

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*Evansville Regional Airport is served by American Airlines, Delta and United, which connect passengers to hundreds of competitive-priced domestic and international destinations daily via direct flights to five top-rated hub cities – Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas and Detroit, and by Allegiant, which offers low-cost, nonstop flights to Orlando/Sanford. Evansville Regional Airport generates more than \$900 million in economic benefits annually, per the Economic Survey completed by the Aviation Association of Indiana in 2012. www.flyevv.com
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About the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana

The YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, Inc. is a nonprofit organization with five branches across southwestern Indiana. Its mission is to follow the example of Jesus Christ, respond to community needs, by serving all people, especially youth, through relationships and activities that promote healthy spirit, mind, and body. In 2016, over 2,000 children were served through outreach programs and over 5,000 children participated in YMCA athletic programs. The YMCA of Southwestern Indiana is committed to building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities by providing programs based on five basic character values—Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Faith. For more information, visit www.ymca.org