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30th Annual Lafayette Res Run for Education returns Oct. 23

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The Lafayette Res Run for Education will celebrate 30 years on Oct. 23 with an in-person run through downtown Lafayette. Participants can choose from the traditional 2-mile fun run/walk, the 5K along Mt. Diablo Boulevard, the 10K route, which takes you around the Lafayette Reservoir, or the virtual Reservoir Challenge, which "runs" around the 2.7-mile paved trail of the Lafayette Reservoir Oct. 13-22 during a time of the runner/walker's choosing. Dogs and strollers are welcome in all races except the 5K (which is the most attended), but no bikes, skateboards or scooters are allowed. The virtual Reservoir Challenge walk/run will not be available on Oct. 23 as the Reservoir will be closed for the 10K runners.

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All four races support local public schools. In 2020, Res Run Reimagined (the fully virtual race) gave back a record \$32,185.17 to local public schools - Lafayette

Elementary, Springhill Elementary, Burton Valley Elementary, Happy Valley Elementary, Stanley Middle School, and Acalanes High School, plus Campolindo High School in Moraga and Miramonte High School in Orinda - and the 2021 Lafayette Res Run for Education raised \$42,568.75 despite the weekend's atmospheric river weather.

There is also a Race-Before-the-Race planned, which is an additional fundraising opportunity for the Lafayette School District. The district school with the most registrations in total will receive an extra \$500 donation. The school with the most registrations compared to last year will also receive an additional \$500 beneficiary check.

This event is presented by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Oakwood Athletic Club and the City of Lafayette and attracts up to 3,000 participants, as well as hundreds who come to cheer on runners and see friends and neighbors. Start times for the Oct. 23 in-person event are at 8 a.m. (5K); 8:15 a.m. (10K) and 8:45 a.m. (2 mile Fun Run/Walk). Registration fees increase on Oct. 15. To register, visit https://lafayettechamber.org/resrun

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