

Circle the Lake Half Marathon draws more than 250 runners

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The fourth annual Circle the Lake Half Marathon drew 253 runners Saturday to run around Circle Lake in Millersburg.

The annual event raises money to fund projects dedicated to improving the water quality of Circle Lake. This year more than \$7,500 was raised from the event. Event organizers received numerous donations from local businesses and had around 40 volunteers, the majority of whom live on Circle Lake and are Circle Lake Association members.

Of the 253 registered runners, more than half ran in the half marathon. The event also included a 5-kilometer run and a 10-kilometer run.

The route included signs throughout highlighting work the association has done in trying to improve the water quality along with facts about water quality issues.

Bryan Larison completed the half marathon in 1 hour, 18 minutes, 49 seconds for the fastest time. Rafe Jones completed the 10K event in 43:04 and Brenton Balvin finished the 5K in 20:40.

The race runs along Circle Lake for stretches and includes several hills to increase the difficulty for runners.

Marco Sandtos, of Northfield, finished the half marathon second with a time of 1:19:41. Northfielder Ed Muniak had the third fastest time in 1:27:04.

Sara Conrad from Minneapolis had the fastest time for females in the half marathon with a time of 1:32:11, which went for seventh-best overall.

Northfielder Simon Tyler had the fastest time among area runners in the 10K after finishing in 44:18. Natalie Berg-Wall had the fastest time for female runners in 49:25 and finished sixth overall.

Sarah Mergens had the fastest time for females in the 5K with a time of 22:49.

Full results can be found [here](#).



Circle Lake runners

A pack of runners participate in the Circle the Lake run held Saturday around Circle Lake. The event drew 253 runners. (Photos by Nick Gerhardt/Northfield News)