The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is known for its spectator-friendly course. On October 13, join more than 1.7 million spectators as they cheer on 45,000 participants from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Let your applause fuel them as they push through the wall, tour 29 of Chicago’s most historic and culturally diverse neighborhoods, and stride toward the finish line.

Broadcast Information

NBC 5 Chicago
NBC 5 Chicago and nbccom will provide complete live TV and online coverage of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on race day from 7 – 11 a.m.

Spectator Viewing Areas

At all 5 years, general spectators will not have access to the race start and finish areas within Grant Park on race day. These areas will only be accessible to participants displaying their event-issued bib numbers, event staff with proper credentials, and ticketed guests (where applicable). Individuals who are not registered for the race will not be able to escort runners to the start line or great runners at the finish line. We recommend that spectators support runners, from wherever on the course, and meet runners after the race at the designated Runner Reunite area at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party in Grant Park.

The 27th Mile Post-Race Party/Runner Reunite

As in years past, general spectators will not have access to the race start and finish areas within Grant Park on race day. Information Tents will be available to assist participants and spectators with maps and viewing tips. The U.S. Trust Cheer Zone

Directly beyond the First Bank of America Chicago Cheer Zone is the U.S. Trust, Cheer Zone, at the intersection of Adams Street and Wacker Drive. You can support runners at one of the most scenic points of the course, just before they cross the Chicago River and approach the half marathon checkpoint. The energy is certain to be high with the second half of the race on the horizon.

Merrill Lynch Cheer Zones

You can also urge on participants as they make their way through the West Loop. At the Merrill Lynch Cheer Zone, located at mile 7.5 (Halsted Street and Adams Street) and 16.5 (Halsted Street and Jackson Boulevard), just a few blocks from the CTA Blue Line, the Merrill Lynch Cheer Zones are the ultimate rally stations to motivate runners during the second half of the race. Celebrate with Nike

Nike will celebrate race week and race day with activities throughout Chicago, including special events, athlete appearances, race day course activations, and race celebration festivities. Follow Nike on Twitter @NikeChicago for all race weekend information and updates.

Nike Northside/Southside Challenge at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Nike and the Bank of America Chicago Marathon are celebrating the next generation to run in the footsteps of their running heroes. The Nike Northside/Southside Challenge gives high school athletes the unique opportunity to compete in an invitational meet on the Chicago Marathon course while the race is in progress. Athletes will compete on behalf of their respective high schools and as part of the larger Northside or Southside teams. The race starts at approximately Mile 24 where boys and girls will compete over the last 2.62 miles of the route ending at the Chicago Marathon finish line in Grant Park. The boys race will start at 7:40 a.m., followed by the girls’ race at 7:50 a.m.

Runner Updates and Results

This year, eight McDonald’s locations are proud to be designated as Runner Update Centers where Bank of America Chicago Marathon support staff will provide participant updates along the course.

Drop by a McDonald’s Runner Update Center to check your runner’s pace and location on race day.

• 201 N. Clark St. (at Lake St.)
• 23 S. Clark St. (at Madison St.)
• 180 W. Adams St. (at Wabash St.)
• 230 S. State St. (at Washington St.)
• 600 N. Clinton St. (at Ohio St.)
• 653 W. Jackson Blvd. (at Vincennes Ave.)
• 1563 N. Wells St. (at North Ave.)
• 1616 S. Blue Island Ave. (at 18th St.)

Charity Block Party

Thousands of Bank of America Chicago Marathon participants will run for more than 140 different charity teams. To celebrate the impact these participants have on local, national and global causes, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon will host a Charity Block Party near mile 14. Spectators and friends and family are welcome to cheer their charity runners on at the Charity Block Party located at Adams and Loomis streets near Whitney Young High School.

Bank of America Customer & Military Family Upgrade

As a valued customer of Bank of America and to show appreciation to our armed services members and their families, we are proud to offer you an upgraded experience on race day at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party. You will receive race day amenities in a private tented space including restrooms and runner refreshments. Simply bring your Bank of America or Merrill Lynch debit card, credit card, or other customer identification to Military Identification to the Bank of America booth at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo on Friday, October 11 or Saturday, October 12. There you will receive an upgrade allowing you and one (1) guest access to the Upgrade area on race day.

Customer or Military identification is required to receive offer. Available while supplies last. Wristbands must be worn on race day to gain access to the area.

City Scents Flowers for Sale

City Scents is offering “Good Luck” and “Congratulations” floral arrangements and bouquets for purchase online and on race day. For delivery to a hotel or to the Marathon Route at chicagomarathon.com or call 312.836.0211 or 800.886.1050, or stop into the 2001 Ohio St., Van Buren Ave. City Scents also offers floral bouquets for sale on race day in Grant Park at four locations near the finish area.

Official Race Merchandise

Official 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Merchandise will be offered by Nike. The Official Merchandise Collection includes commemorative technical running and lifestyle apparel, footwear and accessories. Purchase Official Merchandise at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo or at any of the following locations throughout race weekend:

- 669 N. Michigan Ave.
- NTC Lincoln Park
- 833 W. Armitage Ave. (Women’s Only)
- Nike Running Boutiques
  - 1640 N. Damen Ave.
  - Grant Park (Third Locations)
- Nike Chicago
  - 4762 N. Lincoln Ave.
  - 1520 N. Roosevelt Rd.
  - Naperville Running Company
  - 34 W. Jefferson St.
  - Naperville, IL
- NikeStore.com

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Spectator Viewing Areas by CTA Trains

Use Chicago’s excellent CTA rail transit system to cheer on your runner at the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon from beginning to end. Find out your runner’s planned pace per mile to estimate when they will arrive at each location along the course.

**Grand Red Line Station**
- Miles 1, 3 and 12
- Board a Red Line train and exit at Grand Avenue.

**Monroe Red Line Station**
- Mile 2
- Board a Red Line train and exit at Jackson Boulevard.

**Chicago Red Line Station**
- Miles 3.5 and 11.5
- Board a Red Line train and exit at Chicago Avenue. Walk three blocks west to LaSalle Street and four blocks west to Wells Street.

**Addison Red Line Station**
- Mile 7.75
- Board a Red Line train and exit at Addison Street. Walk four blocks east to Broadway.

**Sedgwick Brown Line Station**
- Mile 10.25
- Board a Brown Line train and exit at Sedgwick Street. Walk a half-block north to North Avenue.

**UIC-Halsted Blue Line Station**
- Miles 16, 16.5
- Board a Blue Line train and exit at UIC-Halsted. Use the Halsted Street exit or Morgan Street exit. Walk two blocks north on Morgan Street to Jackson Blvd to view the runners at Mile 16 in Greektown or use the Halsted Street exit to Mile 16.5.

**18th Pink Line Station**
- Mile 19
- Board a Pink Line train and exit at 18th Street. Walk one block east to Ashland Avenue.

**Halsted Orange Line Station**
- Mile 20.5
- Board an Orange Line train and exit at Halsted Street.

**35th-Bronzeville-IIT Red and Green Line Station**
- Miles 23, 23.25
- Board a Red or Green Line train and exit at 35th-Bronzeville-IIT. Use the 33rd Street or 35th Street exit.

**Roosevelt Red, Green and Orange Line Station**
- Mile 26
- Board a Red, Green or Orange Line train and exit at Roosevelt Road. Walk east on Roosevelt Road to the Bank of America Center at Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road.

Public Transportation

Here are some helpful transit tips from the CTA. Ventra™ is the new way to pay for both the CTA and Pace.

**CTA Fare Information**

Cash
- Cash fare is accepted on CTA buses only, exact fare (coins and bills accepted).
- No cash transfers available:
  - Full Fare: $2.25
  - Reduced Fare: $1.10 (Applies to children ages 7 to 11 and seniors 65+ and customers with disabilities with a valid RTA Reduced Fare Permit)

**Ventra Tickets**
- Single-ride ($3) and 1-day ($10) Ventra Tickets are available at CTA stations or Ventra Ticket vending machines. These disposable tickets cannot be reloaded.
- Single-ride Ventra Tickets include one full fare and two transfers. Visit ventracchicago.com for more information.