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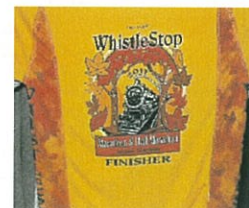


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**2011 CenturyLink WhistleStop  
 Marathon and Half-Marathon Electronic Newsletter #4  
 Start Times  
 8am - Half Marathon and 5K & 10K  
 9am - Full Marathon**

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**WhistleStop Registration are still open**

You can still register [online](#) or by [downloading](#) a registration and mailing it to P O Box 746, Ashland WI 54806

**Sims Photography at the Finish line**

The CenturyLink WhistleStop Marathon and Half-Marathon welcomes Sports in Motion Photography as the official photographers for the 2011 race. Sports in Motion Photography specializes in digital sports photography. Their photographers shoot marathons, triathlons, and road races of different lengths. They also enjoy shooting adventure sports and mountain bike races. On race day, the company will provide a photographer to catch you in action on the course and crossing the finish line. After race day, the next few days are spent identifying you amongst the few thousand photos that are taken on the day of the event. They use your race number, so make sure you have it visible on the front of your body. After they identify you, they post the photos on the company website at [www.simphotos.com](http://www.simphotos.com) where you can view and purchase if you like through the secure site.

**Medal Engraving**

Inside the Bay Area Civic Center Medal Engraving will be on hand after the race to personalize your finisher medal for nominal fee.

**Post Event Messages Available**

Back by popular demand Massage Therapists to help you get some relief after the race. Post Event Messages will be available inside the Bay Area Civic Center after the race for a nominal fee.

**Event Addresses**

Bay Area Civic Center - Home of the Packet Pick-up/Pasta Feed/Buses/Finishline/Blues and Brews Festival  
- 320 4th Ave West., Ashland, WI

Half Marathon Start Line - 23700 Pilsen Town Hall Rd. Moquah WI

Full Marathon Bus Shuttle Area - 68280 Primrose Lane, Iron River, WI 54847

**Racer Stories:**

This year's WhistleStop will be the most important marathon of my life. The WhistleStop has always been my favorite marathon since it started (I'm part of the Locomotive club-those who have done a race at the WhistleStop every year). This will be my 50th marathon. For Father's Day, my son gave me a card telling me he is going to run his 1st marathon when I do my 50th. That was one of the greatest gifts he could have given me. Since then we have both suffered injuries with me having surgery less than a month before the race on my knee of all places. But, I was given the green light to run by my doctor this week so my son and I are looking forward to this marathon in a very special way. I love you WhistleStop. Eldon Miller

My daughter ran her first marathon at WhistleStop. I was overcome with emotion at her accomplishment. I was a cross country skier, but I started to think about running. My daughter inspired me. I started to run a telephone pole length at a time. I started to run ½ marathons. I started to love running. I am a grandmother of three and I am finally here to run my first WhistleStop. I love running. Jane Rowe, mother, grandmother, runner. Philip Rowe

I was a couch potato, not really engaged in any physical activities until I was 50. I am now walking my 6th WhistleStop half marathon for the Arthritis Foundation. Two of children of our six children have Arthritis. Our daughter was diagnosed with RA at age 18, and our son was diagnosed with Ankylosing Spondylitis (back arthritis) about 7 years later. I feel like this is a way I can show my support of them and help them and the other 46 million people who have Arthritis. To-date I have raised over \$18,000 for the Arthritis foundation through my walks. This year I have several friends participating in WhistleStop activities in support of me and my efforts for the Arthritis Foundation. It's been a great experience. Esther Sykora

Let us know your great race stories!

Why are you running? Do you represent a charity, an illness, a support group, are you a first time marathoner, or a 50th marathoner? Whatever the reason, we want to celebrate with you. Please e-mail your stories to [ashchamb@centurytel.net](mailto:ashchamb@centurytel.net)

**Carpooling**

The Half Marathon does have some parking but registrants Carpooling is Greatly Encouraged. Just a reminder shuttle busses only take runners to the start line. We do not return runners to the start line area after the race.

**Blues & Brews Advanced Tickets (SAVE BUY IN ADVANCE!!)**

Friday Night - Each runner for the Half and Full Marathon will receive one Free Fish Boil & Pasta Feed Ticket. Additional tickets will be \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children 12 & under.

Saturday Night is one of the signature events of WhistleStop. Great blues music and the opportunity to sample as many as 50 styles of beer from more than a dozen regional brewers. Listen to the fabulous sounds of "Azure du Jure", from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. as you enjoy the beer samples. Then at 10:00 p.m. "The Dweebs" are back!! \*The Blues and Brews Fest is for individuals 21 years and older. Advanced tickets for the Blues and Brews Fest are \$20.00 with the Brew Sampling and \$15.00 with out the sampling. Ticket prices will be \$5.00 more at the door.

**No Refund Policy**

The WhistleStop Marathon & Half Marathon has a no refund policy. If you need to cancel for any reason your registration fee will be forfeited.

**Lodging**

If you are need of assistance in finding lodging for the WhistleStop Marathon please call us at the chamber

office 800-284-9484. We will help you find the nearest lodging for your travels.

**Sponsors**

For a list of the WhistleStop sponsors go to

<http://www.whistlestopmarathon.com/overviewracesponsorsfr.html>

Past E-Newsletters with information on Packet Pick-up and other race information

[E-Newsletter #1](#)

[E-Newsletter #2](#)

[E-Newsletter #3](#)

**WhistleStop Event Guide**

The Event Guide is a publication covering the entire WhistleStop weekend from Race Registration to the Brews & Blues Festival, and all pertinent information in between. We will also continue sending E-Newsletters to keep you informed.

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