



Runner's Guide

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

Race starts at 8:00 am



WELCOME!

On behalf of the race directors, and all of us at Thanksgiving Point, we would like to thank you for participating in our Scarecrow 5k. We are confident you and your families will be safe during this event and wish you the very best on race day.

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Packet Pick-up

Packet Pickup will be 12-8pm on October 16th at the Ashton Gardens Visitor Center Roundabout. ***There is no packet pick-up on the day of the race.***

Please pick up your packet, bib number, shirt, at the packet pickup the day before the race. You may pick up someone else's packet if you have a copy of their race registration. Packets will NOT be available to pick up the morning of the race.

If you are for some reason unable to pick up your packet from the packet pickup, please send us an email at info@thanksgivingpoint.org

Each 5k registrant will receive:

- Scarecrow 5k 2026 Race T-Shirt
- Scarecrow 5k 2026 Finisher's Medal (at finish line)
- Scarecrow 5k 2026 Bib



Schedule of Events

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Runners Arrival

6:30–7:30 am

Official 5k Start Time

8 am | Thanksgiving Point Ashton Gardens Visitor Center

Awards Ceremony

9:15 am | 5k main stage at Ashton Gardens





Additional Information

Parking

Garden Drive will close to any traffic access from 7:00 - 8:00 am.

Please arrive by 6:45 am to get warmed up and ready to run. This will help the race start on time and make sure all cars are parked. We are asking runners of the same household to please carpool.

Watch for parking attendants.

Aid Stations

We wish to thank our numerous volunteers for their time and efforts in providing the aid stations.

Please be courteous and express your appreciation to this wonderful group of volunteers.

In addition to the finish area aid station, the 5K will have one aid station at mile 1.6 stocked with water and POWERADE.

Spectators

Spectators are more than welcome to come cheer you on! Spectators may not enter the Ashton Gardens, but there is space for spectators on the sidewalk on Garden Drive. Please remind any spectators to stay on the sidewalk and out of the road/race course.



Racecourse Description

5k

The 5k course starts and finishes at the Ashton Gardens Visitor Center. The course runs through the Ashton Gardens during Scarecrow Festival. The course is beautiful and moderately challenging; be prepared for some hills and occasional unpaved paths.

*Strollers are allowed on the 5k course

Bikes, scooters, skateboards are **NOT allowed – participants must run/walk the course under their own power (excepting wheelchairs)

***Dogs are not allowed on the 5k course

Scarecrow 5k is a chip timed event.



Awards and Divisions

Note that the awards ceremony will only feature the winners in the Open Division.

Open Division

1st Place Male/Female: Award + Thanksgiving Point Family Membership

2nd Place Male/Female: Award + Thanksgiving Point Family Membership

3rd Place Male/Female: Award + Thanksgiving Point Family Membership

* The first 3 places, Male & Female, will be determined by gun time.

ALL 5k finishers receive a custom finisher medal.

Additional Awards:

Best Costume

Best Group Costume



Contact Us:

Course Questions/Comments/Suggestions:

Thanksgiving Point Signature Experiences
sigexperiences@thanksgivingpoint.org

Registration Questions/Issues Contact:

info@thanksgivingpoint.org

Volunteer Information:

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Thanksgiving Point is a community-owned nonprofit garden, museum, and farm complex founded as a gathering place and gift to the community.

One hundred percent of race proceeds will benefit Thanksgiving Point's mission and education programs. Thank you for your support.