

BIB USE SUGGESTION FOR WINTER & SPRING EVENTS 2020...

...FROM EARNED RUNS Check out potential Earned Runs EVENTS you can custom design for yourself, solo and with others! OR find an organized event to run near these dates.

February 4, 2020

'THE BRIGHTENING' PHOTO FIX

Earned Runs first brought attention to the concept of a change to seasonal naming/timing based on the calendar trend in available amount of daylight for outdoor adventuring in a [blog post](#) several years ago. Not everyone will agree that their days begin to brighten starting February 4, considering wintertime is dragging on in the northern hemisphere, but it's a positive perspective from which to view the coming weeks of February through May.

Today you might begin taking daily photos of the same area of the sky as you venture out each morning or evening for a walk or run. A comparison over several weeks may prove this point!

February 14, 2020

'SAINTS DAYS' St. Valentine's Day 5K

Whether or not you are participating in an Earned Runs HALF MARATHON WITH 'SAINTS DAYS' TRAINING PROGRAM (a tune-up training race is scheduled at this time), you might wish to join others in nearby competitions. The feast celebrates love in all its forms, not only romantic, but that which holds friendships and families together too. Organized races usually are held on weekends, and because the day falls on Friday in 2020, the following Saturday and Sunday will be the best days to search for convenient events.

March 8, 2020

DAYLIGHT SAVING DASH

Celebrate the start of the time change that adds daylight to the later portion of the day with a distance race or walking event of 1 mile or 5K. Your clocks should be set to "spring forward" at 2am to 3am. Run or walk your event early in the morning at the later SUNRISE time, or in the evening at the later SUNSET time.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/change/usa?year=2020>

March 17, 2020

'SAINTS' DAYS' St. Patrick's Day 10K

This is a 6.25-mile distance race or walking event that can be completed on St. Patrick's Day (3/17/20) or any day through the preceding or upcoming weekend with your free Earned Runs bibs. Those training to run a Half Marathon in May with the Earned Runs plan will have this race on the schedule. I have always felt races at this time have kicked off the new running year for me. Living in the northern USA. It's on this day that I begin to hope no more snow will fall.

March 19, 2020

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE FIRST DAY OF SPRING WARM-UP (5- 10 miles)

Just like the position of the sun in the sky and the increased sunshine help to warm the earth and melt the frozen ground, runners can get warmed up for the new running season with an event that's not a short 5k or a longer distance half marathon. Pick a distance between 5 and 10 miles and plan to run it

about 10-15% slower pace than you would run a half marathon. (a 10-minute mile pace in the half would mean an 11-minute mile pace in this event).

<https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-spring-vernal-equinox>

March 26, 2020 (or later, March 30 through April 3, for first HOME game openers)

MLB OPENING DAY MASH-UP (any distance)

If you're a runner or walker who also loves major league baseball, mark the start of the season with a personal race, run, or walk using Earned Runs Bibs. Create an annual 'ceremony' to solemnize your team's run at a championship this year with your own GOOD LUCK send-off effort.

All MLB teams will see action on the first official day of the season. According to a NBSsports.com article, highlighting the 2020 season's schedule are:

- a 3-game series between the Miami Marlins and the New York Mets in Puerto Rico on April 28-30 (stay tuned for potential changes as a result of January earthquakes).
- a June 13 game in London, England featuring the St. Louis Cardinals versus the Chicago Cubs.
- a first time ever contest between the Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees at the "Field of Dreams" movie setting in Dyersville, Iowa on August 13.
- a meeting August 23 of the Boston Red Sox and the Baltimore Orioles at the home of the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Night game? By setting your event start time prior to the first pitch, you can head to the favorite local team hangout after finishing and watch the live action with other fans. Afternoon game? By setting various start times to coincide with individual lunch breaks or quitting times, you and friends can cover distances that fit specific schedules. Make a point to wear fan gear. Then meet later up to watch the game or celebrate/commiserate afterward.

<https://mlb.nbcsports.com/2019/08/12/mlb-announces-2020-schedule/>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/mlb/2019/08/12/mlb-opening-day-2020-regular-season-schedule/1987709001/>

April 1, 2019 Wednesday

APRIL FOOL'S DAY No Fooling, 'IN IT to WIN IT! 50' (any distance)

Demonstrate that you're no fool. Get out today and test your resolve not to be silly about health. Run or walk a seriously happy 50 MINUTES.

April 3, 2020 Friday

US NATIONAL WALK TO WORK DAY 30

This national day was officially declared by US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Tommy G. Thompson, in 2004. Participating in this holiday means you are willing to spend 30 minutes walking. If you tend to 'work' at a coffee shop on many days, that's a great spot to finish!

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/walk.htm>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/walk-to-work-day>

April 20, 2020

CELEBRATE BOSTON & RUNNING IN THE USA; THE TRADITION RUN (any distance)

The Boston Marathon is run annually on the day set aside in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Patriot's Day, the third Monday in April. This race was the original marathon to be patterned after the modern Olympics contest of 1896 and was first run in 1897. On this day in the United States, anyone can celebrate the tradition of competitive long-distance running. Without necessarily covering 26.2 miles, achieving a qualifying time, or being in that location, run or walk in spirit with those in Boston with a personal custom race + Earned Runs bib. Start your race at the push-rim wheelchair start- times for men and women) or the elite women and men start times to coincide with the real time race. Or, start much earlier to finish in time to watch all the action on TV.

<https://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon>

[DON'T LET INTER-CITY MARATHON RIVALRY GET IN YOUR WAY. Today needn't be about the city of Boston itself, but about the running history which began there with that first event in 1897.]

April 22, 2020

50th Anniversary EARTH DAY EARNED RUN (any distance)

Feel free to name this anything you like, but since Earned Runs promotes earth-friendly running, we will make a claim to some ownership. This is one of the best excuses to gather your friends and neighbors and walk-run your way along a favorite running course, or one that sadly needs a lot of effort at beautification, cleaning up trash as you go. Make Mother Nature proud!

May 5, 2020

DAY OF 5THS FIVE (5miles or 5 K)

Of course, today is the celebration of the Cinco De Mayo (CDM) holiday, but this date can also be an opportunity to be happy about the 5th day of the 5th month, and your ability to finish the 5th kilometer or the 5th mile of a personal Earned Runs race, run, or walk. Afterward, join everyone else enjoying the festivities of CDM! It falls on a Tuesday in 2020, so the celebrations may begin earlier on the preceding weekend, Friday through Sunday May 1-3, 2020!

May 10, 2020

MOTHERS CHOICE COMPETITION (5K)

Moms, since your family is often willing to do what YOU want this weekend, ask everyone to accompany you on a nature walk-run, without electronic devices. Keep the pace at slow enough to allow laughing, joking, talking together. Request that they wear Earned Runs bibs decorated like Mother's Day cards. Estimate the money that would have been spent on cards and treat everyone to an icy dessert (slushy, ice cream cone, popsicle, etc.) or make a charity donation. Since the full weekend is yours to command, there is plenty of time to enjoy other activities as well.

May 25, 2020

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE (mile, 5K, or 10K)

This federal holiday is for remembering the men and women who DIED while serving their country in the Armed Forces (compared with Veterans Day, in which the SERVICE of all U.S. military, veterans and active, is celebrated). It's a solemn day. US flags and wreaths are placed at gravesites. Many remember others who have passed away in their lives, including non-military. One way to do this by running or walking at quiet times, like sunrise or sunset, when we can reflect back on their lives.

Consider celebrating one, several, or ALL the days this year with the Earned Runs community.
RUN & MOVE HAPPY!