

Running of the Squares 5K Lake Sumter Landing – Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I register?
 - Online registration is available by clicking the link on our Recreation Page OR
 - Print a copy of the application and bring completed registration and fee to La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages
- How much is the registration fee?
 - \$25 per runner prior to January 5, 2026
 - \$40 per runner after January 4, 2026 and day of race
- Where do I pick up my race packet and bib number?
 - At La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages on Friday, January 9th from 8:30am to 4:00pm
 - Start/Finish line on Canal Street and Old Mill Run beginning at 7am – 7:45am
 - Transponder is attached to back of race number – DO NOT REMOVE
 - Race number bib is only disposable post-race
- Can I pick up another runner's packet?
 - Yes
- Can an Individual register at Packet Pick-Up and/or Day of Race?
 - Yes, Individual runners NOT running with a registered Team, may sign up at both Packet Pick-Up and Day of Race
 - Fee will be \$40 with **no guarantee of a race shirt**
- Where is the Start/Finish?
 - Lake Sumter Landing on Canal Street and Old Mill Run in front of City Fire
 - Map available on race page
- What time does race start?
 - 8am
 - Day of Race registration is open at 7am (NO Team Registrations)
 - NO check-in is required on race day if you come to Packet Pickup on Friday, January 9th
 - You may pick up your packet/race number beginning at 7am on race day at registration table
- Will water be available on the course?
 - Water at Start/Finish and on course
- How many awards and age groups?
 - Individual awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for both men and women in each age group as well as Overall 1st place best time for Men and Women
 - Age groups are as follows: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+
 - Community Team Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Fastest Time . Fastest Time award will be determined by the top four (4) finishing times per team
 - Team members will be eligible for individual age group awards
 - Finisher medals
- How do I form a Community Team?
 - A minimum of five (5) runners are necessary to be considered a team
 - First select a captain and a team name

- For registration online, captain will follow instructions at Runsignup.com to set up team name in race. Team members can then register online by selecting exact team name from drop down list
- For an In-person Team registration, please indicate team name on registration form
- All team members must complete individual registration forms and include the exact team name as indicated by captain
- Can a Team register at Packet Pickup and Day of Race?
 - NO Teams will be registered on race day
 - All members of a registered team must be registered by 4PM, 1/9/2026.