

# MISSOULA

2023



*A Community that Moves Together*

[www.RunWildMissoula.org](http://www.RunWildMissoula.org)

**MISSION:**

*Run Wild Missoula promotes and supports running and walking for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.*

**CORE VALUES:**

- Maintaining a commitment to integrity, professionalism, and excellence.
- Creation of a community of runners and walkers that:
  - ~ Commits to inclusion and acceptance.
  - ~ Promotes a fit, active, and healthy lifestyle for members and the broader community.
  - ~ Provides multiple opportunities to safely participate, volunteer, train, learn, and race.
  - ~ Offers opportunities for participation regardless of financial means.
- Giving back to the community in meaningful ways.
- Supporting local vendors, businesses (especially event sponsors), and the economy.

*This mission and these core values guide the decisions we make on our mix of races, use of club resources; member benefits, amenities, and community donations; and how we support our sport.*



# RUN WILD MISSOULA

It has been an exciting season at RWM, which grew membership significantly increasing by nearly 300 throughout year. There is always something in the hopper and we truly are the community that moves together.

Some accomplishments we're most proud of are mapping out a 50K route for the inaugural City to Sky Trail Race, gifting \$73,000 to other local non-profits and revisiting our educational routes by hosting informative nights like Becoming a Wild Runner and Race Director 101. We also co-hosted with Runner's Edge the Montana Cup which only comes to Missoula every seven years and added a host of great new member benefits local discounts.

## *My personal favorites from this year's highlight reel:*

**A New Venue for RFTLOI!** – A return of the Bagpipers! Hosting this festive event at a unique indoor space livened up participants, gave them hot food and entertainment they wanted. We'll be back in 2024 on the Eve of St Patrick's Day!

**We are Fierce and the Future looks Fabulous!** – A new logo, name and inclusive vision provided a refresh for our Female & Femme Centric race. The party vibe was back and participants enjoyed the fun morning with all the accrements they deserve.

**Virtual Additions!** – We added three virtual challenges and events to our arsenal of events. The Mntwi l Nl?ay Virtual Half Marathon, Roads, Tracks & Trails Fundraiser and the GRM Ten, provided members a chance to raise money for some amazing causes and allowed us to provide some unique challenges with great swag.

**TB XC HS Scholarship:** – An awesome way for this organization to honor Tony's love for high school competition. We handed out 15 scholarships in 2022 and have already surpassed that number for 2023.

The value of your RWM membership goes well beyond its nominal fee. There is always something happening, runners connecting, volunteers helping and motivation abounds! This is **YOUR** club, currently 1,800+ strong. It's the members and key volunteers who keep the momentum moving forward. I thank you for the opportunity to head up this incredible organization, and I can promise the future looks bright!

*Enjoy Every Step!*

**Trisha Drobeck**  
RWM Executive Director



## 2023 Charitable Contributions

- Five Valley's Land Trust  
~ \$25,000 [Part II of 3-year \$100,000 commitment]  
~ \$3,087 additional funds through RWM programming & events
- YWCA Pathway's Program - \$1,445
- UM Physical Therapy Student Assoc - \$1,625
- Missoula Food Bank - \$9,388
- All Nations - \$5,604
- The Center - \$2,009
- Go Run Missoula - \$3,304
- Empower MT - \$1,974
- Trees for Missoula - \$820
- Missoula Parks & Rec - \$3,000
- International Traditional Games Society \$800
- Midday Move (United Way of Missoula) - \$4,406
- Friends of the M Trail - \$995
- Climate Smart Missoula - \$6,261
- Tony Banovich Memorial Fund - \$3,206
- Missoula Downtown Partnership - \$536

## Non-Cash Donations

- 300 pounds of watermelon and 500 pounds of bananas to the Missoula Food Bank
- 100 pounds of quinoa salad to the Poverello Center
- 40+ complimentary entries to Indigenous Runners for Marathon Weekend
- 728 pounds of food to Missoula Food Bank during Turkey Day food drive
- 30+ Kids Marathon Bags + Capes and Medals to Chief Charlo kids
- 150 Marathon Gear Bags to children in Browning

## Scholarships

- 15 - 2022 Tony Banovich HS XC Scholarships



## 2023 RWM KEY VOLUNTEERS

### RACE DIRECTORS

Adam Peterman, *Resolution Run 5K*  
 Catherine Redfern, *Heart Throb 5K*  
 Darren Zellman, *Run for the Luck of It!*  
 Nonie Cobb, *Run for the Trees 10K and 5K*  
 Jamie Swartz, *Pengelly Double Dip and Bob Hayes Single Dip*  
 Tom Halverson, *River City Roots Run*  
 Amber Ball, *Fierce Fab 5K*  
 Ben Schmidt, *Skeleton Skedaddle 5K and Kids Pumpkin Plod*  
 Jess Zephyrs, *Mount Jumbo Elk Ramble*  
 Justin Grigg, *Turkey Day 8K & 3K Family Fun Run*

### TRAINING CLASS LEADERS

Abby Margolis, *Marathon Training Class Leader*  
 Tim Mosbacher, *Marathon Training Assistant Coach*  
 Braelynn Shell, *Marathon Training Assistant Coach*  
 Julia Crocker, *Half Marathon Walking Class Leader*  
 Kelsi Camp, *Beginner Running*  
 Spring Mills, *Beginner Running*  
 Miranda Ming, *Beginner Running*

### TRAIL SESSION LEADERS

Sara Boughner	Tanner Pace
Jesse Carnes	Darren Bayer
Scott Davis	Kelli Littleton
Sarah Knutson	Madison Botzet
Jordan Krause	Morgan Beavers
Ashley Mix	Paul Heffernan
Vicky Mix	Julie McCloskey
Jeff Mogavero	Michael Jahnke

### RECURRING RUN/WALK LEADERS

Chad Taylor; *Wednesday Wild Miles*  
 Courtney Babcock; *Tuesday Track Coach*  
 Dana Bandy; *Last Wednesday Beer Runs*  
 Missy Adams; *Yoga*  
 Pam Gardiner; *BOP Socials*  
 Tim Mosbacher; *Saturday Breakfast Run*

*Run Wild Missoula acknowledges that we are in the homelands of the Salish and Kalispel people. Today, we offer our respect for their history and culture, for their ancient and continuing presence in this landscape, and for the path they have shown us in caring for this place for the generations to come.*





# Missoula Marathon RUNS THIS TOWN!

The last weekend in June showcased more than 6,000 runners and their families. We were excited to host runners from 13 countries and with larger numbers in all events than the previous. The biggest highlight of the weekend may have been motivational speaker and author Matinus Evans who cheered on all runners throughout the weekend handing out thousands of high-fives.

The marathon organizing committee is excited to get rolling planning the 2024 edition of the Missoula Marathon Weekend of Events.

**Stay tuned!**



## 2023 Missoula Marathon Race Committee

Amy Moore  
*Recycling*

Anders Brooker  
*Announcer, Technical Advisor*

Ashley Cossairt  
*Registration Director*

Bryn Rouse  
*Registration Coordinator*

Asia Riel  
*Post Race Foods*

Chad Taylor  
*Aid Stations Director*

Chris Carey  
*Youth Homes R4K*

Dan Decato  
*Half Marathon Pacer Leader*

Dana Bandy  
*Beer Run Director + Sound*

Danette Rogers  
*Volunteer Director*

Darren Bayer  
*Expo Coordinator*

Ethel Macdonald  
*Bike Monitor Coordinator*

Hillary Ogg  
*Official Merchandise  
Sales Coordinator*

Jason Pounds  
*Graphic Design/Branding*

Jeff Dohn  
*Bus Load Coordinator*

Jeremy Partain  
*Tony Banovich 5K Director*

Jordan Krause  
*Missoula Kids Marathon*

Kara Bartlett  
*Destination Missoula*

Kim Joyner-O'Connor  
*Kids Marathon*

Lee Macholz  
*Course Director*

Margie Menendez  
*Marathon Pacer  
Corps Leader*

Nick Pino  
*Half Marathon Start*

Dr. Rob Amrine  
*Medical Director*

Russell LaFontaine  
*Half Marathon Start*

Scott & Dara Rouse  
*Marathon Start*

Stephanie Raddatz  
*Sunday Expo*

Raynee Daguerra  
*Equipment Manager*

Tim Brooker  
*Finish Line Director*

Tim Mosbacher  
*Elite Athlete Director*

Torrey Holmquist  
*Marketing, Advice*