

## Our History

The "Ollie Road Race" began 67 years ago as a local race run through the streets of South Boston. Today, the race has been divided into a 2-day fundraising event. The Adult Race has grown to a field of 1,200 runners, so its venue has been moved to the Bank of America Pavilion on South Boston's historic waterfront. The Youth Races & Carnival are still held in the traditional neighborhood.

## Our Mission

The Ollie Road Race not only gives children, families, longtime residents and newcomers to the community a chance to compete in a USTAF-NE Certified Championship Race, but it also serves as a major fundraiser for the South Boston Neighborhood House. It helps to support programming that is critical to members of the South Boston community.

## Our Need

Runners are obviously a vital part of the Ollie Road Race each year. But behind the scenes, volunteers work hard to ensure that the race is a seamless success by directing traffic, handing out water to runners, being course officials, and more. The race could not be held without volunteers! This year, we are aiming to recruit 350 people to volunteer.

## Volunteer Rewards & Incentives

- All individuals & organizations that send volunteers will receive long-sleeved Ollie Road Race t-shirts on race day (t-shirts are distributed on a first come - first served basis, and they go quickly!).
- All organizations that commit to bring volunteers will have their name listed under the "Volunteers" page in the Ollie Road Race Sponsor Book and will receive a special thank-you package following the race.
- All individuals & organizations that send volunteers will receive free food, drinks, and Harpoon beer at the Ollie Road Race after-party.
- All individuals & organizations that send volunteers will be included in all of our promotional materials and thank-you ads in print, and will be highlighted in the South Boston Neighborhood House annual report.
- The organization that brings the most volunteers on race day will receive a special recognition award during our trophy ceremony.
- For information on running in the Ollie Road Race, visit our web site at [www.ollieroadrace.org](http://www.ollieroadrace.org)

## How to Get Involved

- Act as the team leader to recruit volunteers from your organization! Distribute and hang up the
- promotional materials you receive from us.
- Send emails to colleagues and friends to ask if they would like to volunteer. Keep a running list of those who are interested. Try to recruit 5 or more people, but remember - walk-ins are ALWAYS welcome on race day!
- Describe to potential volunteers what they will be doing at the race - water stops, course officials, distributing coffee and bagels, book give-aways, and many more fun assignments!
- Plan to attend the Ollie Road Race Volunteer Meeting on Monday, September 1, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the South Boston Neighborhood House "Doc & Mary Tynan Senior Center," 136 "H" Street in South Boston (meeting is encouraged but not mandatory).
- Join the Ollie Road Race Planning Committee. We meet on the first Tuesday every month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. We welcome any new members!

### Race Dates:

- *Adult 5 Mile Race*  
Saturday, September 6, 2008  
290 Northern Avenue, Boston  
Volunteer Check-in: 7:30 a.m.
- *Youth Races & Carnival*  
Sunday, September 7, 2008  
136 "H" Street, South Boston  
Volunteer Check-in: 8 a.m.

If you would like to sign up to volunteer for either day of the 2008 Ollie Road Race, call:

Valerie Morando  
617-204-4220

or

vmorando@conventures.com

### Volunteers are needed for:

- *Course Officials*
- *Water Stops*
- *Traffic & Parking*
- *Medical Assistance*
- *Book Giveaways & more!*

South Boston Neighborhood House  
Volunteer Services Program  
SBNH Doc & Mary Tynan Senior Center  
136 "H" Street  
South Boston, MA 02127

# VOLUNTEER

for the



USA Track & Field 5 Mile Championship

**Saturday,**  
**September 6, 2008**

**Volunteer Check-in:**  
**7:30 a.m.**

(Race begins at 10:00 a.m.)

**Bank of America Pavilion**  
290 Northern Avenue,  
Boston, MA 02210