



The Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce announces they will bring back the 5K run for the 11th Annual Scenic Half Marathon and 10K race on Sunday, September 15th, 2019. To focus on children's health and wellness, this will be a kid race focused on Kindergarten through 6th grade (parents and siblings are welcome too!).

They have partnered with Washington Elementary School for the inaugural event. "After a parent approached us about adding a kid run as a possible school fundraiser, Washington Elementary PTA and parent volunteers will be taking on the task of developing and implementing the model; To set the stage for other schools going forward. We look forward to working with Washington Elementary and other schools in the future", says Chamber President and CEO Kate McAlister. Proceeds from the kids run will go directly back to the school. "This is will be a learning year. If it is a success, we will offer it to other elementary schools, and possibly create a district wide kids run benefitting them all. We want to offer a healthy and active way to fundraise those extra dollars for the school. Our hope is the kids will graduate to the 10K after they age out of the kids run, and so on. It is all about getting outside and being active!"

The 5K run will start at City Beach and run along the Sand Creek Trail.

"Washington Elementary is excited for this fundraising opportunity. The Kids 5K will be a fun family event that supports and benefits all Washington Elementary students", said school Principal, Natassia Hamer.

Registration for the run will be \$15/child or \$50/family. Kids will receive a T-shirt, race bib, and a medal for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners of each grade. Registration forms are available online at www.scenicahalf.com and at the Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce, 1202 N. Fifth Avenue in Sandpoint. Cash or check payments only for the 5K run with checks payable to *Washington Elementary School PTA*. Payments and registrations can be dropped off or mailed to the Chamber office, attention to Kristin Carlson. Day of registration will be available from 6:30-7:45am on the lawn of Trinity at City Beach. Day of registration is \$20/pp or \$50/family.

This is an all-inclusive event! Scholarships are available for those families and children who would like to participate but may not be able to afford it. Please contact Washington Elementary Principal Natassia Hamer for scholarship information at natassia.hamer@lposd.org.

For general questions about the race, please contact Kristin Carlson, (208) 263-2161 or kristin@sandpointchamber.com.