

# THE CALENDAR

Chase a gobbler. Support a food drive. Go shopping. Holiday racing begins **BY BART YASSO AND LORI ADAMS**

## EVENT ALERT!

Turn your Saturday morning training run into a story to tell your grandkids. *Run with an Olympian.* The inaugural *Run with Olympians* starts at the Philadelphia City Hall at 9 a.m. and leads out-and-back along the Schuylkill River. Register online or on-site for this free, noncompetitive event. Additional Olympians attending will be announced at [boundlessphiladelphia.com](http://boundlessphiladelphia.com).

Runner's World lists the Flying Feather one of the nation's best! REGISTER TODAY as entries are being gobbled up!

For more events, go to [runnersworld.com](http://runnersworld.com) and click on "Races & Places." Race Directors: please send race results to [results@ldrresults.com](mailto:results@ldrresults.com).

OTHER RACES	MidSouth Marathon	City of Oaks Marathon and Half-Marathon	Las Vegas Running Team's Turkey Trot 10-K, 5-K	The Flying Feather Four-Miler	United Materials Silicon Valley Turkey Trot 10-K/5-K and Seagate Elite 5-K
TERRAIN					
WHERE	Wynne, Arkansas	Raleigh, North Carolina	Las Vegas	Dublin, Ohio	San Jose, California
WHEN	November 3	November 4	November 17	November 22	November 22
RUNNERS	600	5,000	1,000	2,000	4,000
INFO	<a href="http://midsouthmarathon.com">midsouthmarathon.com</a>	<a href="http://cityofoaksmarathon.com">cityofoaksmarathon.com</a>	<a href="http://lasvegasrunningteam.com">lasvegasrunningteam.com</a>	<a href="http://theflyingfeather.com">theflyingfeather.com</a>	<a href="http://www.uvlg.net">www.uvlg.net</a>
WHY RUN IT	For the small-town charm. The people of Wynne are so friendly that the place is known as "the city with a smile." And as for the marathon, residents line the out-and-back course, offering up cheers, refreshments, and yes, smiles. Best of all are the themed aid stations; past ones have featured takes on <i>Hee Haw</i> and Mayberry. Postrace, enjoy beans, slaw, and homemade cookies.	To train for Boston. The course's profile is similar to that of the nation's iconic marathon: a rolling downhill first half with climbs late in the race. Along the way you pass the posh governor's mansion and countless oak trees (thus the name). Plan to attend the prerace dinner: Local chef, restaurant owner, and marathoner Sarig Agasi will be serving up pasta made with local and organic ingredients.	To go shopping. This race begins and ends at the Las Vegas Outlet Center, and the early start times (6 a.m. for the 10-K, 7 a.m. for the 5-K) ensure that temps are cool and you'll be done before the stores open at 10 a.m. Our race pack comes with a coupon booklet. Stick around to fuel up on pancakes and see if you won one of the 200 turkeys that'll be raffled off.	For the wine. Cross the finish and grab your bottle of the just-released Georges Dubœuf Beaujolais Nouveau. The four-mile course tours the manicured gardens of a Mediterranean-style "villa" known as the Corazon Club and Spa, as well as the wetlands and wooded trails of a neighborhood park. Bring the kids: A man dressed as a giant turkey leads the quarter-mile "gobbler chase."	To support a food drive. Pack a few canned goods in your bag for the new "Can-Do" challenge; the goal is to deliver a truckful to local food banks. The courses travel out-and-back on a trail-lined urban park trail. Special categories include the quickest cop and fastest firefighter, as well as the USATF Male and Female 5-K Champion. After you run, watch the elites negotiate a spectator-friendly three-loop course.