

# Fact Sheet

## On the Road for Education

**Race:** Full Marathon  
**Date:** Sunday, October 26, 2008  
**Start time:** 8:00 am

**Website:** [www.ontheroad4edu.org](http://www.ontheroad4edu.org)  
**e-mail:** [ontheroad4edu@yahoo.com](mailto:ontheroad4edu@yahoo.com)

### Registration:

Online: Zap Event  
Online registration closes on October 23, 2008

U.S. Postal Service: On the Road for Education  
Newman Catholic Development  
2445 19<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Mason City, IA 50401

Race Day Registration: Newman Catholic High School  
2445 19<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Mason City, IA 50401  
Saturday, October 25 4 pm – 7pm  
Sunday, October 26 6:30 am – 7:30 am

Registrations received after October 10, 2008 will not be guaranteed a t-shirt or t-shirt size

**Fee:** Early Registration: \$47  
After 10/10/2008: \$55

### Race Packet Pick-up:

Saturday, October 25: 4pm – 7pm  
Sunday, October 26: 6:30 am – 7:30 am

All Packet pick-up will occur at Newman High School

**Pre-race Transportation:** Shuttle transportation will be provided from Newman High School to the start at Music Man Square. First bus will depart at 6:45 am and the last bus will depart at 7:30 am. (Transportation will not be provided back to the start at the end of the race).

**Gear Bags:** Runners will receive a “gear” bag at packet pick-up for their warm-ups and other personal property. A bag drop-off will be provided at the start. The filled bags will be transported to Newman High School for retrieval following the race.

**Start:** The Marathon Starts at **8:00 AM** sharp. The start line is located EAST of Music Man Square. The starting line will be marked with a large sign. The Star Spangled Banner will be sung about 5 minutes before the start which will be followed by last minute marathon comments.

**Course:** Certified by USA Track & Field (#IA 05017-MF). The Marathon course passes through various parts of Mason City and out into the surrounding countryside. Runners will pass by many historic sites including the original site where Mason City began and Meredith Wilson’s (the Music Man) boyhood home, a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home and hotel, and a historic district of

Prairie School architecture. The course takes runners over a variety of surfaces including: concrete streets, asphalt roads, paved and un-paved trails, and gravel country roads. The course elevation changes no more than 100 feet throughout the entire 26 miles.

**Finish:** The marathon will finish at Newman Catholic High School on the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> Street SW and South Taft Avenue.

**Bathrooms:** Bathrooms are available before the marathon inside Music Man Square. Porta-Potties will be located at the Start line, Mile 1, Mile 13 and Mile 20.

**Water Stops:** Water stations are every 2 miles throughout the race course. Each water station will be stocked with Culligan Water and Power Aid. Gu energy packets will be available at miles 12, 18 and 22.

**Mile Markers:** The marathon course has each mile marked with a white sign that has maroon numbers.

**Course Markings:** The Marathon course is marked in paint on the ground with arrows and OTR on the left side of the arrow.

**Race Numbers:** Your Race Number **must** be completely visible on the front side of your body as you approach and pass through the finish line.

**Course Closure:** The race course will close on a six hour marathon pace. Participants unable to finish in six hours need to move to the sidewalks and road side as regular pedestrians. Traffic control, race support and water stops will close at this six hour marathon pace. The finish line will remain open until 3:00 pm.

**Shower Facilities:** Showers and towels are available at Newman High School.

**Medical Treatment:** Qualified medical personnel will be on hand for first aid needs throughout the marathon.

**T-Shirts:** Participants who register by October 10th will receive a long sleeve T-Shirt at registration. Participants registering after October 10th will not be guaranteed a t-shirt and/or size.

**Marathon Medals:** All Marathon Finishers will receive a finisher medal at the end of the marathon in the finish gates.

**Awards:** Awards will be presented to the overall male finisher and the overall female finisher and trophies for first place male & female in each age group. Awards will be presented at 1:00 pm in the Newman High School Gym.

**Age Groups:**

- under 20
- 20 – 29
- 30 – 39
- 40 – 49
- 50 – 59
- 60 and over