

Jail Break Run 2016 Reviews

I thought it was well run, and other than a small water snafu coming off the bridge, everything was smooth sailing! Great job! - **C. Ridgaway Winnie, TX**

This was my first time running it and I thought it was very well organized and the support on the course was stellar! - **V. Mckinney Spring, TX**

I wish you don't include the route with the rail road as it ate 7mins of our time waiting for the train to pass. – **J. Thornton Pearland, TX**

Great race, great volunteers! Love that bridge!- **Ilse Bekker Houston, TX**

Loved it!!! Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers! !!! ≡≡≡≡ - **N. Montgomery Splendora, TX**

Had a great morning race. Thanks for another fun experience. - **Lorinda Smith Houston, TX**

Enjoyed it and the volunteers rocked!! Thank you so much. – **A. Hamann Pearland, TX**

My first time to run this half and the Fred! The volunteers were awesome and energetic. Great job! – **M. Upton Beach City, TX**

This was a wonderful race! Extremely well organized and well planned!! Thoroughly enjoyed it and beautiful weather! I drove over an hour and a hula to take part and it was totally worth it! - **Al Torres League City, TX**

LOVED the new route! Thanks for letting the walkers start at 6:30 and acknowledging us as marathon group. Fantastic volunteers and great coverage by the police force keeping us safe as we completed the race. Love the medals and the yard signs....oh, and the sticker as well. Good job! You ROCK!!! – **B. Shaver Houston, TX**

Loved the new route! And I PRd by 10 mins!!!! – **J. Michelle Houston, TX**

Didn't get to run this year due to an injury. I did come and cheer for friends and others. Glad to see this race grow! Liked the new start/finish location! I loved the new route and all the volunteers were fantastic. – **D. Houston Baytown, TX**

The medal is cool too. Is it a coincidence that this medal has the picture of last year's medal and the same with last year's medal has a picture of the 2014 medal? One more thing. Are there any plans for a full marathon in the future? The Jail Break is my first 5K and my first half so it only seems fitting that it be my first full too. –**A. Dunson Baytown, TX**

This was my very first 5k to run. I loved it!!! Y'all did a great job!!! Thank you so much for all you do Mary. YOU ROCK!!! – **R. Callahan Baytown, TX**

We were so excited to come back after such a wonderful race in 2013. The medals and shirts were great that year. While we loved the course this year and appreciated the volunteers and organization of the race, if I'm being honest, we were greatly disappointed by the color of the shirts (for the men) and the quality of the medal this year. We loved the navy blue shirt from the past race we did which was a much more traditional law enforcement color. Incredible goodie bag and post race refreshments though! Awesome way to end a hot and humid 13 miles! - **Jennifer Collier Dallas, TX**

Great 5K!! And thank you for doing a virtual Half this year!! – **S. LeBlanc Houston, TX**

It was really great.. The train kinda stunk but lol other than that it was great! Thank you guys for all that you do to make it such an enjoyable run! Can't wait for next year!
-**A. Spurlock Baytown, TX**

Fantastic event! Loved the new route. Friendly, enthusiastic volunteers, good food at the end, and the signs along the way we're great. Mary, I don't know how you do it but you pulled off another great run! Thank you! **K. Spiller Pasadena, TX**

Everything was very nice. Loved the new route. Only recommendation: add a water stop or two between mile 4 and mile 6. **J. Anderson-Blair Houston, TX**

Thank You Mary for having a safe course overall with well stocked water and Gatorade stations. Glad Jailbreak was 100th half marathon celebration race!! **L. O'Brien Mt. Belvieu, TX**

My sister and I made the Baytown Sun's front page! It was our first half marathon. We had fun doing it, all the volunteers were great and I loved the motivational signs lol! **S. Frisby Baytown, TX**

I just wanted to send you a little note stating that I love this race. Have done it 5 times and only reason I missed was because I had to a sales meeting. Really love everything about this race. The swag bag was huge...t shirt and hat was awesome. Medal was super cool. Food after the race was awesome. Keep up the great job and see you next year! Thanks again-**C. Morehouse Cypress, TX**

A huge THANK YOU to all that coordinated and volunteered for this year's event. Last year was the first time I participated and this year really topped it! I enjoyed the route a great deal. There were so many quiet areas and traffic was very minimal. The intersections were well controlled. As customary, 'thanks' is told to Officers and Volunteers along the way. I was wow struck with the number of Officers that thanked me and other runners for participating. This is such a friendly group. And the volunteers were so enthusiastic. WOW, just wow. So humbling. I did see a couple of runners have some direction issues coming off the bridge (one missed turn to go up the bridge). But other than that, this race is such a fun event that I look forward to. And thus far it surpassed the year before. I'm looking forward to next year already. - **T. Jones Beaumont, TX**

Mary – we had a wonderful time on our 5k jaunt on Saturday. Perfect weather for us; although I'm sure the half-marathoners were a bit warm. I'll take warm any day in

February. To you and everyone involved, especially Truman and Dave, and the countless others who serve selflessly behind the scenes, job very well done !!! It's inspiring to see what you all do for Project Blue. May you always be blessed abundantly for your efforts. **-K. Troller Baytown, TX**

This is my second year to participate in your half. I do it because of the challenge of running up the Fred Hartmann, the Project Blue fund raiser, it is a Saturday half, and because you guys really do a nice job. I am not a fast runner, and I appreciate the enthusiasm of the volunteers even for those of us "turtles." Your swag bags are loads of fun, and the food and treats at the finish are first class. The route change was a little more challenging -- first I do love running through that little park along goose creek. The beauty last year was 6.5 miles was at the top the bridge, and it was literally all downhill from there. This year -- mile 8 and tired legs, getting up that big hill was a challenge. But, it was nice to have the 5k left when you got off the bridge. So I don't know what your hiccups were, but I didn't notice them. Thanks for a great time. Hope to be there next year **-D. Young Bossier City, LA**

This was my 3rd year running. First time was the 1/2, the other two times the 5k. I love the run, swag bags are awesome, post party is great as well. My only concern was, at the start of the 5k, we all took a left then had to back track to get back on course. Maybe signs next time to direct path of 5k and 1/2. Also, another concern was the 5k finish line. it seemed missed leading, I thought I was done, but had to still keep going J. I don't like to complain, cause this is an awesome race for Baytown, just giving feedback, as requested. **- R. Salinas Baytown, TX**

My first time running Jail Break. Great course. My only suggestion is to move the 1st water stop (too close to start) over by the back side of golf course. Thanks, **V. Rickman Houston, TX**

This was my first Jail Break Run (and I plan to do this run again next year). It was the smallest number of participants for a race that I have ever been in and I really liked that. It was nice to be able to park so close to the start/finish line. I liked that you let the walkers start 30 minutes before the runners. I always hate having to run around people at the beginning of a run who are walking at the starting area. It really kept the congestion down. The water stations were well manned. I was surprised when I opened the swag bag yesterday. I'm used to pulling out only my shirt and a bunch of flyers for upcoming races. The extras you put in were a nice surprise. I like the fact that the food was designated for participants only. There are many races I have been to when I famished after a run and I have to wait in long food lines behind spectators to get a banana and a drink. The chick-fil-a sandwich was a nice bonus as well. I really only saw two things that I thought could be improved on.

1) Large flags for mile marks instead of the small signs. I run with a watch to keep track of my splits, but it is always nice to see the mile markers in the distance as you are coming up to them. The small signs, you could not see until you were right on top of them.

2) A timing mat at the turnaround point. This keeps everyone honest about making it all the way up the bridge before turning around. Yes, I passed one runner going up the bridge and then passed him again about mile 12. His outfit stood out so it was pretty obvious to me that he didn't make it all the way up the bridge before he headed back down.

Thanks for doing such a great job and thanks to all the volunteers for their time.-**D. Baker Houston, TX**

As a first time participant to this event and only second to that in races, I was very impressed. All volunteers were welcoming and nice. They all enjoyed being there and helping out with the event. The route was clearly marked and the traffic controllers helped out a lot in allowing race participants to pass through intersections with ease. Everyone in the race was also very supportive of each other. As far as anything that could be worked on, I can't think of any. :) I will definitely be back next year. Thanks,**J. Liles League City, TX**

I would say have a few more portapotties at the start and throughout the course. And after you come off the bridge the course wasn't marked very well. Other than that I thought it was good. - **Z. Whitaker Deer Park, TX**

This was my first Jail Break run and my 2nd 5K. This was a great event, other than the train that held us up (I'm pretty sure that was unforeseen). I was very impressed with the number of sponsors and their tents, the support before and after the run was terrific. The volunteers did a wonderful job, I was able to spend some time with old friends and make new ones, and it was for a worthy cause. I have no complaints and look forward to the next one. -**J. Mook Houston, TX**

Loved the route-bridge was a little late in the run but it made the ending terrifically short!! Was disappointed there were no mile markers between 5 and 10 miles, I use the markers to run the Galloway method. Also the water stations were set up either too close together or too far apart in some spots.-**S. Landsman Houston, TX**

Mary I thought once again it was a great event. My one suggestion though with this new route is that something be done about traveling over active train crossings. There was one man as the train was coming during the start of the 5K that ran across the tracks in order to beat the train. This would have been disastrous for this event had this guy not make it. Some people just don't use common sense. Anyway thanks for another great event helping those that help us in our times of need. Love our Baytown Police Officers!!! -**A. Lankford Baytown, TX**

How did we did for our 6th year? Great, it was the second time I have attended. 5k 2 years ago and 1/2 this year. The course was great. Being able to start 30 mins early!!! Loved the new medal. What did we do wrong? I didn't get one of the thin blue line stickers many others did ... Something I would have really liked to have. What would you suggest different for next year, etc? Someone handing out water at the finish line. Did you like the swag bags? Yes! Miss the stress balls we got in 2014. -**G.Green, Baytown, TX**

Half marathon course is much better. Water stop at bridge should be on other side when getting off bridge. A few more course monitors as follow the runner at times could not see. Shirts and post race and swag are awesome. Ready to sign up for next year. Parking was great too! – **Dale Kohn Friendswood, TX**

I loved the swag bags! The shirts were great! I also loved the food and drinks at the end of the race. The 5K course had a few issues that will need to be ironed out. The arrows in the street pointed to go left at Pruitt but after a crowd of runners turned, then the officer had to call them back because they should have gone straight. I was not at the front of the pack so the problem was corrected before I got there. Crossing live train tracks was quite frightening since a train came right as we were crossing. I watched a boy that was about 10-12 run about 10 feet in front of the train. The crowd just gasped. Quite frightening. Then as we crossed back in front of Lee college I, it was a little confusing because the runners were in the same lane with the finishers so some of the runners never made the loop around the park. They were directed to the finish line. The medals were awesome. I will definitely run the jail break again. – **J. Hicks, Crosby, TX**

Event was great! Parking was great. Swag bag and post race food was awesome. Only problem was the weather. Too hot and humid. 60s in February? But nobody can control that. Route was okay. If we could just flatten that bridge on race day. Again, great event! – **G.Sims Port Neches, TX**

It was a great race. The SWAG was awesome. The shirts and hats are great quality, and love tons of free samples. Parking was easy and convenient even though I'm not familiar with Baytown. The course was good and scenic; although, a little confusing on the way to the park (arrows pointing wrong direction) and just past mile 10 (straight or u-turn?). But, there were beautiful views from the bridge. The volunteers were amazing---so friendly and helpful ---THANKS TO THEM for all of their support!!!! I would suggest more predictable hydration stations if possible based on the course, some were more than 2 miles apart while others were only about 1/4 mile apart. The medal was very cool (and the reason I transferred from 5k to half), but a decorative ribbon with the race name, logo, and date would have made it even more special. The food at the post-race party was great! THANKS to Chick-fil-A and the other sponsors for yummy post-race food and great sponsor freebies in all of the tents. Overall, a very nice race. I feel blessed to have been a part of it. Thank you, **K. Lovette, Spring, TX**

Very nice planning keep up the good work. **S. Challa, Baytown, TX**