

## FAQs for Alaska Salmon Runs

Q. Do all marathon and half-marathon finishers receive medals?

A. Yes.

Q. How can I get to Cordova?

A. Only by air or by boat. We have no road access. You cannot drive here from Anchorage or any other Alaska community.

For air travel: Alaska Airlines, [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com).

AK Airlines festival discount code is usually posted by March.

Ferry system schedules and reservations:

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/>

For shuttle service between Anchorage and Whittier (if you are taking the ferry):

Magic Bus, 1-800-208-0200

The Shuttle Man, 907-472-2378

Q. What are the lodging options in Cordova?

A. The two largest lodging places in Cordova are The Reluctant Fisherman Inn, [www.reluctantfisherman.com](http://www.reluctantfisherman.com), and the Prince William Motel, [www.pwmotel.com](http://www.pwmotel.com). You will find B&B options on the Cordova Chamber of Commerce web site at [www.cordovachamber.com](http://www.cordovachamber.com), and there are several Airbnb listings for Cordova.

Other lodging options include:

- Dragonfly Inn, Betty York, <http://www.dragonflyinnalaska.com/> (very close to race HQ)
- Eyak Lake B&B, Bud and Wanda Moore, 907-424-5158, 1BR full apartment (close to race HQ)
- Cordova Comfort B&G, Dave and Sheryl Glasen, 907-424-4797, 2BR full apt., close to race HQ
- Captain's Quarters Lodging, Robin and Mark Irving, 907-424-7219, 4 miles outside of town
- Cordova Gardens B&B, Bill & Shelly Steffens, (907)424-5488, close to race HQ
- Eyak Inn, (907)424-2299, right on Cordova Harbor.
- Isabel's Inn, (907)253-3950, two blocks from town center, two blocks from race HQ.

Q. Can I rent a car in Cordova?

A. Chinook Auto Rentals is the car rental service in town: (907)424-5279

Q. May I register the day of the race?

A. For the marathon, registration closes the Thursday before the race. For all other events, you can register the day of the event, but we are trying to minimize same-day registration to make it easier on our volunteers. Registration tables will be open at the Cordova hospital parking lot on Saturday morning starting at 8:30 a.m. If you are running the marathon, the shuttle leaves the hospital parking lot at 6:20 a.m. so please be sure you have registered by the Thursday before the race so that the Race Director knows you need to be on the shuttle.

Q. May I change my registration from one distance event to another?

A. Yes, of course, but you need to get a different race bib for the new event. We use the numbers on the race bib to help the timers at the finish line record times for the different distance events. You may change your registration at the Bidarki Recreation Center up until the Thursday before the race, or at the race headquarters on the morning of the race any time after 8:30 a.m. and before the shuttle to your new race start.

Q. Where do I pick up my race bib and T-shirt?

A. Before race day, at the Bidarki Recreation Center in Cordova, on the corner of Council and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. On race day, you may pick up a shirt at Race HQ, the hospital parking lot on Chase Ave.

Q. Where do the races start?

A. Race Headquarters is the Cordova Community Medical Center (CCMC, a.k.a. “the hospital”) parking lot on Chase Ave. All the shuttles to the race starts leave from here. Runners can leave jackets or extra clothes on the shuttle bus or van, and can pick them up again at race headquarters.

Q. What are the courses like?

A. All the races are one-way courses, running from the race start toward town and the race headquarters. Except for the one-mile, there are shuttles for runners to the start of each race.

The marathon course is run half on a dirt road, and half on a paved road.

The half-marathon course is run mostly on a paved road. Both are flat, and Cordova is at sea level.

Q. What time does my race start? Where do I go for the start?

A. Except for the One Mile, all race distances are started “out the road,” and runners will be driven in a shuttle vehicle to the race start. Race Start times are:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Shuttle from Hospital Parking Lot</b>	<b>Race Start Time</b>
King Salmon Marathon	6:15 a.m.	7 a.m.
Sockeye Half-Marathon	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Coho 10K	10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Humpy 5K	10:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Smolt 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk	Run starts from hospital	11:15 a.m.

- Q. Are there water stations along the course?
- A. Water stations with volunteers will be located every four to five miles. Mileage markers are for the marathon (and half-marathon):

<b>Marathon course mile:</b>	<b>Half-marathon course mile:</b>
5.2	
9.2	
13.2	
17.2	4.1
20.2	7.1
23.2	10.1
25.2	12.1

- Q. Is there a chase vehicle for the marathoners?
- A. Two EMTs from the Cordova Volunteer Fire Department drive a Fire Department truck behind the last marathoner. Runners can hand off extra clothes to the EMTs, and the truck will carry extra water. Runners can also give the EMTs their personal drinks or snacks to carry for them.
- Q. When does the course close?
- A. 1:30 p.m. Marathoners may finish their race after that time if they are still running, but there may not be anyone at the finish line to meet them.

Other questions? E-mail Race Coordinator at [runningwild@copperriver.org](mailto:runningwild@copperriver.org).