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## Reservoir Run Welcomes Mascot Come for the run, stay for the pancakes, look for the gator

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Last year's 2K run Photo Andy Scheck

benefits local schools and an opportunity to burn off some pre-Halloween candy calories before the actual holiday.

Look for thousands of participants and spectators, along with detours around Mt. Diablo Boulevard, and pancakes thanks to volunteer chefs from the Rotary Club. Registration is available online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), in person at the Lafayette Chamber office or at Oakwood Athletic Club. Folks deciding at the last minute can just show up early on race day and find the registration desk. For more information, go to [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org).

Now in its 20th year, Lafayette's famous exercise-based moveable block party will be back in action this coming Sunday, October 28. This year's theme is all about the alleged alligator spotted more than three decades ago in the reservoir.

Although several visitors reported seeing the creature way back when, no stray alligator was ever found. Nevertheless, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jay Lifson says, "We honor this large reptile by making him this year's mascot for the 20th Anniversary of the Reservoir Run. Alligators can live up to 75 years. It's about time we daylight this 'unsolved mystery.'"

Because it's not the Chamber's first run, although arguably its first 'gator hunt, Lifson, along with scores of volunteers, know just how to make the event run smoothly—with staggered start times to ensure there's not a crush of humanity surging forward from the starting line.

Participants from serious runners to families and their four-legged friends can choose the two mile Run for Fun at 8 a.m., the 5K certified race at 8:30 a.m. or the 10K certified run at 8:45 a.m. As always, this event is a fundraiser that



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