

ReRun 5K Returns to East Aurora

by Alex Nye

On Saturday morning approximately 250 runners will lace up their Nikes and gather at Firemen's Field for the third annual [East Aurora ReRun](#), a 5K race around the northern perimeter of the village. The event is set to take place at 9 a.m. on July 24 to correspond with day's activities surrounding East Aurora's Reunion Weekend.

Each year the race is put on by parents of area runners and the proceeds benefit the Town of Aurora Youth Endurance Athletes. Money raised helps kids get ahead in endurance sports by offsetting travel costs for extended trips to camps and races.

Judd Mosser, a member of the organizing committee and spokesperson for the race, has been working tirelessly to finish planning for the weekend. One of the new additions this year is an official recognition by Buffalo Runners.

"This year we have a certified course," exclaimed Mosser. "The course is listed on [BuffaloRunners.com](#). We had it measured and just received official recognition by USA Track and Field."

According to Mosser, the official recognition from the USATF carries a lot of weight. "When you are a certified course, it is recognized as an official distance," explained Mosser. "It is sanctioned by the USATF and if you set a record on the course it will be recognized."

Mosser admitted that this year's course would be difficult to set records on. The racecourse wanders around the village and has a couple of hills included in it, which makes breaking records an even more difficult challenge.

Regardless, he is expecting a good turnout and for things to go well. Event organizers even altered the course slightly—a straight start up the Pine Street Extension—in order to prevent any congestion at the beginning of the run.

Race participants will receive gifts and there will be a post-5K Fun Run.

"The Fun Run lends a family atmosphere to the whole thing," said Mosser. "It's nice to see kids running as fast as they can and their parents cheering them on."

Ultimately the race is a healthy way to bring more people together during the Reunion Weekend and support local runners.

Walt McLaughlin, the coach of the championship cross country and track and field teams at East Aurora High School, is credited with the idea.

"Walt McLaughlin was interested in having a 5K race in town," told Mosser. "He said there used to be a 5K race on Reunion Weekend and that it was popular. So we decided to bring it back to life."

Runners interested in attending the ReRun can sign up on the morning of the race. The cost is \$20. Visit <http://eastaurorarerun.auroraraces.org> for more information.