

# LEG DESCRIPTIONS

**Leg 1:** Your 6 1/2 mile leg begins at the start line at 7:30am with the full marathon. You will run around Horse Shoe Lake Park, past Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens and the outskirts of town before heading out into the country. The flat countryside is gorgeous with farm houses, open fields and views of Mount St. Helens. When you come to Dike Road and take a right to follow the Columbia River your leg will end at the corner of Dike Road and Dike Access Road. There will be a water station and Port-a-Potties. We encourage cheering on other runners as you wait for the shuttle bus to take you close to the finish line to wait for your team.

**Leg 2:** Your 7 1/2 mile leg is the longest in the relay and all with views of the Columbia River! You will continue along Dike Road for almost 2 miles until the road dead ends. There is a large circular turnaround and a water station before heading back towards the exchange. You will pass the exchange and keep following Dike Road for the remaining portion of this leg. Your leg ends at Austin Point next to West Coast Training Center, a quality Heavy Equipment Operator Training Center since 1959! You may hang out here and cheer your team and other runner's until ready to catch the shuttle back to the finish line to run in with your team. Please give yourself plenty of time to get to the finish line to be on time for your team.

**Leg 3:** Your 6.2 mile run is a scenic country loop! Beginning at Austin Point next to West Coast Training Center you will continue along Dike Road for 1 1/2 miles before coming to the intersection that directs the half marathon runners and 2nd lap full Marathon runners to cross under the railroad bridge. You will stay left merging onto Kuhn's Road, please be alert to the flagger. The country scenery is very beautiful and there is some nice shady areas here. There will be a water station at the end and a flagger will direct you to make a left turn onto Whalen Road. You will follow Whalen Road back towards the Columbia River and Dike Road. At Dike Road you will make a left and follow it back to West Coast Training Center.

**Leg 4:** Your 6 mile leg will take you across the gravel dike, past the tulip farms and straight to the finish line! You begin your leg at Austin Point next to West Coast Training Center and follow Dike Road to the merge that direct the half marathon runners and YOURSELF to cross under the railroad bridge onto the gravel dike, please be alert to the flagger and be careful on the loose gravel. The dike road is absolutely gorgeous look for bald eagles and many other birds as you follow the Lewis River on your right. To your left is lots of livestock, sometimes you can spot some babies:) The dike ends and you will continue on pavement on Pekin Road going towards the boat launch, look for the Marathon turnaround right before the boat launch. Soon after the turnaround you will see the welcome sight of the beautiful tulip farms! At the Y you will merge to the right onto Pinkerton Drive. Your team can meet you at the corner of Pinkerton Drive and Lake Road and you can all run through the finish line together. PLEASE be courteous to other runners, remember some runners are running the entire 26.2 miles and are extremely tired.