

Plano Balloon Festival Half Marathon Relay Instructions & Schedule



Leg #1 Or Runner #1:

- Park at the festival in the parking lot adjacent to Collin County Community College (parking instructions are on the back of your bib and your bib is your parking pass for Sunday).
- You will start at the starting line and the half marathon & relay starts at 7:00am.
- Leg #1 runs to the exchange point which is roughly 6 miles. (Leg #1 gets the hilly part!)
- When you get to the exchange point (which is at Bob Woodruff Park North), go through the exchange area and tag your partner for them to start!
- You're done & congrats! There will be refreshments and your finisher medal once you finish.
- After you complete your leg (leg #1) there will be shuttles from Bob Woodruff Park North back to the festival & start/finish area to get to the finish line & enjoy the post-race breakfast & festivities.
- Shuttles from the relay exchange point to the festival & finish line will depart every 20 minutes beginning at 7:30am-10:00am and will drop at the intersection of Spring Creek & Parker.

Leg #2 Or Runner #2:

- Park at the DART Parker Road Station parking lot (or take the DART to the station) 2600 Archerwood Street Plano, TX 75074.
- You will start your leg at the relay exchange point and shuttles will run from the DART Parker Road station to the relay exchange point (at Bob Woodruff Park North) at the following times: 6:30am, 7:00am, 7:30am and 7:45am.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the above shuttle times and it is up to you to arrive on time!
- At the relay exchange point once your leg #1 running partner passes through the exchange area, high fives you – you'll be off & running the second half of the relay which is just over 7 miles to the finish line!
- You will finish in the main festival area & finish line, congratulations. Once you complete your second leg you will receive your half marathon relay finisher medal at the finish line.

Relay Exchange Point Information:

- There will be a finish time clock measured by gun time not chip time.
- Amenities available to participants at the exchange point include:
 - Bag check for the leg #2 runner to drop items, all bags will be transported to the finish line bag check located in the runner's village.
 - Restrooms, water, CLIF Bars, bananas, GoGo SqueeZ (apple sauce flavor)

Tips:

- Leg #2 runner – do not go to the start line with your leg #1 runner! There are no shuttles from the start line to the relay exchange point so please do not park in the main festival parking. Please park at DART Parker Road Station. We ask that you please refrain from parking at Bob Woodruff North as parking is limited and roads are closed in the area due to runner traffic.
- Leg #1 runner – you start at the starting line! Do not go to the relay exchange point to start. The "Balloon Flyer" shuttle is available for you to ride from the DART Parker Road Station to the festival and runs continuously during festival hours. (So if you and your partner drive together park at the DART Parker Road Station, leg #2 runner takes the relay shuttle and you/leg#1 runner take the "Balloon Flyer" shuttle to the festival area/start line).