



Marafun Race Day Information

11:00AM - Sunday, May 29th

Marathon/Marafun Start Location: Lawson Heights, Pinehouse and Laronge Road, Saskatoon.

Marafun 'Meeting Spot':

Umea Park tennis courts (Walk past the Marathon start area – Marathoners will be gone by now - and head towards the tennis courts where we will have our own meeting spot and start line)

Parking: Many of the roads will be blocked off for the race. The best spot to park is in the parking lot at Lawson Heights mall near the end closest to London Drugs and Umea Park.

Check-In: Your school should check-in by 9:55 AM.

Pre-Race activities:

10-10:20am – Schools can choose a spot on the tennis courts to keep all of their belongings.

Note: The tennis courts will not be secured so please do not bring/leave valuables without supervision (i.e., wallets, cell phones, or ipods).

10:20am – Group Picture

10:30am – Marafun Warm-up led by Craven Sports Services

10:50am – get into position and pre-race remarks (Craven or ESB)

Start Time: Start gun will go off at 11:00 AM



During the Race: School Leaders, Teachers, Parents, and Siblings are welcome to join in the fun on race day! We encourage all of you to join us on race day as volunteers, supporters, or runners. Only school leaders and Marafun participants will receive t-shirts, bibs, and time chips. However, parents/teachers/siblings/etc. are welcome to participate in the fun 2.2km run. Don't forget your cameras to catch all the memorable moments and celebrations!

Finish Line: All Marafun participants will be rewarded for completing their last 2.2km with a Saskatchewan Marathon medal at the official Marathon finish line. After the students cross the finish line it is important that they replenish their bodies with the liquids and foods available in the finish-line tents. Don't worry, this can be done while celebrating!

Marafun T-shirt/Water Bottles

Due to our large increase in numbers this year, our shipments had to be adjusted.

T-shirts will be available in early May (I will contact each leader to plan for pick-up or delivery)

Water Bottles will be available on Friday, May 27th at the Marafun-Hugh Culver presentation (more details to come) or on race day Sunday, May 29th upon check-in. *Some schools may pick-up their water bottles ahead of time but would need to contact me to set this up.

Additional Sask Marathon Events your school may be interested in:

Friday, May 27th - 1:30pm – Guest Speaker: Hugh Culver

We are currently looking for a Saskatoon school to host our guest speaker Marafun event on Friday, May 27th at 1:30pm. Our host school must be prepared and capable to house a potential 400 Marafun students/leaders if every school decides to participate. If gym capacity cannot hold our numbers we can always go outdoors with a sound system if weather permits. Saskatoon schools – please email me if you are interested in hosting this event and we can work out details.

- **Please note** – we are only choosing a Saskatoon school as our host because of the busy (busy!) schedule of Hugh Culver while he is here. We hope that all schools will be able to attend this event.

Here is a short bio and webpage if you would like to find out more information about Hugh Culver (<http://www.hughculver.com/>):

Hugh is a four time Ironman competitor, 10 time marathoner, past demonstration skier and nationally ranked whitewater kayaking competitor, has climbed the highest peaks in both Canada and the United States, holds the running record for the Chilcoot Pass in the Yukon.



Saturday, May 28th – 5:00pm – Pasta Dinner with Guest Speaker: Hugh Culver

We are excited to be opening up our Pasta Dinner event to the Marafun group this year!

The annual Sask Marathon Pasta Dinner brought to you by Craven SPORT Services happens at TCU Place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 28th. The guest speaker will be Hugh Culver (see above for bio).

This is a great opportunity to get in a good pre-race meal and enjoy some motivational words from our dynamic guest speaker. The pasta dinner is one of the great events of the Saskatchewan Marathon, bringing all of the runners together and creating a buzz the night before the big race!

There is a limited number of tickets available so be sure to get yours early. I am attaching the order form in this email. Please pass this order form along to any parents, teachers, or students that may be interested in this event. Pricing is on the order form.

