



GOVERNOR'S RELAY CHALLENGE AND THE OKLAHOMA CITY MEMORIAL MARATHON

The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, in partnership with Governor Kevin Stitt, kicked off the Governor's Relay Challenge Thursday morning under the Survivor Tree. Immediately following the announcement, the Governor led a group of more than 150 state employees and local runners on a 1.5 mile training run through downtown Oklahoma City. "We're thrilled the Governor has made such a strong commitment to the OKC Memorial Marathon and the Memorial and Museum," said Kari Watkins, Race Director and Executive Director of the Oklahoma City Memorial & Museum. "We look forward to the Governor and his team running as we *Change the Course of OKC!*"

With his focus on a healthier Oklahoma, the Governor is forming a five-person relay team to participate in the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon on April 28th and inviting runners to form their own relay team and compete against him. The Governor challenged runners, "Let's make this OKC Memorial Marathon the largest event in history and let's remember what happened right here in 1995." Typically, there are 4,000 runners in the relay portion of the Marathon, or about 800 teams of 5.

All relay teams participating in the 2019 Memorial Marathon will compete against the Governor's team. Any relay team beating the Governor's relay team will receive a *I Beat the Governor* T-shirt. Winning relay teams in each of the 15 divisions will receive their awards at an Oklahoma themed dinner at the Governor's Mansion on May 6th.

Divisions

- Open Division Male
- Open Division Female
- Open Division Mixed Gender
- Masters Division Male
- Masters Division Female
- Masters Division Mixed Gender
- Corporate Division Male
- Corporate Division Female
- Corporate Division Mixed Gender

Groups

- Public Service Division
- Government Division
- High School Division
- College Division
- Family Division
- Odds and Ends Division (doesn't fit other categories)

This year, the Memorial Marathon is Changing the Course of OKC. Runners will experience several course changes, a new finish line at Sheridan and Hudson and a Finish Line Festival in the Myriad Gardens.

The Marathon is the largest fundraiser for the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. It is owned and operated by the OKC National Memorial Foundation and does not receive any annual operating funds from the federal, state or local government. Funding is raised through Museum admission, Memorial Store sales, private fundraising, endowments and the Memorial Marathon.

To register for the relay, or any of the Memorial Marathon races, go to okcMarathon.com

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