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Family Races in SoJo Marathon for 5th Year in a Row
Three Generations and 15 People Represented

SOUTH JORDAN, UT – October 7, 2019 –All it took for Lisa Broadhead was to run the half at the SoJo Marathon once and she was hooked. After that, she wanted to get her family involved.

“As my grandkids started getting older, we found that there was the kid’s race and we really wanted them to come join us and have a good time with us and have it be a family event,” Broadhead said.

Every year since her first race in 2015, she’s brought her kids and grandkids with her and has had as many as seven of her family members race at a time.

“I have a saying: if you’re walking, you’re racing,” Broadhead said.

Her daughter, LeAnn Pehrson, wasn’t necessarily excited about running, but she decided to try, bringing her kids for the 1 Mile Kids Run.

“So, all three of my kids at the time did it and the youngest was one and half, so she got carried for a lot of the kids run, but she did it,” Pehrson said about her first time at the SoJo Marathon in 2016.

For this year’s race, which is on Saturday, October 12, Broadhead thinks she will have as many as nine grandkids running, daughter, daughter-in-law and son-in-law running the 5K, son running the half marathon, and her husband doing the bike tour, amounting to a whopping 15 family members.

In fact, it will be such a family affair that they are having shirts made, with a special size for the grandkids.

“We just have some athletic shirts that say ‘Property of Gram’s track and field,’ and their size is pint sized,” Broadhead said.

She said they’ll keep doing it for as long as they can.

“I think the grandkids will hold me to it now,” Broadhead said.

The SoJo Marathon is hosted by the City of South Jordan. It is a not-for-profit event that is meant to encourage residents and attendees to run in a family-friendly and festive atmosphere. The marathon is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon and offers multiple races, including the kids run, marathon, half marathon and bike tour.

Online registration for the SoJo Marathon ends at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday October 9, 2019. Visit www.sojomarathon.com to register.

To register on race day, you will need to visit the information booth at West Riverfront Park. Registrations for the marathon, half marathon, 5k and kids run will be accepted during the following times:

Marathon: 4:30 AM – 6:00 AM

Half Marathon: 5:45 AM – 7:00 AM

5K & Kids Run: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

For downloadable [video interview clips with Lisa Broadhead, her daughter and granddaughter, and b-roll click here.](#)

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