



## More than 400 to participate in Mesquite Marathon on Saturday

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The Mesquite Marathon on Saturday will begin on Highway 91 in Utah before winding through Arizona and ending at the CasaBlanca Event Center. Submitted photo / Submitted photo

MESQUITE - A giant bonus prize fund of \$5,000 provided by the Mesquite Resort Association is attracting huge interest for the third annual Mesquite Tri-State Marathon scheduled through three states Saturday.

The marathon is expected to draw more than 400 runners in one of Mesquite's most colorful events. The race includes a wide variety of terrain including long stretches and hilly areas creating a challenging layout.

The marathon begins at 7 a.m. on Highway 91 in Utah. From there, runners head south to Old Mill Road before crossing Mesquite Boulevard to Riverside Road. Runners will turn on to Smokey Lane, cross Pulsipher Road and end inside the CasaBlanca Event center.

The Mesquite Police Department will monitor the event. Business owners and the drivers of automobiles should be cautious of the event, which is expected to last about six hours.

The marathon course, which was modified from previous years, is certified by the Boston Marathon to meet guidelines which enable participants to qualify for the legendary East Coast event.

The Mesquite Marathon is part of the giant Victory of the Valleys schedule that also includes the Valley of Fire Marathon on Sunday south of Mesquite.

Competitors are expected from California, Idaho, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Nevada, Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The 2010 Mesquite Marathon was won by Salt Lake City's Fritz Van de Kamp who had a time of 2 hours 33.27 minutes to earn first-place money of \$1,500.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the marathon runs should email race organizer Debra Bowling at [mesquitemarathon@live.com](mailto:mesquitemarathon@live.com).

More information can also be found by visiting [www.mesquitemarathon.com](http://www.mesquitemarathon.com) or by calling Mesquite Gaming Sporting Event Manager Christian Adderson at 888-711-4653, ext. 51.