



**TUCSON MEDICAL CENTER MARATHON RELAY INFORMATION**  
**December 9, 2017 - START TIME: 7:00am (same as the Full Marathon)**

**RUNNER SAFETY – IMPORTANT** - For everyone's safety, all race participants must stay inside the traffic cones at all times; competitors running outside of the cones will be **disqualified**. No Exceptions! **BE SAFE, HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOUR DAY!!!**

**BATON & CHIP TIMING** - Each team captain must pick up a relay baton at Packet Pick-up. Please note, the baton doubles as the timing chip for your race; individual chips WILL NOT be affixed to the race bibs number (as is the case for those participating in the Full Marathon and Half Marathon events). Each relay runner must pass the team baton to the next relay runner, ensuring the last runner carries it across the finish line. **No Baton = No Finish Time!**

**SHUTTLE TO STARTING LINE / RELAY EXCHANGE POINTS** (see below for distances and check the course map for locations) –The first Relay participant must ride an official marathon bus to the start of the Full Marathon. Buses will leave **Ventana Medical Systems Parking Lots** (1910 E. Innovation Park Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85755, off Tangerine Rd.) between **4:40am - 5:20am**. (Don't wait for the last bus – it may be full!) Other relay team members must provide their own transportation to each relay point on the course. Relay exchange points will be marked with official race signage. **IMPORTANT:** the second runner will need to be past (north of) Biosphere Rd. by 6:40am on race morning in order to avoid the start of the Half Marathon, which will temporarily close Oracle Road between Oracle Junction/Hwy 79 and Biosphere Road. That delay could cause you to miss your runner at Exchange #1.

**PARKING AT RELAY EXCHANGE POINTS – PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID BEING CITED/TICKETED**

One Relay Vehicle parking pass will be provided at packet pick-up; please display your pass on the vehicle dashboard. Parking (or stopping) is not allowed outside of the designated parking areas listed below for each Relay Exchange Point, especially on/along Highway 77 (Oracle Rd) during the event. Parking is available near or across the road from each relay spot. Please make sure the vehicle is completely off the highway and be alert when crossing roadways. Parking is not allowed at the Finish Line.

**Relay Exchange #1: (5.9mi)**

**Across From Circle K in Oracle** (American Ave/Rockcliffe Blvd): from the Hilton El Conquistador Resort: turn right, heading north on Oracle Rd/SR#77. Stay on Oracle road, following the race signage, passing Biosphere Rd, the Oracle Ford Dealership, and American Ave, which will be closed, until you arrive at Rockcliffe Blvd. (approx. 4 miles past Biosphere Rd). Turn rt. onto Rockcliffe and follow it to the stop sign at Circle K, on the corner of American Ave. The 1<sup>st</sup> relay exchange is across the street from the Circle K. Look for the Relay Exchange Signs!

**Relay Exchange # 2: (13.1mi)**

**On Biosphere Road:** retrace the route back to Oracle Rd via Rockcliffe, turning left onto Oracle Rd. Travel approximately 4 miles and turn left onto Biosphere Rd. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Relay Exchange is on Biosphere Rd, roughly 2/10ths of a mile from Oracle Rd/#77 (at the Half Marathon Start line). The exchange will occur on Runner #2's "return" leg on Biosphere Rd. (ie: the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner will pass the Relay Exchange point on this out and back leg, turn around at the turn around point and make the exchange on the way back to Oracle Rd.) Please be extra careful while driving on this section as you'll be on the race course. Park in the gravel area by the large power station.

**Relay Exchange # 3: (18.9mi)**

**Oracle Junction Aid Station (intersection of Oracle Rd/SR 77 & SR 79)** – From Exchange Point #2 on Biosphere Rd: re-trace the route back to Oracle Rd/#77. Turn left onto Oracle Rd/#77, heading back towards Tucson. Upon reaching Oracle Jct (i.e. the intersection of SR#77 and SR#79, just after the highway is divided by a grassy median) look for the Aid Station on your left. **Important:** you must park in the lot located across the highway from the aid station (that is, in the parking area on the west side of Oracle Rd). Be careful & follow the police officer's instructions when crossing the highway on foot.

**Finish Line: (26.2mi)**

**Golder Ranch Fire Station (3885 E. Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739) – parking is not allowed at the Finish Line** - continue south on Oracle Rd/#77 (for approximately 5 miles) until you pass Golder Ranch Drive (immediately after Basha's Supermarket). At the next traffic light, turn left onto E. Wilds Road and you will see the Coronado Middle School (4575 E. Wilds Road) on your left. Park in the school lot and a shuttle will transport you to the Finish Line.

**T-SHIRTS / MEDALS / AWARDS** - All members of the relay team will receive a race T-shirt at packet pick up along with their bib number, and a finisher's medal at the Finish Line. Team awards include top three teams in male/female/coed categories.

**AID STATIONS / PORTA POTTIES** - Gatorade Endurance energy drink and water will be available at all of the on-course aid stations. Porta-potties will be available at each aid station on the course.