

Carrera de los Muertos®

FAQ

GENERAL

What Exactly is Carrera de los Muertos?

Carrera de los Muertos® (Spanish for Race of the Dead) is a 5K charity race event that originated in Chicago, IL. The first race took place in 2007, and it has since grown to become one of the premiere 5Ks in the U.S.! Owned and operated by United Neighborhood Organization (UNO), a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Carrera de los Muertos raises money for UNO programming while promoting community health and wellness.

The autumn race takes place annually in Chicago's historic Pilsen neighborhood. Runners and walkers come together, both in person and virtually, to celebrate Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Complete with costumes, entertainment, and food, it is a truly special event.

When is the Race?

The Traditional Race will take place Saturday morning, October 30, 2021, in Pilsen. The Virtual Race can be run anytime, anywhere. However, we encourage you to complete it by Oct. 30th.

REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

Can Anyone Participate?

Yes! The race is open to participants of all ages, ability levels, and backgrounds. We welcome all ethnicities to join us in celebrating this cultural event.

How Do I Register?

[Click here!](#) **ACTIVE RACE REGISTRATION LINK**

Do I Have to Register Online?

Yes, we require all participants to register online. A trusted person can register for you if you need assistance.

What is Required to Register?

You will need an email address and a credit card to use for payment. You do not need to provide a Driver's License or Identification number, and you do not need a photo ID.

Does Every Participant Need to Provide an Email Address?

Every person 18+ years of age and up is required to provide his/her individual email address because we need you to sign a waiver form. Minors under 18yo need an adult to register for them and sign a waiver form on their behalf.

Does Every Participant Need to Register?

Yes, if you want to receive a goodie bag, upload photos to the race gallery, and receive communications from event officials.

What Do I Get by Registering?

U.S. participants (excluding HI, AK, PR, VI and other U.S. islands) will receive a goodie bag with specially designed items including a shirt, medal, mercado bag, and bib.

Do You Ship International?

Due to high shipping costs and delivery uncertainties, we will not be shipping goodie bags internationally or to U.S. participants residing outside of the lower 48 states. If you reside outside the 48 states and would like to participate, we can ship to a U.S. address.

Is There a Deadline to Register for the Race?

Yes, the last day to register for the race will be October 30th. **HOWEVER**, please register by **October 4th** if you want a chance at receiving your goodie bag by Race Day. Anyone who registers after October 4th will receive their items sometime in November.

Please note: Due to COVID and the unprecedented circumstances surrounding the shipping and logistics industry, we are not able to guarantee delivery by Race Day. For everyone who registers by October 4th, we will do our best to deliver your package by October 30th.

Can I Register for the Event on Race Day?

No, there will not be same day registration.

Can I Walk the Race?

Yes! You may walk, jog, run, hop, or skip. Virtual Runners are free to bike, skate, swim, use the treadmill, etc. We just want you to have fun!

Do I Have to Complete the Entire Distance All at Once?

Not necessarily. We expect most participants will, however, we understand not everyone is able to. The important thing is to set your personal goal and go for it!

I Registered, but Now I Won't Be Able to Participate. Can I Still Get My Shirt and Other Goodie Bag Items?

Yes. If you paid the race registration fee, we still mail your items to you (providing you don't live outside the lower 48 U.S. states).

I Won't Be Able to Participate. Can I Transfer My Registration to Another Person or Move It to Next Year?

No. We are sorry but transfers between people and years is not allowed.

We do allow Traditional Race participants to change their entries to the Virtual Race.

WAIVERS

Am I Required to Sign a Waiver Form?

Yes. All participants, including both Traditional and Virtual Race participants, are required to sign and submit the Agreement and Liability Waiver including walkers, joggers, runners, skippers, bikers, wheelchair participants, and anyone else who directly or indirectly steps foot on ground. The ONLY exception is babies and toddlers in carriers and strollers; only the child's adult guardian needs to sign a waiver form. Anyone who does not sign the waiver form will not be recognized as a race participant, and thus, will not be registered and receive a goodie bag.

TIMING AND RESULTS

Traditional Race participants will get a timed bib, and your results will be automatically recorded when you cross the finish line. Virtual Race participants will get an untimed bib, and your results will be based on the honor system. Participants can take advantage of a Running GPS watch or free smartphone apps (E.g. MapMyRun / MapMyWalk, Runkeeper, Strava, FitBit, etc.)

Where Do Virtual Race Participants Upload Results?

UNO will not be collecting race times for the virtual race.

Do Both Traditional and Virtual Runners Get a Medal?

Yes, everyone is a winner! A medal is included in every goodie bag.

What If My Medal Arrives Broken?

If your medal does not arrive safe and sound, please take a picture of it within 72 hours of arrival and email a copy to Carrera@unochicago.org, and we will work with you to replace it.

SHIRTS

What is a Tech Shirt?

A shirt with moisture-wicking fabric (AKA a dri-fit shirt).

Is the Design the Same on Both the Cotton and Tech Shirts?

Yes, the design and colors are the same. The only difference is the material.

When Will I Receive It?

Shirts are included in the goodie bags. Due to COVID and the unprecedented circumstances surrounding the shipping and logistics industry, we are not able to guarantee delivery by Race Day. For everyone who registers by October 4th, we will do our best deliver your package by October 30th. If you register after October 4th, you will receive your goodie bag in November.

BIBS

Will I Receive a Real Race Bib or a Digital Bib?

All participants will receive a real race bib this year. We will not be sending out digital bibs.

Can I Get My Bib Personalized?

We will not be offering this option due to the added logistical processes and extra production work that is involved in personalizing bibs. We are focused on getting goodie bags assembled and shipped as quickly and efficiently as possible. However, your bib will have space available for you to personalize/decorate it in any way you wish!

SHIPPING

When Can I Expect My Stuff?

Due to COVID and the unprecedented circumstances surrounding the shipping and logistics industry, we are not able to guarantee delivery times. For everyone who registers by October 4th, we will do our best to deliver your package by October 30th. If you register after October 4th, you will receive your goodie bag sometime in November.

Does Shipping Cost Extra?

No, shipping and handling cost is included in the registration fee.

Do You Ship Internationally?

No. Unfortunately, due to high shipping costs and delivery uncertainties, we only ship to U.S. race participants residing within the lower 48 states. Race participants that register with an address outside the lower 48 states will not get a goodie bag.

Do You Offer Expedited Shipping?

No. We apologize, but we do not have the ability to process expedited orders.

DISCOUNTS

Do You Offer Group Discounts?

Group Discounts are available for UNO partners via our Corporate Wellness Program. If you are a member of a running club, school, or corporation/organization that is interested in a group discount, consider partnering with UNO. [CORPORATE WELLNESS PAGE LINK](#)

Financial sponsors and food and merchandise vendors who partner with UNO will be eligible for discounted/complimentary entries. [SPONSORS AND VENDORS LINKS](#)

Can Friends and Family Receive Discounts?

Since Carrera de los Muertos is a charity event, we try to reserve discounts for official Race partners and groups. If you and your friends/family members would like to help raise donations for UNO, we invite you to partner with us to host a fundraiser. [FUNDRAISE PAGE LINK](#)

COSTUMES

Do Race Participants Wear Costumes?

Yes! Many people do! Part of what makes the holiday so fun are the costumes and makeup.

CHARITY

Where Do Race Proceeds Go?

Proceeds go to United Neighborhood Organization (UNO), a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation based in Chicago, IL.

Is My Race Registration Fee Tax Deductible?

No. Only contributions to UNO may be tax deductible. If you have questions about financial contributions, please email anna@unochicago.org

REFUNDS

Can I Get a Refund?

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer refunds for Carrera de los Muertos.

Please note: If the pandemic forces UNO to cancel the event in Pilsen on October 30th, Traditional Race participant entries will be transferred to the Virtual Race.

COVID RESTRICTIONS AND EVENT REQUIREMENTS

UNO stays informed on covid restrictions and event requirements, including PPE and any proof of vaccination requirements. We will be sure to post any updates/changes to the race on our website.

WHAT IF THE TRADITIONAL RACE IN PILSEN IS CANCELED?

If the pandemic forces UNO to cancel the event in Pilsen on October 30th, Traditional Race participant entries will be transferred to the Virtual Race. The Virtual Race will occur on October 30th regardless of pandemic circumstances.

Please note: No refunds will be given if there is a cancellation.