



ATHLETE GUIDE

AUGUST 15, 2026



PALISADE, CO

**PRESENTED
BY:**



GRAND JUNCTION

SPORTS COMMISSION

PACKET PICKUP & ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Thursday, August 13th*

5:00pm - 7:00pm (*highly encouraged - Plus FREE Ice Cream in downtown Palisade*)

Grand Valley Primary Care - Palisade: 731 Iowa Ave, Palisade, CO 81526

***Town of Palisade FREE Ice Cream Social: 5:30pm-7:00pm**

GUNS & HOSES: Police vs. Fire Tug of War - 6:00pm

Saturday, August 15th

7:00am - 8:15am (*we recommend being early - Registration closes at 8:15am sharp*)

Veteran's Memorial Park: 120 W 8th St, Palisade, CO 81526

ONLINE RACE REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 14TH AT NOON

EVENT PARKING

Recommended parking is in public lots on the north side of town at or near 1st and Main St. Street parking is available but many roads will be closed due to the Parade also taking place in Palisade.

Please plan accordingly and give yourself enough time to arrive for the start of the race as Highway 6 is also significantly impacted by current road improvement projects.

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

- 7:00am - Packet Pickup Opens (ends at 8:15am sharp)
- 7:00am - Pancake Breakfast Opens (included in registration)
- 8:30am - 10k Race Start (course map on page 4)
- 8:45am - 5k Race Start (course map on page 3)
- 9:00am - Palisade Peach Days Parade Starts
- 9:45am - 5k & 10k Awards
- 10:15am - Kids 1k and 100m Dash Start (Free)
- 11:00am - Pancake Breakfast and Post Race Festival Closes

***All events happening in Veterans Memorial Park (finish line for 10k & 5k is 1000' from Park)**

INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION

- Race T-Shirt
- Custom Race Medal
- Bib, Timing Chip, and Real-time Results
- Promotional Swag from Event Partners
- Delicious Palisade Peaches from Clark Family Orchard and Pancake Breakfast from the Palisade Lions Club
- Access to 2026 Palisade Peach Festival (either day)

***To secure your free access to the Palisade Peach Festival, use the promotional code: [JUSTPEACHYRUN](#). These tickets must be purchased online. Kids under 3 are free to enter Peach Festival.**

AWARDS

- Top 3 overall Male & Female in 5k & 10k
 - 1st place: \$200, 2nd place: \$150, 3rd place: \$100
- Age Group Awards for Male & Female in 5k & 10k
 - Age categories include Under 20, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR
PRESENTING PARTNER:**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Was the course changed from previous years?

- Yes! The event was modified in 2024 per a request from the Town of Palisade. Since we no longer are on the same weekend as the Peach Festival, we created a loop course so you start and finish closer to the same location. Runners will complete a counter-clockwise loop (10k runners do two loops in Riverbend). The race will be the same as last year, ending in front of Taylor Elementary and post race festivities will be in Veteran's Memorial Park, is less than 1000' away from the finish line. Signage will make this easy to follow for runners and spectators.

Will this race be chip timed?

- Yes, each race bib will have a timing chip on the back that will record your official time for the race. Your race time will start as you cross the timing mat at the start, not when the horn goes off, so don't worry about being at the front of the crowd. Please do not fold, bend, or damage your bib in any way as that can affect your time. Live results will be posted on our website as you finish.

Is there a cut-off time for the race?

- Everyone must be done by 10am. We encourage runners and walkers of all speeds, but will be manage street crossing differently. The Mesa County Sheriff's Office will stop traffic to allow runners to cross Highway 6 after runners pass through downtown. Since Highway 6 must reopen as soon as possible, some walkers may be instructed to use the crosswalks rather than have stopped traffic. After finishing, everyone will be required to use designated crosswalks to make their way back to Veterans' Memorial Park.

How many aid stations are there and what's included?

- There will be one aid station at roughly mile 2 for the 5k and 10k. The 10k will also pass by that aid station two additional times. Only water will be provided at the station. Water will be provided at the start and finish lines as well.

Where is the money raised from this event going?

- The Grand Junction Sports Commission is proud to announce that proceeds from this year's race will again go to benefit the Palisade Fire Department and Palisade Police Department. In 2025 we raised over \$10,000 for the Town of Palisade, with \$7,386 going to the Police and Fire and \$2,620 going to the Palisade Lion's Club! Since 2021, over \$30,000 has been raised for the Town of Palisade's public safety.

Is this race connected to Peach Fest?

- Yes, this race is a part of Peach Days in conjunction with the Town of Palisade and the Palisade Chamber of Commerce. We have partnered with Peach Fest to give all participants a free entry to Peach Fest weekend. The free registration code is [JUSTPEACHYRUN](#) and is only intended for 5k or 10k participants. You must use this code online before Peach Fest.

How do I get the pancake breakfast?

- The Palisade Lions Club will have their pancake breakfast during the race from 7am-11am. Participants eat free, and for spectators and non-racers, it is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Can I bring my dog?

- Yes, we love our four-legged friends but request that only well-behaved dogs attend as there will be plenty of noise and distractions. All dogs must be leashed and proper clean up is required. We start these races in the morning, but the pavement does heat up quickly, so we encourage you to check the temperature before bringing your dog.

If you have any questions, please e-mail info@grandjunctionsports.org or call us at (970) 639-1387.



5K
10K

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2026 JUST PEACHY 10K COURSE

JUST PEACHY



5K
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Grand Valley
Primary Care Palisade
Community HOSPITAL

Palisade
Senior High
School

Aid
Station

2 LAPS

START

FINISH

Walk to park
for post race
food & vendors

