

30th COLORAMA RUN/WALK 2018

The 2018 Colorama Run/Walk was a success despite the weather. The rainy weather pattern and one inch of rain to night before, made standing water in one low spot but runners did not complain. The success of the day was due to the hard working park staff and 39 wonderful volunteers. Eclipse Timing was back again this year and provided efficient results.

Many thanks to Kris Maki and her organizational skills! She was not at the event but did all the prep work making the day of the event flawless. Thanks to the many volunteers who remained late to clean up so that Homestead Hollow could be ready for another event.

About 270 runners, walkers, and Smokey Bear kids were registered. John McCarthy sang Smokey's song with the kids and reminded them of fire safety rules. Participants ran as fast as they could at the finish line when they heard John's encouraging voice.

Thank you to our sponsors: Waukesha State Bank, SEH, Delafield Dental, Guthrie and Frey, Lake Country Health Center, Dousman Family Dentistry and Bicycle Doctor. Another thank you to the free drawing prize contributors: REI, In Step, Great Harvest Bread, Culver's, Sandy Yehle, Kwik Trip for bananas and bottles water and Empire Painting for water cups.

After the race, participants enjoyed delicious baked goods, fruit, and Smokey Bear birthday cakes.

Gratefully, Rita Keber, Backup Race Director

After 3 years of poor weather forecasts and fewer and fewer participants, the Friends' Colorama Committee may need to revise the format of Colorama for next year. After a lot of work in preparation, our net profit this year will be about \$6100. This was our 30th year and, perhaps, our last. We have 181 t-shirts left over and other items that could be used for a simple Colorama Walk and Smokey Bear Fun Run. Timing, awards, soliciting sponsors, gathering free drawing items, asking for treats and volunteers all cost more and more money and time. Timing the race ourselves as we do the Ski League would be a disaster if we had a gorgeous day and 500 runners showed up! Please contact a Board member with your own ideas for Colorama in 2019. Thanks so much for your incredible support

Sincerely, Kris Maki

Race Director



runners showed up! Please member with your own 2019. Thanks so much for for 30 years!