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## **Celebrate Arbor Day with a run among the trees at Huntsville Botanical Garden's Arbor Day 5K and 3K Races**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (Jan. 20, 2026) – Get ready to run, breathe in the fresh air, and celebrate the beauty of trees! Registration is open for the fourth annual Arbor Day Races at Huntsville Botanical Garden, taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2026!

Held in honor of National Arbor Day, this unique event invites participants to race through the lush landscapes of Huntsville Botanical Garden, immersing themselves in the Garden's towering tree canopy. With two races to choose from—a competitive 5K Race and a lively 3K Sapling Run—this event is perfect for runners of all ages and experience levels.

### **Race Details:**

- 5K Race | 8 a.m.
  - A timed event with age group awards
  - No pets, strollers, or headphones/earbuds permitted
  - Registration: \$30
- 3K Sapling Run | 8:30 a.m.
  - Not timed
  - Strollers welcome (no pets or headphones/earbuds)
  - Registration: \$25 (ages 11+), \$15 (ages 4-11)
  - Ages 3 and under participate free with a registered adult

Early bird registration ends March 30, and prices for all tiers increase \$10 on March 31. Participants are encouraged to register by March 5 to save money and ensure they get a t-shirt.

Both races follow a scenic route on paved and gravel paths throughout the Garden, offering an unforgettable running experience surrounded by nature. Course maps are available at

<https://hsvbg.org/calendar-event/arbordayraces/> and the courses will be marked with signage and biodegradable directional arrows on the pavement.

All registrants, with the exception of children under 3 years of age, will receive a commemorative short-sleeved t-shirt with a new and fresh design. Commemorative medals made of wood will be awarded to the top three winners in each category and the top winner in each category will win an azalea grown by HBG horticulture experts. Participants must register online by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 23 at [runreg.com/arborday-race](https://runreg.com/arborday-race).

As an ArbNet-accredited arboretum, HBG is deeply committed to tree science research, conservation, and education. By participating in the Arbor Day Races, runners will not only enjoy a morning of fitness and fresh air but also support the Garden's mission to connect people to plants and promote environmental stewardship. Registration fees are non-refundable and support the Garden's nonprofit mission to connect people to plants to improve quality of life in our region.

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#### **About Huntsville Botanical Garden**

Huntsville Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to connect people to plants in order to support a healthier quality of life for the region. Open year-round, the Garden contains diverse ecosystems to explore within its 118 acres. From grassy meadows to woodland paths, aquatic habitats to stunning floral collections, the Garden invites guests of all ages to discover the beauty and wonder of the natural environment. For more information, visit [hsvbg.org](https://hsvbg.org).