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Registration open for Galaxy of Lights 5K Race and 3K Fun Run

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (Oct. 4, 2024) – Runners of all ages are invited to register for a unique race experience through a wonderland of holiday lights! Registration is open for Huntsville Botanical Garden’s Galaxy of Lights 5k Race and 3K Fun Run, taking place on December 2 and 3, respectively.

The timed 5k Race (3.1 miles) is on Monday, December 2, with the course winding through the Galaxy of Lights trail. Much of this path is paved, with occasional sections of gravel path. Start times are staggered in two waves starting at 6 p.m. Pets, strollers, headphones, and non-registered participants are not allowed on the 5K course. Participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Registration for the 5K is \$35 per runner.

The 3k Fun Run/Walk (1.8 miles) begins at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, with the course winding through the Galaxy of Lights trail. Much of this path is paved, but there are occasional sections of gravel path. The 3k Fun Run is not a timed race, but like the 5K, is full of great light displays, holiday music and prizes. There is a registration fee of \$25 for participants 11 years old and older and \$15 for children ages 3-10.

Pets, headphones, and non-registered participants over 3 years of age are not allowed on the 3K course, but strollers are welcome. Unregistered children under 3 years of age are welcome for the 3k Fun Run but will not receive a commemorative t-shirt.

“The Galaxy of Lights races are like no other,” said HBG Visitor Programs Coordinator Sharon Singletary. “It’s an opportunity for friends and family to share in a fun experience with a party atmosphere and Galaxy of Lights as a spectacular backdrop.”

The Galaxy of Lights 5K Race and 3K Fun Run/Walk is sponsored by Fleet Feet, Cookie Fix, and Ashford Advisors. Sponsors will provide refreshments for participants and spectators at 5:30 p.m. on both nights at the Grisham Pavilion.

Registration and details for both races is available at <https://www.runreg.com/galaxyoflightsruns>. Only registered participants will be allowed access to the Galaxy of Lights displays for the 5k Race and 3k Fun Run. All registrations are final, non-transferable, and non-refundable. All proceeds directly support the mission-driven activities of the Garden.

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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 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.