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Registration forms for the 29th Annual Reporter Walleye Run/Walk now available

Fond du Lac, Wis. (4/15/08) – Another year has passed and Walleye Weekend 2008 is right around the corner. Walleye Weekend, held June 6, 7 and 8 at Lakeside Park, will feature the 29th annual Reporter Walleye Run/Walk.

The Reporter Walleye Run/Walk, which is sponsored by the *Fond du Lac Reporter* and Michels Corporation, will take place on Saturday, June 7 with the five mile run starting at 8:10 a.m. Participants can choose a five mile run through Lakeside Park and the UW-Fond du Lac campus area, or a two mile run through Lakeside Park. Children ages 12 and under can participate in a one mile novice run, and children six and under can participate in 1/3 mile run. Those interested in walking can participate in a three mile recreational family walk through the park.

“It brings a lot of families into the park and also emphasizes a healthy lifestyle,” said Steve Straub of the Fond du Lac Running Club. “It’s a great way for them to start off their summer.”

To register for the Reporter Walleye Run/Walk go to fdlfest.com or fdlrc.com or stop at the Fond du Lac YMCA, Fond du Lac Area Convention and Visitor’s Bureau,

Fond du Lac Recreation Center or Attitude Sports to pick up a form. Advanced registration is preferred, although runners can register on the day of the race starting at 7 a.m.

In order to be guaranteed a commemorative participation T-shirt, you must register no later than May 30. Prices for registration vary by age and whether you order a T-shirt. One dollar from each entry benefits the Paul Butzen Memorial Scholarship.

Each event except the 1/3 mile fun run will offer awards to the top finishers. An awards ceremony will take place at 11:10 a.m. on Oven Island. Awards will be given to the top five male and female finishers for the five and two mile runs, the top four male and female finishers in the three mile walk, and the top male and female finishers in the one mile run. Though only top finishers will take home an award, every participant will take something from the event. The top 20 finishers in each event will be posted in the *Fond du Lac Reporter* on June 8 and on the *Reporter* Web site by June 15.

“A feeling of accomplishment and improved health,” Straub said were some of the benefits of the race. “It gives them something to look forward to, a goal,” Straub said.

This is the 29th consecutive year that the Fond du Lac Running Club has directed the Reporter Walleye Run/Walk. The club is organized to promote quality running, fitness, and wellness to the greater Fond du Lac area.

“Walleye Weekend events, like the Reporter Walleye Run/Walk, give so many non-profit organizations the opportunity to create revenue for their causes,” said Mary Ann Dilling, executive director of Fond du Lac Festivals.

Entrants are allowed to participate in more than one event, but must register and pay for each one separately. Refreshments will be provided near the finish line.

Walleye Weekend is sponsored by Mercury Marine, Charter Communications, Pepsi Americas, K107.1 FM, Michels Corporation, Bass Pro Shops and Miller Lite.

Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote, and support festivals and special events that showcase the Fond du Lac area community.

The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, Light Up the City and the Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 100 local non-profit organizations.

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