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## To Your Health: Preparing for Pear Blossom

You've decided you'd like to participate in this year's Pear Blossom Run on April 11, or you're tinkering with the idea? That's great news, but the folks at Asante Health Promotion Services want to remind you of some items to check off your list before, during and after race day.



Before beginning any new exercise program, it is advisable to consult your physician or call Asante Employee Health for a "clearance for exercise" appointment. Call Employee Health in Ashland at 541-210-4484, in Medford at 541-789-5008 or in Grants Pass at 541-472-7376.

Race day is just a month and a half away, so sooner would be better than later to make that appointment.

[Registration](#) for all three Pear Blossom events is open online through April 11. The cost for the [10 Mile Race, which begins at 8:20 a.m.](#), is \$26 through April 4 then goes up to \$36. The [5K Race, which begins at 7:00 a.m.](#), is \$20 through April 4 and then goes up to \$30. The costs of the [Fun Run Races, which begin at 7:50 a.m.](#), are \$7 for the one-mile race, two-mile race or both races.

A group photo of all Asante employees participating in any of the Pear Blossom events will be taken at 6:30 a.m. on the Medford City Hall steps, at Oakdale Avenue and Eighth Street. Asante is the presenting sponsor of the Pear Blossom Run.

It's not too late to bring your training up to a race-ready level, but Health Promotion Services reminds you to listen to your body and honor your current fitness level, whatever it may be. It's also important to use proper footwear – an appropriate, quality pair of running shoes will lower your chances of muscle and joint pain. Stay well hydrated, both while training and during the race, and eat a balanced diet that includes fresh, whole food choices.

After the race, get plenty of sleep to allow your body to recover from the exertion.

Still don't know where to start? The Health Promotion webpage offers both a ["couch to 5k training program"](#) and a ["five-week training program"](#) to prepare for the Pear Blossom 5K.

Contact Health Promotion with questions at: <mailto:myCare@asante.org>

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