

## Bud Break FAQs

Q: How do I register for the race?

A: You can register for the race on the Arboretum event website (<http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/budbreak.aspx>). You will need to create an account with the MN Landscape Arboretum store to register (<http://www.mnarbonline.com>) if you have not already created one.

Q: I have an account but I forgot my password and I can't register. HELP!

A: Go onto the Bud Break 5K website. Click the register button. In the top left-hand corner of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum store there is a "Login" tab.

1. Click on the Login tab
2. Under the Returning Customers section you will see a link that says "*If you are locked out or forgot your password, click here to reset*"
3. Click on the link to reset your password
4. Enter in your email address and a link to reset your password will be emailed to you

Q: I want to register my friend. Can I register more than 1 person at a time?

A: Yes, you can. But you must enter in each runner(s) age, birth date, gender, t-shirt size and city & state. If we do not receive all of the required information that runner will not be entered into the race. We need to collect each runner's information individually so we order enough race bibs, t-shirts, time chips and get an accurate runner count for results.

Q: Do you offer a group rate?

A: Yes, we do!

Q: What is the course?

A: The Bud Break Race takes place on a challenging 3.1-mile certified asphalt course with hills and valleys. It winds around many of the out-lying gardens on the Arboretum grounds.

Q: Is this a timed race?

A: Yes, this is a timed race. Runners will receive a chip timer when they pick up their race bib.

Q: Is everyone who runs the race guaranteed to get a t-shirt?

A: Only those who register by April 15<sup>th</sup> will be guaranteed a t-shirt *in their size*. We'll have enough t-shirts for all runners but if you register after April 15<sup>th</sup> you may not get your size.

Q: Do you post results?

A: Yes, we post results on our website and [raceberryjam.com](http://raceberryjam.com)

Q: Are dogs allowed?

A: No, dogs are not allowed to be a part of this event.

Q: Can I walk the 5K?

A: Yes, of course! Walkers will have a 5-minute race delay. They will begin at 9:05 a.m.

Q: Can I run with my stroller?

A: Yes, you can run with your stroller but it is your responsibility to run safely. The Arboretum is not responsible for any injuries to you or other runners. Runners with strollers will have a 5 minute race delay. Their race will start at 9:05 a.m with our Bud Break walkers.

Q: How long is the Daffodil Dash?

A: The Daffodil Dash is a 1K asphalt course. Children run from the same race start as the Bud Break and loop around our Learning Center and back. The course is more flat than the Bud Break course and takes about 10-15 minutes to run.

Q: Does this race include gate admission?

A: For those running the race, the race fee includes gate admission. If you bring your friends and family to cheer you on they do need to pay gate admission if they are non-members of the Arboretum (members get in free). Paying gate admission gives you access to the grounds.

Q: Are there awards?

A: Our awards ceremony will be held outside on our Welcoming and Dahlberg Terraces just outside the Visitor Center at 10:15 a.m.

Q: Where do I check in or register on race day?

A: Race check in and day-of registration will be inside the Oswald Visitor Center. You'll pick up your bib, chip timer and t-shirt.

Q: What time do runners start arriving for the race?

A: Our gates and registration will open by 7:30 a.m. Runners usually start arriving at 8 a.m. The Bud Break 5K race starts at 9 a.m. For those who want to walk the course, the race begins at 9:05 a.m.

Q: Okay, I ran my race. What else is there to do at the Arboretum?

A: Plenty!

- Show your race bib at the gift shop and receive a 10% discount. The discount is good only on race day.
- Visit our two art exhibits showing in the Reedy and Arboretum Cafe Galleries.
- **Re-fuel your tank in the Arboretum Cafe at our Sunday Breakfast from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.**
- **Kids can learn about budding branches and take home a willow twig craft project at our Plant Maker Studio at the Learning Center from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. (Drop in.)**
- Check out the Snyder Conservatory where gorgeous plants are in bloom!
- Oh, and don't forget about visiting any of our 36 botanical gardens, 16 miles of hiking trails and so much more! Bring a camera and explore!