

# Northeast Georgia Run - Spring Run 2012

## Northeast Georgia Spring Run 2012 top runners in 4 races: Brown, Hogan, Abernathy, Kipemboi

Barry Brown sets new record in NEGA Run 1/2 Marathon  
Event draws 208 participants  
Great volunteers make it happen  
Record number of sponsors



By Norm Cooper  
Race Director

The Northeast Georgia Spring Run 2012 drew 208 participants in the event that features a 1/2 Marathon, 5K Race and a 1-Mile Walk. That figure outdistanced the number of runners in any of the previous five races in the NEGA Run Series and is the largest single race in the history of Union County. More than 750 runners have participated in the six races since the event began in the Fall 2009.

Barry Brown (Young Harris) won 1st Place in the 1/2 Marathon Race for the third time, this year setting a new record for the event with a time of 1:25:49. Devin Traub (Murphy) came in 2nd Place with a time of 1:31:48 and 3rd Place went to Greg Childs (Murphy) with a time of 1:32:52.

Winning 1st Place in the Women's 1/2 Marathon was Jennifer Hogan (Sandy Springs) with a time of 1:49:04. Sharon Arnold (Blairsville) took 2nd Place with a 1:49:14 and Kaylin Walters (Gainesville) captured 3rd Place with a 1:54:00.

In the Women's 5K Race, Holli Abernathy (Blairsville) came in 1st Place with a 23:03, Rebecca Stewart (Hayesville) was in 2nd Place with a time of 25:00 and Alyssa Arnold (Blairsville) was in 3rd Place with a time of 25:04.

In the Men's 5K Race, Tony Kipemboi (Nairobi, Kenya) came in 1st Place with a 17:16, Dylan Johnson (Hayesville) finished in 2nd Place with a time of 17:34, and Alex Bitok (Nairobi, Kenya) was in 3rd Place with a 17:49.

Medals were presented to the Top 2 finishers in age divisions in both the 1/2 Marathon and 5K Race. The women's 5K race had 55 runners, the men's 5K race had 53 runners, the women's 1/2 marathon had 35 runners, and the men's 1/2 marathon had 35 runners. The noncompetitive 1-Mile walk had 30 participants.

There were numerous volunteers for the event from the Blairsville Kiwanis Club, Union County Family Connection, Union County Anti-Drug Coalition, Union County High School Students Against Substance Abuse (SASA) Club, Union County Recreation Department, and a few other volunteers.

There were a record number of sponsors for the event.

Proceeds of the event go to:  
American Red Cross  
Union County Family Connection  
Union County Kiwanis Club  
Union County Special Olympics  
Union County Meals on Wheels  
Union County Anti-Drug Coalition  
Union County High SASA Club  
UC Sheriff's Office Christmas Give-A-Gift  
Blairsville Police Dept Shop With a Cop  
Union County Easter Egg Hunt.

The walk was held in Meeks Park. The 5K included Meeks Park, the River Trail, and the trails next to the Senior Center and the college. The 1/2 Marathon began and ended in Meeks Park, with the route using Highway 515, Airport Industrial Park Road, Blue Ridge Highway, Bunker Hill Road, Queen's Gap Connector, and again on Hwy. 515.

Contributing greatly to the success of the event were:  
Union County Road Department  
Union County Fire Department  
Union County Sheriff's Office  
Union County Recreation Department.



Northeast Georgia Spring Run 2012 Top 3 Mens' 1/2 Marathon runners  
3rd Place Greg Childs, Murphy, NC  
2nd Place Devin Traub, Murphy, NC  
1st Place Barry Brown, Young Harris, GA



Northeast Georgia Spring Run 2012 Top 3 Women's 1/2 Marathon runners  
3rd Place Kaylin Walters, Gainesville, GA  
1st Place Jennifer Hogan, Sandy Springs, GA  
2nd Place Sharon Arnold, Blairsville, GA



Northeast Georgia Spring Run 2012 Top 3 Men's 5K runners  
3rd Place Alex Bitok, Nairobi, Kenya  
2nd Place Dylan Johnson, Hayesville, NC  
1st Place Tony Kipemboi, Nairobi, Kenya



Northeast Georgia Spring Run 2012 Top 3 Women's 5K runners  
1st Place Holli Abernathy, Blairsville, GA  
2nd Place Rebecca Stewart, Hayesville, NC  
3rd Place Alyssa Arnold, Blairsville, GA

### 1/2 Marathon Race - Male

1	Barry Brown, Young Harris GA	1:25:49
2	Devin Traub, Murphy NC	1:31:48
3	Greg Childs, Murphy NC	1:32:52
4	Matthew Grund, Marietta GA	1:33:40
5	David Forrester, Murphy NC	1:33:56
6	William Brooks, Andrews NC	1:35:01
7	Andreu Dalman	1:37:36
8	Don Cummings, Blairsville GA	1:39:43
9	Tomas Hanson, Sharpsburg GA	1:40:46
10	Ryan Santurri, Orlando FL	1:43:48
11	Richard Smith, Gainesville GA	1:47:33
12	Wes Wessely, Clermont GA	1:48:18
13	Buddy Rabun, Marietta GA	1:48:43
14	David Ratzel, Atlanta GA	1:50:10
15	Matthew Abisamra, Atlanta GA	1:50:12
16	Juan Leon, Buford GA	1:55:20
17	Gregory Abernathy, Epworth GA	1:55:40
18	David Turner, Clarksville GA	1:56:31
19	Jimmy Kirkland, Fayetteville GA	1:57:26
20	Scott Boxberger, Robbinsville NC	1:57:30
21	Steven Pardo, Marietta GA	1:57:50
22	Michael Perlin, Alpharetta GA	1:58:43
23	Keith York, Murrayville GA	2:01:17
24	Mike Vaughn, Blairsville GA	2:03:00
25	Nathan Murphy, Auburn AL	2:05:25
26	Jarrod Roberts, Cartersville GA	2:06:51
27	Darren Martin, Dahlonega GA	2:08:51
28	Rodney Smith, Carrollton GA	2:15:18
29	William Nix, Cleveland GA	2:20:37
30	John Cantwell	2:20:38
31	William Smith, Carrollton GA	2:27:58
32	Bill Howard, Blairsville GA	2:29:41
33	James Kowalski, Blairsville GA	2:38:18
34	Scott Sarisky	2:39:14
35	Gary Hogan, Blairsville GA	2:52:58

### 5K Race - Female

1	Holli Abernathy, Blairsville GA	23:03
2	Rebecca Stewart, Hayesville NC	25:00
3	Alyssa Arnold, Blairsville GA	25:04
4	Kay Hilty, Franklin NC	25:04
5	Melissa Graub, Murphy NC	25:40
6	Emily Claypool, Townville SC	25:58
7	Natalee Palmer, Murphy NC	25:59
8	Carolyn Mather, Morganton GA	26:30
9	Brandi Barrett, Hiwassee GA	28:10
10	Judie Kean, Blairsville GA	28:29
11	Patricia Ryan, Blairsville GA	28:41
12	Rebecca Kruse, Hiwassee GA	28:42
13	Pam Abernathy Blairsville GA	30:25
14	GINNA YOST, Blairsville GA	30:33
15	DaRel Christiansen, R. Gap GA	30:35
16	Madison Yost, Blairsville GA	30:45
17	Nicole Hogsed, Hiwassee GA	31:28
18	Dana Bell, Morganton GA	31:35
19	Cary Albright, Rabun Gap GA	31:57
20	Candace Lee, Blairsville GA	32:05
21	Nancy Scott, Franklin NC	32:35
22	Aladriel Arnold, Blairsville	32:52
23	Patti Emerson, Blairsville GA	33:32
24	Jessica Sils, Dawsonville GA	33:45
25	Dawn Ekeberg, Blairsville GA	34:42
26	Laura Calvert, Rabun Gap GA	34:48
27	Nicky Stepp, Blairsville GA	35:11
28	Georgetta Schommar, Dayton OH	35:40
29	Lori Jones, Blairsville GA	35:56
30	Nikki Sparks, Blairsville GA	36:36
31	B J Foster, Blairsville GA	37:04
32	Leslie Blythe, Hiwassee GA	37:05
33	Leslie Sanders-Meeks, Hia. GA	37:30
34	Peggy Drennan, Buford GA	37:36
35	Emily Grund, Marietta GA	38:50
36	Emily Cummings, Blairsville GA	38:49
37	Michelle Malone, Taylors SC	39:40
38	Katie Malone, Taylors SC	39:40
39	Lisa Brown, Morganton GA	39:48
40	Sharon Ely, Young Harris GA	40:08
41	Candice Shook, Young Harris GA	40:56
42	Michelle White, Blairsville GA	42:25
43	Gayle Gawlik, Rabun Gap GA	42:58
44	Shannon Palmer, Murphy NC	54:12
45	Virginia LeBlanc, Hiwassee GA	54:44
46	Janet Trlica, Blairsville GA	56:56
47	Pamela Johnson, Blairsville GA	56:54
48	Jamie Hood, Commerce GA	56:54
49	Gerri Whitaker, Toccoa GA	57:20
50	Kelley Wallace, Sugar Hill GA	57:23
51	Elizabeth Hogan, Blairsville GA	58:04
52	Bella Santurri, Blairsville GA	58:04
53	Kelly Santurri, Orlando FL	58:05
54	Joanna Kirkpatrick, Douglasville GA	58:42
55	June Tyler, Blairsville GA	1:00:38

### 1/2 Marathon - Female

1	Jennifer Hogan, Sandy Springs GA	1:49:04
2	Sharon Arnold, Blairsville GA	1:49:14
3	Kaylin Walters, Gainesville GA	1:54:00
4	Susana Lara, Roswell GA	1:54:47
5	Pamela Hayes, Decatur GA	1:56:44
6	Helen Yzaquire	1:56:44
7	Stephanie Boxberger, Robbinsville NC	1:57:30
8	Cheryl Van Dyke, Woodbine GA	1:58:09
9	Marilyn Ratzel, Atlanta GA	1:58:44
10	Haley Nottoge, Blairsville GA	2:01:40
11	Wendy Kives, Stockbridge GA	2:07:37
12	Andrea Vaughn, Atlanta GA	2:08:30
13	Michelle Sands, Cleveland GA	2:11:44
14	Jeanne Sutton, Gainesville GA	2:14:10
15	Sue Nicholson, Decatur GA	2:15:28
16	Dede Spain, Cleveland GA	2:15:28
17	Melaine Martin, Cleveland GA	2:15:28
18	Briana Griffin, Clarkston GA	2:18:10
19	Margaret Lester, Decatur GA	2:18:10
20	Emily Brown, Cumming GA	2:32:22
21	Deborah Gaul, Cumming GA	2:23:22
22	Marie Cline, Blairsville GA	2:23:25
23	Stephanie Loomis, Marietta GA	2:24:18
24	Lisa Howard, Blairsville GA	2:24:10
25	Taryn Perkins, Cumming GA	2:24:53
26	Chassidy Stanley, Sugar Hill GA	2:26:26
27	Susan McGlynn, Suwanee GA	2:26:35
28	Jessica York, Murrayville GA	2:29:06
29	Celia Hill, Ft Myers FL	2:30:21
30	Shannon Zahn, Summerville GA	2:31:19
31	Jennifer Robinsn, Macon GA	2:31:24
32	Parris Judd, Blairsville GA	2:32:56
33	Lisa McClanahan, Roswell GA	2:39:11
34	Audra Pettyjohn, Dawsonville GA	2:49:52
35	Angie Williams, Gainesville GA	2:54:55

### 5K Race - Male

1	Tony Kipemboi, Nairobi, Kenya	17:16
2	Dylan Johnson, Hayesville NC	17:34
3	Alex Bitok, Nairobi, Kenya	17:49
4	Cody Boswell, Morganton GA	18:40
5	Dakota Barrett, Young Harris GA	18:45
6	Charles Too, Nairobi, Kenya	19:12
7	Harrison Myels, Macon GA	19:31
8	Trent Jones, Lakeland FL	20:43
9	Jenson Brown, Young Harris GA	22:39
10	Andrew Nelson, Blairsville GA	22:41
11	Ray Schommer, Dayton OH	22:47
12	David Harris, Dahlonega GA	22:58
13	Nate Prentice, Ft Lewis WA	23:00
14	Steve Cockerham, Blairsville GA	23:28
15	Steve Jarrard, Blairsville GA	23:41
16	Brady Hester, Canton GA	23:49
17	Ron Christen, Crawfordville FL	24:08
18	David O'Conner, Blue Ridge GA	24:44
19	Bob Buckner, Blairsville GA	24:47
20	Don Burkett, Mineral Bluff GA	25:20
21	Hoyt Brown, Murphy NC	25:47
22	Travis Bell, Morganton GA	25:49
23	Gavin Morgan, Hayesville NC	26:03
24	Chip Haynes, Blairsville GA	26:11
25	Matt Giles, Blairsville GA	26:20
26	Cam Clark, Lawrenceville GA	27:12
27	Bruce Tucker, Morganton GA	27:25
28	Nathaniel Cook, McBee SC	27:28
29	Roy O'Conner, Ellenwood GA	27:35
30	Jakob Brown, Blairsville GA	27:57
31	Josh Weaver, Blairsville GA	28:15
32	Ryan Rogers, Blairsville GA	28:32
33	Gilbert Taylor, Blairsville GA	28:53
34	Spencer Nunnally, Nairobi, Kenya	29:00
35	Jay Yzaquire, Morganton GA	29:42
36	Jack Yost, Blairsville GA	30:46
37	JC Rangel, Blairsville GA	31:01
38	Brad Meeks, Hiwassee GA	31:13
39	Keith Prentice, Young Harris GA	31:32
40	Jason Bryson, Murphy NC	32:21
41	Tommy Orchanian, Blairsville GA	32:49
42	Christian Deleid, Buford G	32:55
43	David Nicholson, Decatur GA	33:26
44	Scott Yost, Blairsville GA	35:09
45	Doug Stills, Dawsonville GA	35:28
46	Ed Palmer, Livingston MT	35:43
47	Jack Sparks, Blairsville GA	36:34
48	Dave Arnold, Blairsville, GA	37:35
49	Lewis Gebhardt, Blairsville GA	38:20
50	Donnie Queen, Canton GA	39:38
51	Jeff Gebhardt, Blairsville GA	40:50
52	William White, Blairsville GA	42:25
53	Charles Haines, Blairsville GA	58:15

**Walkers in the 1/2 Marathon**  
36 Brook Hester Bray, Cleveland GA -0-  
37 Maury Hester, Cleveland GA -0-  
38 Jexi Webb, Dallas GA -0-  
39 Deana Jones, Dahlonega GA -0-  
40 Selena York, Cleveland GA -0-  
41 JoAnne Martin, Dahlonega GA -0-  
42 Tamara Griffis, Clarksville GA -0-

Runners received a goody bag with many items. All participants received a race t-shirt.  
Photographs of the event were taken by Jerry Daves (www.allstarphotoinc.com).



The Northeast Georgia Run  
Spring Run 2012 t-shirt

NEGA Run Committee  
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Top two finishers in age divisions were presented medals

Men's 1/2 Marathon			Men's 5K Race		
Age	1st Place	2nd Place	Age	1st Place	2nd Place
15-19	William Smith	none	15-U	Jensen Brown	Andrew Nelson
16-19	Devin Traub	none	16-19	Dylan Johnson	Cody Boswell
20-29	David Forrester	Juan Leon	20-29	Tony Kipemboi	Alex Bitok
30-39	Matthew Grund	Williams Brooks	30-39	Spencer Nunnally	Jason Bryson
40-49	Barry Brown	Greg Childs	40-49	Steve Jarrard	Travis Bell
50-59	Don Cummings	Buddy Rabun	50-59	Ray Schommer	Steve Cockerham
60-Up	Wes Wessely	David Turner			

  

Women's 1/2 Marathon			Women's 5K Race		
Age	1st Place	2nd Place	Age	1st Place	2nd Place
15-19	none	none	15-19	Alyssa Arnold	Emily Claypool
16-19	none	none	16-19	Holli Abernathy	Emily Cummings
20-29	Kaylin Walters	Andrea Vaughn	20-29	Natalee Palmer	Brandi Barrett
30-39	Jennifer Hogan	Susana Lara	30-39	Melissa Graub	GINNA YOST
40-49	Sharon Arnold	Pamela Hayes	40-49	Rebecca Stewart	Patricia Ryan
50-59	Helen Yzaquire	Sue Nicholson	50-59	Kay Hilty	Lauren Calvert
60-Up	none	none	60-Up	Carolyn Mather	Judie Kean

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