2015 OC Marathon (OCM) - Half Marathon and 5K Training

Whether it is your first race ever or you are a veteran athlete, we are here to help you meet your goals, in a fun, supportive running environment.

Weekly runs, nutrition tips, injury prevention and most importantly teamwork, will set you on your way to meeting your goal.

Run Training Team Leaders



Running Coach Doug McKay RRCA Certified Run Coach, OCM Marathon Pacer (2012 / 2013) Susan G. Komen - Race for the Cure, Race Chair (2014 / 2015) Years Running: 7 Favorite Race: Austin, TX Marathon Why I enjoy running with others: I like being a part of the journey each runner is on. Where I can help, I will. Running / Race Mantra: Run Happy



Running Coach Meri Smalstig RRCA Certified Run Coach, Half and Full Marathon Pacer (Multiple Races) Athleta Sponsored Athlete 2013 Years Running: 8 Favorite Race: Boston Marathon Why I enjoy running with others: I enjoy running with people for the camaraderie and to inspire others to achieve goals they didn't know where possible. Running / Race Mantra: Give it all you got and never give up.



Running Mentor Al Maldonado Sr. Years Running: 2 Favorite Race: LA Marathon 2013 (My first marathon) Why I enjoy running with others: Camaraderie, motivation, conversation, safety and accountability...all accomplished with cool like-minded people. Running / Race Mantra: RFM (Relentless Forward Movement) + PMA (Positive Mental Attitude) = Success

Run Training Team Leaders Continued



Running Mentor

Danica Ridgway Hand
Years Running: 10
Favorite Race: Ragnar Relay Series
Why I enjoy running with others: It's an outlet. Time to laugh and enjoy each others company.
It also makes the long runs go faster. It's just a good time!!
Running / Race Mantra: Find your happy pace.



Running Mentor Shelly Jean Thurman-Overton Years Running: 8 Favorite Race: Surf City Why I enjoy running with others: Being there for each other. Running / Race Mantra: I might be a little slower than others, but I am faster than I was last year.