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NICK SYMMONDS/MAGGIE VESSEY OCT 12 MEDIA OPPORTUNITY



The inaugural Nick Symmonds Springfield 800 is scheduled for Oct. 13 in Downtown Springfield – and is a USATF sanctioned event.

On Friday, October 12, Nick and 800 meter specialist Maggie Vessey are scheduled to meet with a group of 50-60 kids at the Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation (at 250 South 32nd Street at the corner of Main and 32nd). These Springfield Public Schools students are in a “No School Day” program called “Only in Oregon.” Nick and Maggie will talk to the kids about physical fitness, the Olympics and the importance of staying active.

The media is invited to attend and Nick and Maggie will be available for interviews. They plan to meet with the kids for about 30 minutes.

What: Nick Symmonds and Maggie Vessey media opportunity

When: Friday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation at 250 S. 32nd St.

Information on Saturday’s event:

Not only can you run with five-time 800 meter U.S. Champion, two-time Olympian and Springfield resident Nick Symmonds – in an event that has never been done before - but

the race is now sanctioned by USA Track and Field, meaning an official record can be set.

Don't miss the chance to be a part of this first of its kind "straight 800" meter road race set to take place in Springfield Oregon on Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. The inaugural "Nick Symmonds Springfield 800" will take over 5th Street in the historic Washburne District in Downtown. Join Nick, other elite athletes - including **800 meter specialist [Maggie Vessey](#)**, and community members from Springfield and Eugene for this all new road race and community party.

Everyone can participate in the 800 – which is about a half-mile! Several waves of skill levels will be available and all runners will be chip timed for the most accurate 800 possible.

Following the race, stick around for prizes, live music with Mystery Train and a unique selection of food vendors.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and run with the five-time U.S. Champion!

Race waves will include:

1. Elite runners (men's and woman's wave)
2. Masters – 40 and older (men's and woman's wave)
3. Open wave (men's and woman's wave)
4. Youth
5. Walkers

Entry fees (all runners will be chip timed)

Adults \$8.00 no shirt - \$15.00 with a cool, inaugural tech t-shirt

Kids \$5.00 no shirt - \$10.00 with a cool t-shirt

What: Inaugural Nick Symmonds Springfield 800

When: Saturday, October 13 – Music and food vendors start at 1 p.m. – Race wave begin at 2 p.m.

Where: Music and food vendors at the City Hall Fountain Plaza at 225 Fifth Street. The road race will take place on 5th Street between Centennial Blvd and A Street.

Timing: Waves will be launched every 5-10 minutes starting at 2 p.m.

Can I just watch the race?: Yes! Everyone is welcome to gather along Fifth Street (parade style) or at the Centennial fountain to watch the finishes, enjoy music and food.

More information: www.springfield-or.gov or to sign up:

http://www.runnerspace.com/gprofile.php?do=view_event&event_id=7923&mgroup_id=216&year=2012